A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My message in the 2020 Annual Report concluded with the observation, “The Linda Hall Library has indeed emerged as a stronger, more vital organization committed to providing support for advanced research and scholarship and programming that emphasizes the intersection of science and contemporary life.” Looking back on the past 18 months, I can report that we devoted the entire year to proving the strength of this commitment.

With staff devoted to documenting science past and present, the Library continued to build its contemporary collections while adding notable titles and revealing important historical works that increase our understanding of the roles played by women in science over the past 500 years. Other new acquisitions expanded our knowledge of scientific, engineering, and technological advancements made in non-Western countries during the same period.

Research and scholarship remained as vigorous as ever, as the fellowship program pivoted to offer virtual fellowships to those who had otherwise been awarded grants to travel to the Library and its collections. Virtual fellowships enabled scholars to maintain their research schedules and offered opportunities for non-traditional scholars who might be less able to travel to the Library’s collections.

Our programs explored the depths of the earth’s oceans and the outer reaches of the galaxy while looking at everything in between, from the awe-inspiring to the commonplace occurrences that affect even the smallest aspects of daily life. We renewed established collaborations and created new and exciting relationships with institutional partners, who share our quest for exploration, knowledge, and an appreciation for the ways in which science connects with art, music, and the humanities—all ingredients of the human experience.

The Library has continued to benefit from the support of a dedicated board of trustees, along with talented staff who make our collections available, support advanced research, and produce the programs that both enlighten and enrich. But no support has ever meant more to us than that of our audiences and our community of donors. Thank you!

LISA M. BROWAR
President
Linda Hall Library
For more than 65 years, the Linda Hall Library’s grounds have been managed as an urban arboretum—a garden of trees within the city. When Herbert and Linda Hall bequeathed their estate to establish a public library, it was their wish that the grounds on which their former home stood be appropriately preserved and maintained so “that the surrounding trees and grass shall add beauty and dignity” to the Library. Working with noted Kansas City landscape architects, Hare and Hare, the Halls introduced a variety of non-native trees to the Midwest.

Today, the 14-acre grounds surrounding the Library are home to some 300 trees representing 38 genera and 130 species. Highlights of the arboretum include the peony gardens, which are located on the Northeast side of the grounds, and the 11 Champion Trees.

We’d like to extend a special thank you to those patrons who have enhanced our grounds with generous donations. If you are interested in supporting the Linda Hall Library Arboretum, please contact development@lindahall.org.

HONORING THE BARTLETT LEGACY

In May 2022, the Linda Hall Library opened the Bartlett Courtyard, dedicated with appreciation and gratitude for the contributions to the Linda Hall Library by Paul Dana Bartlett, Jr. (Trustee, 1956-2000) and Joan (Jody) Jenkins Bartlett. The courtyard was a gift from Marilyn Bartlett Hebenstreit (Chair of the Library’s Board of Trustees) and James Bryant Hebenstreit. In late 2021, it was awarded the National Association of Landscape Professionals’ Gold Award of Excellence.

Marilyn Bartlett Hebenstreit and James Hebenstreit
A GROWING AND EVOLVING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Library’s original Board of Trustees consisted of five of Kansas City’s leading businessmen who were named in the Halls’ wills. Paul D. Bartlett, Sr., was designated the board’s first chairman, and, since 1941, four generations of the Bartlett Family have been represented on the board. The first trustees established a tradition of stewardship that has seen the Library’s collections and endowment grow impressively through the decades, assuring the Linda Hall Library’s ability to become and remain the library of record for printed materials devoted to science, engineering, technology, and their histories.

