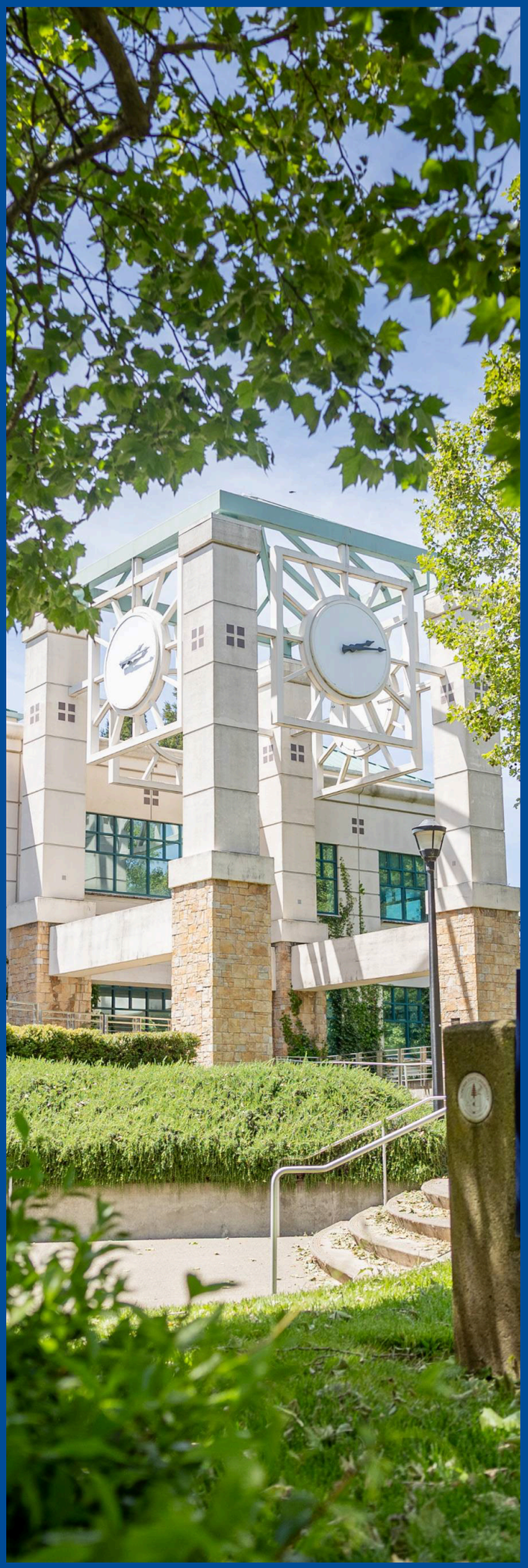
SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY | UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Annual Impact Report

2025-26

Expanding Access.
Strengthening Community.
Extending SSU's Reach.



Impact at a glance

$177K+
Estimated cost savings to students

17,878
Study room hours booked

1,200
Students taught in the library

68
Open access articles published

73
Countries reached by digital collections

The University Library expands access, strengthens learning, connects the scholarly community, and extends the reach of Sonoma State scholarship and research.

The library connects students, faculty, and staff with the information, technology, expertise, and opportunities they need to learn, create, conduct research, and participate in the intellectual life of the University.

Our Vision

As a result of the library's commitment to equity, curiosity, and critical inquiry, students are confident in making informed decisions in an information-rich world and are empowered to collaborate, contribute, and lead. Faculty and staff are supported in advancing teaching, research, and institutional transformation. Our spaces foster creativity, belonging, and community connection, strengthening both academic success and regional impact.

Strategic Priorities

The library's strategic priorities are closely aligned with the mission of the university.

Equitable Access

Removing barriers to full participation in the life of the university is central to the library's mission.

- Increased access to technology and course materials
- Shared resources for sustainable and equitable learning

Supporting Research and Knowledge Creation

The library helps students become capable and confident researchers and strengthens the scholarly community at Sonoma State.

- Opportunities for deeper learning about information
- Support for faculty, student, and community researchers

Community Connection

The library is a site of connection for students, faculty, and for the broader North Bay community. Our work extends the reach of the university globally.

