

# Western Libraries

## Creating the Future Fund

### The Heart of the University Experience

Libraries are the intellectual heart of the university experience, and the six libraries and the archives at Western are no exception. Western Libraries and its staff are committed to providing equitable access to and promoting effective use of information resources in order to play an important, often essential, role in education.

Western Libraries offers 12 million print, microform, and other resources, as well as links through the online catalogue to hundreds of thousands of electronic full-text journals, books, and bibliographic databases. Wireless access is provided in all library locations and all online information tools and services are available 24 hours a day.

A strong library system provides fundamental scholarly and research support, enhancing our ability to attract top faculty, researchers and students in today's highly competitive environment. Western Libraries takes great pride in the services and resources it provides to its users.

In the continuing evolution of Western Libraries, we need your help to establish an endowed fund that will give us the necessary flexibility to address immediate priorities, seize new opportunities as they arise, and build a foundation for future success.

### The Challenge: Meeting Present Needs and Anticipating the Future

Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$2.5 million for an endowed, unrestricted fund in support of Western Libraries. A generous gift to the **Creating the Future Fund** is the best way to ensure that your donation makes a difference, for both for today and tomorrow.

The importance of unrestricted gifts to Western Libraries cannot be overstated. In short, they are among the most valuable donations we receive as they allow us to respond quickly to opportunities as they arise as well as plan ahead to strategically evolve. The availability of such discretionary funding is a hallmark of a great institution.

Please help us keep Western Libraries at the heart of the university experience by giving to the **Creating the Future Fund**.



Rapid cultural, technological and societal shifts are changing how students consume information. The library of the past was about building the collection, cataloguing it and making it accessible. The library of the future will be about collaborative learning, community and technology.

**Be Extraordinary.**  
The Campaign for Western



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An unrestricted endowment fund is a key part of Western Libraries' strategic plan to provide a strong foundation for teaching and learning, and research and scholarship at Western. In the rapidly changing world of information technology, Western Libraries must serve its patrons of today and tomorrow by creating a progressive facility, which is capable of:

- **Honouring the Past** by restoring unique materials and strategically digitizing special collections and general print materials
- **Challenging the Present** by keeping pace with the expectations of its users
- **Creating the Future** by purchasing leading technology and information resources

Thanks to your gift to the **Creating the Future Fund**, we will be able to:

- Respond quickly to opportunities by acquiring materials and technology
- Allocate our physical, financial and human resources for maximum impact
- Preserve our intellectual and cultural history through restoration and modernization of special collections
- Anticipate future needs through collaboration with faculty members and departments
- Maintain appropriate materials necessary, not merely to preserve and convey existing knowledge, but also to expand it through research
- Build a collection that is comprehensive and relevant
- Provide excellent customer service by retaining and engaging staff who are knowledgeable, flexible and responsive to academic needs
- Continue to be the heart of the university experience for many generations of students

Gifts will benefit not only students and researchers at Western, but also the many businesses, educational institutions, and individual citizens who use the library resources.

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## Western Libraries Fast Facts

Western Libraries is comprised of six libraries, the Archives and Research Collections Centre (ARCC), and the Map and Data Centre

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The Music Library boasts one of the most comprehensive collections in North America, including music scores, performance parts and recordings

The C.B. "Bud" Johnston Library has an extensive collection of business and industry information on companies, industries and markets

The John & Dotsa Bitove Family Law Library supports the Faculty of Law, as well as the needs of the greater legal community and the general public

Wireless access is available in all library locations

Library access is available from more than 500 workstations on campus

For 11 straight years, Western Libraries scored an "A" in the Globe & Mail annual survey of students

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