With the appointments of Alejandro Sánchez Alvarado, Executive Director and Chief Scientific Officer of the Stowers Institute in 2021; Curt D. Gridley, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Groover Labs; and Niles Jager, President of Lighthouse Capital in 2022, the Linda Hall Library’s Board of Trustees now numbers twelve and is chaired by Marilyn Bartlett Hebenstreit, granddaughter of Paul D. Bartlett, Sr. The trustees bring a wealth of expertise to their roles. Together, they carry forward the Library’s legacy of excellence and service in ways that respond to contemporary information needs and learning objectives. Their commitment to the Linda Hall Library’s future will ensure that it will be one of increasing learning opportunities for all who wish to enhance their understanding of the world around them.

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The pursuit of the Library’s strategic plan is made possible by a generous grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.
TRANSFORMING THE LIBRARY: CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY

The Linda Hall Library is a distinctive Kansas City cultural asset that opened to the public in 1946. Today, it is recognized internationally for its collection of rare books and an unsurpassable assemblage of scientific journals and other serial publications in 82 languages dating from 1472.

The Library has been engaged in a multi-year strategic plan to strengthen community connections, intensify and enhance existing efforts to increase its impact in the Kansas City area, and, by extension, propel the Kansas City metropolitan area to the front rank of scientifically literate places in the United States. The Library’s strategic plan pursues this transformation by building on historical strengths while advancing its contemporary relevance.

As the Linda Hall Library seeks broader recognition and support, it will elevate the principles on which it was founded: a commitment to learning, excellence, and public benefit.

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The International Advisory Committee (IAC) offers insights that inform the Linda Hall Library’s public programs and research opportunities helping to expand the Library’s national and international reach.

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Vice Provost and Dean, School of Computing and Engineering, University of Missouri-Kansas City
The Linda Hall Library has been amassing collections that have powered investigation, innovation, exploration, and inspiration since 1946. A leading independent research library, the Linda Hall Library is widely known for the breadth and depth of its collections, its role as an international destination for scholarship and research, its support of STEM education, and the vast resources it provides to learners of all ages who wish to embark on journeys of scientific exploration and discovery.

I have been enormously impressed by the swift action taken by our British colleagues to provide assistance and support to Ukrainian scholars and students who are bravely endeavoring to continue their research. The Linda Hall Library is proud to be the first American institution of higher learning to join the effort to facilitate the ongoing work of Ukrainian scholarship during this disruptive time.

LISA M. BROWAR
President, Linda Hall Library
COLLECTIONS

The Linda Hall Library’s collections are exceptionally strong in the engineering disciplines, chemistry, and physics, but it also has impressive holdings in natural history, astronomy, environmental and earth sciences, aeronautics, life sciences, infrastructure studies, and mathematics.

While expanding our historic collecting areas, we continue to investigate new areas for growth. To this end, we collect current journals and monographs in twenty-one of the classification areas defined by the Library of Congress, chiefly in science and technology, at levels suitable to support doctoral study and independent research. Twenty areas in that system are collected at less depth.

We continue to build upon our historic strengths, with a specific focus on four areas within science, technology, and engineering:
- Material created by and for women
- Work created by people of color
- Items in non-Western languages
- American science

RARE BOOK ACQUISITIONS

Though supported by the Trusts, many rare book acquisitions would not be possible without donor funding. Rare book acquisitions are supported in part by three named, endowed acquisition funds: the Ernest E. Howard Fund, the D. Brook and Karen Iverson Bartlett Fund, and the David and Stata Ringle Fund. In 2021, the Library acquired, a significant and rare work by Robert Oppenheimer in its original state, staplebound.


When Oppenheimer began teaching this course on quantum mechanics at University of California, Berkeley, it was the beginning of the serious study of that field in the United States. Given the cutting-edge nature of the material, there was no suitable textbook, and so Oppenheimer, with the aid of one of his students, Bernard Peters, compiled one from his own notes and lectures. The resulting textbook’s humble format speaks to the circulation of emerging scientific research in the twentieth century: cheaply copied in-house and at a scale appropriate for the small circle of scientists and students of science engaging with the work. This is one of five known copies in libraries worldwide.

