Ribbon Cutting Brochure

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A dominant 190,000-square foot edifice, the library’s spatial utilization strikes a balance between culture and technology, providing an inviting location for not only study and research, but community lectures, meetings and conferences.

Patrons are encouraged to take advantage of the library’s educational resources and more than 100 public computers, in addition to the 150-seat lecture hall, conference room, seminar rooms and viewing rooms for public and private functions. Besides meeting venues, the library offers students and visitors ample space for study and research on all five floors with alcoves, private study rooms, meditation rooms and comfortable areas for quiet study.

A family study room is also available where children can play while parents work on school or research assignments.
In 2006, Governor Jon M. Huntsman announced a goal to improve the state’s energy efficiency 20 percent by 2015. As the first building completed under this rating system, UVU’s library is setting a template for other buildings to follow and will save the University nearly $100,000 in utility costs annually.

The new library’s energy efficient features include state-of-the-art solar control glazing, high efficiency lighting and cooling technology, solar harvesting devices on the south and west sides of the building to control heat penetration while taking advantage of natural light, direct/indirect evaporative cooling, air-side economizers and heat rejection to the campus heating loop for computer room air conditioning units, ultra high efficiency ballasts and lamps with daylight switching and occupancy sensors and light colored roofing to reduce building heat load and urban heat island.

UVU’s new library was designed to be a cultural hub on campus. In addition to suspended art and murals throughout the building and an art gallery on the fifth floor, the library acts as a retreat for students. The first through third floors feature an active environment with a café, seating and listening stations, media collections and computer labs.

Another singular feature of the building is the George Sutherland Archives and Special Collections. A showcase of the library, this unique collection is the central preservation and access point on campus for publications and historical records for the institution, as well as the community. The archives harbor one-of-a-kind oral histories, folklore interviews and transcripts featuring residents of the surrounding community on topics such as peace activism in the community, local customs and experiences of war veterans.