

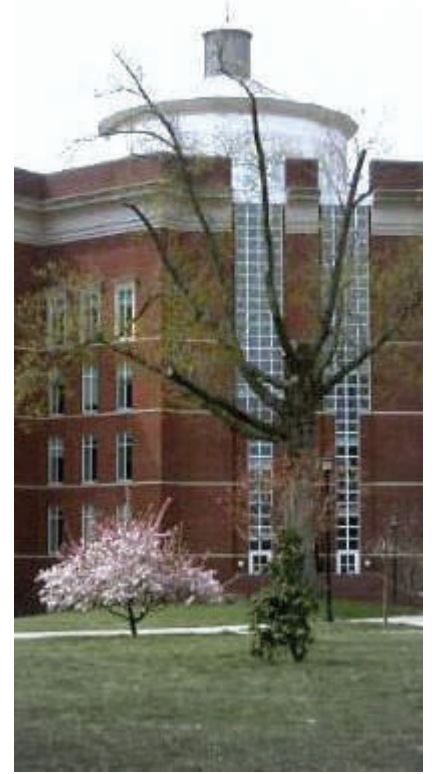


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WILLIAM T. YOUNG LIBRARY



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- Named for prominent Lexington businessman and horse-breeder, William T. Young, a mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Kentucky
- The anchor of the University of Kentucky's 16 libraries
- Includes a major computing center, an audiovisual lab and writing center
- Designed by the architectural firm of Kallman, McKinnell & Wood
- Broke ground on December 6, 1994 and completed in Spring 1998
- The 365,000 square-foot building is centered on 30-acre park-like setting
- 780,000 bricks were used in the construction of the exterior

Funding

- Cost \$58 million to construct
- William T. Young's \$5 million gift kicked off a fund-raising campaign that raised in excess of \$22 million
- Nearly 15,000 donors from all 120 Kentucky counties

Collection

- Houses 1.2 million volumes, including the University's collection of social sciences, humanities and selected life sciences materials in one campus location
- 27,000 periodical titles
- Subscribes to all Kentucky newspapers

Equipment

- 37 miles (198,828 linear feet) of compact shelving
- 141 miles of data cable and 50 miles of fiber optic cable
- 600 computer workstations
- 3,600 network ports
- Wireless network capability

Interior

- Each of the six floors is approximately the size of a football field
- The rotunda is 93 feet tall and extends from the first to fifth floor
- Seats 4,000 (3,000 general seats; 1,000 additional classroom and meeting room seats)
- The chandelier located in the 5th floor rotunda reading room weighs over 3,000 pounds
- 90 stair steps in each core stairwell; 32 steps on the grand staircase