TAKE A DEEPER LOOK AT

OPPENHEIMER’S TEXTBOOK

in a special episode of Paper Cuts, available on the Linda Hall Library’s YouTube channel.
PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

For over a decade, the Linda Hall Library has been bringing together some of the greatest minds in science to explore the intersection of science and contemporary life. Whether a lecture, panel discussion, or trivia night, the Linda Hall Library is dedicated to offering learning opportunities whenever and wherever intellectually curious people gather. Science-themed programs and events on multiple virtual platforms in real-time and on-demand mean that lifelong learning can occur on any schedule. In 2021, public programs continued to reach global audiences, with attendees from 62 countries and counting.

Thank you to the following partners for their support in bringing science programming to life:

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- The Land Institute
- The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures
- TripleBlind
- UMKC School of Computing and Engineering
- WeCode KC
- William Jewell College

#DYK Many Linda Hall Library public programs are broadcast from our Cherry Street Studio, which opened in 2021.
The Kansas City Invention Convention (KCIC) is a STEMIE (STEM + Invention + Entrepreneurship) competition that teaches problem-solving and creativity skills to students in grades 4-12 and provides educators with a project-based curriculum to inspire the innovators of tomorrow. KCIC supports 17 counties and 31 school districts across the Kansas City metropolitan area. In 2022, 23 teachers and 1,940 students accessed free online KCIC design thinking and innovation curriculum resources.

The 2022 Kansas City Invention Convention awarded $3,600 in cash prizes and $10,000 in scholarships.

2021-2022 WINNERS

4th and 5th grade category:
• 1st place: Will Hennenfent, Invention: RSD1

6th, 7th, and 8th grade category:
• 1st place: Olivia Adams and Dominic Cain, Invention: The Tranquility Tent, Sunflower Elementary
• 2nd place: Lucille Herrold, Invention: Fresh Fridge, John Paul II Catholic School
• 3rd place: Samantha Meyer, Invention: Tac-It, John Paul II Catholic School

11th and 12th grade category:
• 1st place and Best of Show: Tyler Lively and Jackson Brueckner, Invention: MetaCar, Blue Valley CAPS
• 2nd place: Quinton Pfaff, Invention: Next Door Gig, Blue Valley CAPS
• 3rd place: Lucas Bullock, Invention: LUVI Hologram, Blue Valley CAPS

2022 Kansas City National Security Campus managed by Honeywell FM&T Scholarship Winners:
• Tyler Lively and Jackson Brueckner, Invention: MetaCar
• Kaidren Eberhart and Amelia Kenney, Invention: Shower Control

Kaidren Eberhart and Amelia Kenney, Summit Trail Middle School, with John Jungk, Kansas City National Security Campus managed by Honeywell FM&T
Since its establishment in 2011, the Linda Hall Library’s fellowship program has supported more than 100 scholars from 19 countries who traveled to Kansas City to read, research, and reflect using the Library’s rich holdings. These researchers included historians of science and scholars of science and technology studies, along with art historians, literary scholars, and those who study bibliography, or the history of the book.

In 2021, a virtual option was added to the fellowship program. Virtual fellows enjoy the same access to resources, digital infrastructure, and dedicated staff that are available to fellows in residence at the Library. This remote option has enabled research scholars unable to visit Kansas City to benefit from the Linda Hall Library’s collections and produce insightful scholarship of depth and distinction.

In 2021, the Library supported 31 research fellows—more than any previous year in the program’s history.

The Linda Hall Library is committed to making its collections available to researchers from around the world. These virtual fellowships reflect our ongoing commitment to support talented scholars, even those who are unable to travel to Kansas City due to COVID-19 or other personal circumstances.

Benjamin Gross
Vice President for Research and Scholarship

The Library will continue welcoming applications for the History of Science and Medicine Fellowship, offered in partnership with the Clendening History of Medicine Library. Beginning with the 2023-24 fellowship year, the Library will expand its fellowship program to offer several new research opportunities:

**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (NEH) FELLOWSHIP**
Funded by a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions (FPIRI) program to support a new, nine-month fellowship to a postdoctoral scholar over each of the next three years. The FPIRI program supports fellowships for advanced humanities scholarship at independent libraries, museums, and centers for advanced study.