- Events that bring people together
- Making SSU research globally accessible



Removing barriers to full participation



The library helps ensure that students can participate fully in their educations regardless of their financial resources or living circumstances.

Technology Access

259 students borrowed laptops in 2025-26

Our equipment lending program saved students an estimated $155,400 in 2025-26.

It's not just laptops. We make all kinds of technology available to students in our Maker Commons and through our equipment lending program.

Course Material Affordability

$15,000+ estimated student savings

The library provided access to course materials for over 135 students in both print and e-book formats. This investment of resources lowers the cost of learning for all students.

Space to do the work

1,225 students reserved study rooms

Nearly one-quarter for SSU students used reservable study space last year. We opened six new study rooms and two media studios, increasing access for students.

Free Printing

In partnership with IT and Campus Prints, we introduced free printing, saving students around $7,550 annually.

Building Student Research Capacity

The library helps students develop the research and information skills required for academic achievement, informed decision-making, and professional success.



Access to Resources

165,000+ uses of electronic resources

The library ensures that all members of the SSU community can get access to the resources they need for teaching, research, and learning.

- 1,374 students, faculty, and staff were supported through CSU+
- 749 students, faculty, and staff borrowed physical library materials.

Research Instruction

1,200+ students taught

We partnered with 37 instructors to incorporate research and information literacy skills into courses across the curriculum.

85 students enrolled in four sections of our first credit-bearing GE course, LIS 101.

Research Help

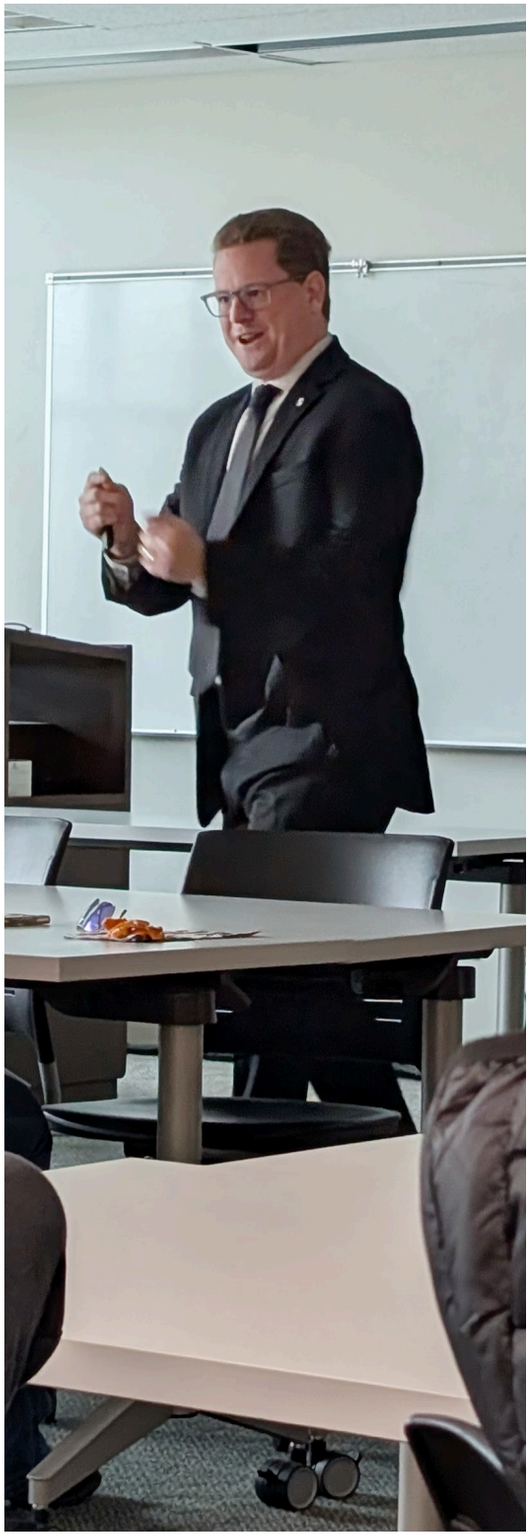
800+ research help interactions

One-on-one help supports students when they're not sure how to begin, are struggling to find resources, or are navigating unfamiliar research tools.