**JEROME PEARSON FELLOWSHIP IN AEROSPACE HISTORY**
Established by Jerome Pearson’s sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Alan Atterbury, to honor the Kansas City native’s legacy and dedication to aerospace engineering. The Pearson Fellowship will provide up to two months of funding to a postdoctoral scholar conducting on-site research related to any aspect of aerospace history, including, but not limited to: engineering, physics, astronomy, astrophysics, and other disciplines related to space travel and exploration.

**PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIP IN BIBLIOGRAPHY**
The study of book history, or bibliography, is the study of the world’s history in a microcosm. Book historians can trace the transmission of knowledge recorded in books produced during the first 500 years of printing (beginning 1455) while examining a book’s architecture: the raw materials used to make it and the way in which it was assembled. The ability to study these elements can reveal much about the ways in which knowledge was recorded, disseminated, and consumed. The Linda Hall Library’s History of Science Collection contains hundreds of volumes dating from printing’s earliest years in Western Europe. Book historians from around the world have regularly used these items in their research, and for that reason, the Presidential Fellowship in Bibliography has been established to encourage other scholars of the book to visit the Library and uncover new findings about the history of the book.
FOCUS ON FELLOWS

VIRTUAL FELLOW

Diana Montaño, Washington University, St. Louis

(Dis)Placing Necaxa: Power Networks and Erased Histories in Mexico (1890s-1914)

Diana J. Montaño, PhD is an assistant professor at Washington University in St. Louis whose teaching and research interests include the construction of modern Latin American societies, focusing on technology and its relationship to nationalism, everyday life, and domesticity. Her book, Electrifying Mexico: Technology and the Transformation of a Modern City, looks at how “electrifying agents” (businessmen, salespersons, inventors, doctors, housewives, maids, and domestic advisors) used electricity, both symbolically and physically, in the construction of a modern city, self, and the other. Taking a user-based perspective, Dr. Montaño reconstructs how electricity was lived, consumed, rejected, and shaped in everyday life.

At the Linda Hall Library, Montaño began research for her second book project, (Dis) Placing Necaxa, which will explore the transnational networks of capital, expertise, and machinery that contributed to the creation of the Necaxa hydroelectric complex in southern Mexico. This project seeks to rescue the histories of towns, indigenous workers, and water bodies that were displaced—both by force and voluntarily—during its construction. It will also trace how certain everyday native technologies were incorporated in the construction of the Necaxa complex but have remained uncredited.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Shannon Jackson, University of Missouri–Kansas City

Thinking with Concrete

Shannon Jackson, PhD, a professor of anthropology and department chair in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, was selected as the 2021-22 Linda Hall Library Scholar-in-Residence. The Linda Hall Library scholar-in-residence program was established in 2019 to support talented researchers from the Kansas City metropolitan area whose work would benefit from sustained engagement with the Library’s collections.

Jackson’s research focuses on material culture and the impact of infrastructure on society. During her time at the Library, Jackson examined how engineers used concrete to transform urban landscapes in early twentieth-century America. Her investigations drew upon the Library’s robust collection of engineering publications, technical standards, and trade journals.

Jackson was particularly interested in the prevalence of concrete in Kansas City, which now has more impermeable surfaces than any city in the United States. She suggests that the region underwent a fundamental transformation during the Progressive Era, specifically between World War I and World War II. This period was marked by rapid industrialization and urbanization. As Kansas City’s population grew, it became a testing ground for new building materials, zoning laws, and land-use regulations that all influenced the design of new infrastructure projects.

Through her research, Jackson is looking for ways to improve cities and encourage people to reflect upon the origins of the infrastructure they depend on daily. She said, “As an anthropologist, my professional goal is to advocate for humans, to make the world humane, and support humans better. Cities are themselves life-support systems for humans. I’ve been looking at how we can improve that life-support system.”
LIFE AT LINDA HALL LIBRARY

The Linda Hall Library’s collections, programs, and extraordinary talent make it a place where people of all backgrounds and interests can learn, invent, and explore.

Our colleagues are the best at what they do and are stewards of rare books and advocates for public access. In fact, it has been said that of all the treasures in the Linda Hall Library, the most valuable among them go home every night.

2021 was an exceptional year for the staff of the Linda Hall Library. We welcomed new colleagues and celebrated the dedication of those who have been with us for some time.

2021-2022 NEW HIRES

- ANTOINETTE BETTASSO
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NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES

- BENJAMIN GROSS, 5 years
- ELI HALTERMAN, 10 years
- MICHAEL WALKER, 15 years
- ERIC WARD, 15 years
- NATASHA STEPHAN, 25 years

NOTABLE RETIREMENTS

- TIM MCELHENIE, 25 years
- SHANNON STIPE, 32 years
EMPLOYEE STORIES – DIGITAL INITIATIVES UNIT

In 2021, the Library’s Digital Initiatives Unit (DIU) completed the digitization of 125,000 pages from 24 Latin American science journals published in 11 different nations and the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico in a joint effort with the Center for Research Libraries (CRL). Upon completing this notable achievement, DIU staff turned its focus to digitizing scientific journals published in Asian nations. Led by Jane Davis, Vice President for Access and Digital Services, and Ben Gibson, Digital Initiatives Manager, DIU staff worked with CRL to identify, vet, and assemble a list of works to be digitized for the CRL Asian Digitization Project. Final selections were made, and digitization commenced in early 2021. The project included:

- 16 journals jointly held by the Library and CRL, plus 23 selected as high-priority targets
- Titles published in Japan, China, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and India
- 74,795 pages digitized and processed in 2021

DIGITAL INITIATIVES UNIT MEMBERS

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Digital Projects/Graphic Design Technician

MICHAEL WALKER
Digital Projects Technician

423 MONOGRAPHS
digitized for library fellows

490 HIGH RESOLUTION SCANS
in support of library operations

15 COMPLETE VOLUMES OF JOURNALS
digitized

Requests received from
41 NATIONS

27,644 REQUESTS RECEIVED

14,127 REQUESTS SUPPLIED

490 HIGH RESOLUTION SCANS
SUPPORTING STEM EDUCATION
The Linda Hall Library’s expansive holdings support innovative and creative teaching. Easy access to digitized collections and exhibitions, along with a decade’s worth of archived programs, are available to STEM educators with a few keystrokes.

To promote ease of access, the Library’s subject specialists curate STEM Educator Guides that gather selected items from the Library’s collections designed to supplement and enhance the delivery of STEM curricula.

AVAILABLE STEM CLASSROOM RESOURCES
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Middle School Science
- Physics
- Robotics
- Technology & Engineering
- Women in STEM
- And many more to come at lindahall.org
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PAPER CUTS
In this YouTube series, rare book experts Jason Dean, Vice President for Special Collections, and Jamie Cumby, Assistant Curator of Rare Books and Manuscripts, take viewers behind the scenes as they highlight notable items in the Library’s History of Science Collection.

SCIENCE HEADLINERS
Eric Ward, Vice President for Public Programs, anchors a series of thought-provoking and entertaining interviews with astronauts, authors, inventors, and other sci-tech newsmakers. Tune in to hear from astronauts Tom Jones and Fred Haise about their time in space or architect Pascale Sablan about how she advocates for an equitable built environment by highlighting diversity in the design disciplines.

WOMEN IN STEM
This series features leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics discussing the roles and achievements of women in STEM by joining elements of the past, present, and future. The series premiere episode features Library President, Lisa Browar, sharing the legacies of three incredible women in STEM history. Another episode features Tammy Buckner, Co-Founder & CEO of WeCode KC, discussing how the technology space can be a sustainable career path to economic change for women, especially women of color.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS
Linda Hall Library is proud to provide a wide range of programs that draw on the Library’s collection and have contemporary relevance. Our public programs are now more accessible than ever, thanks to the greater use of technology.