EMERGING RESEARCH TOOLS

We introduced the Primo Research Assistant, an AI-powered research tool that helps students and faculty identify sources based on natural-language queries and guides them through the research process.

Building Community



The library makes scholarship visible, brings people together around ideas, and helps students see themselves as participants in the intellectual life of the University.

Intellectual Exchange

37 events hosted in the library in 2025-26

We hosted lectures, film screenings, sewing labs, workshops, and cultural and creative programs.

Programs like this create opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and community members to engage with ideas and with one another outside the classroom.

Celebrating SSU Research

We help faculty share their work and preserve institutional history while expanding access for future students and researchers.

- Hosted six Spotlight on Scholarship events in partnership with ORSP
- Found new ways to highlight faculty research in our collections
- Digitized more than 250 early SSU master's theses, documenting SSU's early academic interests, community partnerships, and civic engagement

Supporting Open Access

68 SSU-authored articles published open access

We support open access research at SSU through read-and-publish agreements with Elsevier, Cambridge University Press, and the Association for Computing Machinery. We also deposit SSU faculty research into ScholarWorks, the CSU Institutional Repository.

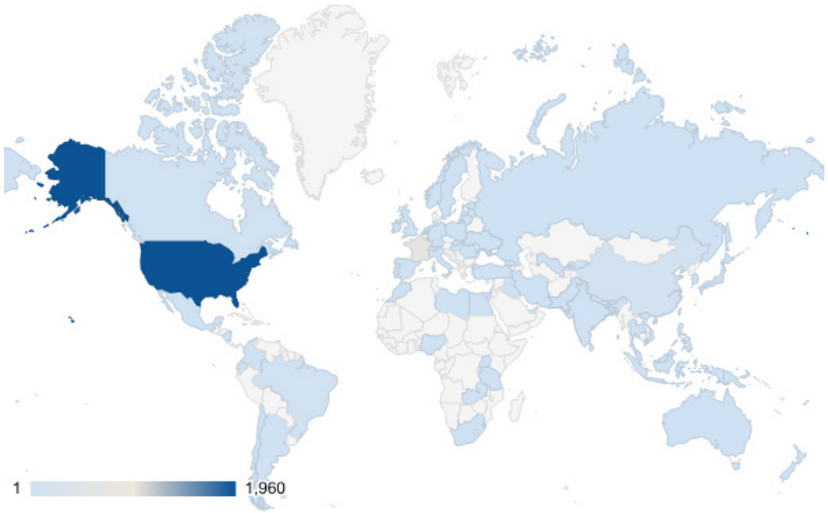
Extending SSU's Reach

The library connects Sonoma State's collections, scholarship, history, and expertise with the North Bay and researchers around the world.

Global Access to SSU Collections

3,180 views from 73 countries

Five of the library's digital collections are available on JSTOR, where they have global reach. Recently, materials from the North Bay Historic Preservation collection were used in a YouTube video, driving more than 1,000 views in a month.



Regional Engagement

The library serves as a resource for scholars, alumni, historians, and members of the public. In 2025-26, we fielded research inquiries from **51 non-SSU affiliated researchers.** We also:

- Provided research training for Jack London State Historic Park docents
- Hosted an archives exploration day for teachers participating in the National History Day program
- Signed 35 members of the community up for our Community Borrower program, giving them access to library resources



Looking Forward

The library continues to focus on access, belonging, professional preparation, and scholarly community.

Parenting Students

This year, we're reopening a new and improved Family Study Room. With support from generous donors, we're creating a space where parenting students can find the time and space they need to focus on their educations.



Student Belonging and Leadership

In response to needs expressed by student clubs and organizations, we're opening a Student Meeting room that will be reservable for meetings whenever the library is open. This will provide a reliable and purpose-built space for student leadership, collaboration, and organizational life.

Student Career Preparation

We're ensuring that library employment contributes directly to students' professional preparation by establishing clearer professional competencies, creating stronger connections between library work and career goals, and supporting students in articulating their experience to future employers.

Scholarly Community

We're hosting a reception to celebrate significant faculty research works. We'll continue to partner with ORSP to host Spotlight on Scholarship. And we will continue to seek opportunities to highlight research and strengthen the scholarly community at Sonoma State University.