Browse videos of previous Linda Hall Library events featuring scientists, inventors, and Linda Hall Library fellows at lindahall.org/experience/videos or search for Linda Hall Library on YouTube.com and Vimeo.com.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: HOW DO I BECOME?
How Do I Become? is a monthly series designed for high school and early college students interested in STEM careers. Topics include coursework, internships, college programs, and becoming a successful STEM professional. During these interactive sessions, students have an opportunity to get academic and career advice from young professionals.
The Linda Hall Library presently offers partnership and sponsorship opportunities in the following areas:

- Kansas City Invention Convention
- STEM program series - customizable
- YouTube content
- Livestreamed events
- STEM Career Exploration Showcase
- Digital and live exhibitions
- Digitization
- Fellowship Program
- Curated content for classroom curricula
- Supporting STEM innovation in KC

We participate in events like this because these people are our future. Being able to tap into that, be inspired by that, and try to direct and influence in a positive way these STEM events and the trajectory of these kids is great. It’s always fun to come to these events and see what the young people today are innovating, coming up with real novel approaches to solve everyday problems.

JOHN JUNGK, Chief Technology Officer, Kansas City National Security Campus managed and operated by Honeywell FM&T

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BUSINESS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Linda Hall Library Business Leadership Council (BLC) is comprised of corporations, institutions, and universities across the Kansas City metropolitan area. The BLC provides opportunities for its members to broaden their networks, collaborate on STEM initiatives that benefit the greater community, bolster STEM education, and expand their talent-to-workforce pipelines.

Membership Benefits and Details:

• Membership for two company leaders in the Business Leadership Council
• Reserved memberships for two mid-level professionals in the Linda Hall Library Stellae Novae Society
• Premium public programming sponsorships
• Invitation to the annual BLC networking event
• Quarterly BLC meetings
• Sponsor recognition and engagement opportunities at the annual STEM Career Showcase
• $10,000 annual membership fee

STELLAE NOVAE SOCIETY

The Linda Hall Library Stellae Novae Society (SNS) is a group of like-minded emerging professionals representing various corporations and professional organizations across the Kansas City metropolitan area. SNS provides its members with opportunities to broaden their networks, acquire valuable leadership and committee experience, advance their professional portfolios, and collaborate on initiatives that benefit the greater community.

Membership Benefits and Details:

• Priority access and reserved seating at Linda Hall Library public programs
• Exclusive meet-and-greet opportunities with guest lecturers
• Access to quarterly networking events and professional workshops
• Committee options
  • Events
  • Recruitment
  • Community Engagement
• $250 membership fee (two-year term)

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please reach out to development@lindahall.org.

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HONORING A LEGACY

Thanks to a generous gift from Linda Hall Library supporters, Mary and Alan Atterbury, the Library is pleased to offer the Jerome Pearson Fellowship in Aerospace History. Jerome Pearson, a Kansas City native and Center High School alumnus, was best known as one of the inventors of the space elevator. Pearson received his bachelor’s degree in engineering from Washington University in St. Louis and his master’s degree in geology from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Pearson joined the NASA Langley and Ames research centers as an aerospace engineer during the Apollo program. He went on to develop aircraft and spacecraft technology for the U.S. Air Force and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Eventually, he founded Star Technology and Research Inc., an aerospace research and development firm, where he served as president until his passing in January of 2021.

The Jerome Pearson Fellowship in Aerospace History honors the namesake’s legacy and dedication to aerospace engineering. It will provide up to two months of funding for a postdoctoral scholar conducting research related to any aspect of aerospace history, including, but not limited to: engineering, physics, astronomy, astrophysics, and other disciplines related to space travel and exploration.

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