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## Leatherby Libraries

The Leatherby Libraries aim to provide personalized services and relevant collections to support the curricular, creative, and scholarly needs of the Chapman University community. Replacing the small Thurmon Clark Memorial Library built in 1967, the Leatherby Libraries now houses nine separate libraries, including the Sala and Aron Samuelli Holocaust Memorial Library and the Frank Mt. Pleasant Library of Special Collections and Archives, as well as a plethora of electronic and print resources. Built through the fundraising efforts exerted during Chapman's Millennium Campaign in 2004, the Leatherby Libraries complements the institution's curriculum, evolving with it as Chapman expands.

Dean of the Leatherby Libraries, [Charlene Baldwin](#), received her B.A. from California State University, Sacramento, and her M.A. from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. She came to Chapman University in 2000 and has been a librarian for more than 35 years. She is a member of the Special Libraries Association, the American Library Association, the California Library Association, California Academic and Research Libraries, and the Academic Library Advancement and Development Network (ALADN). "We are always looking to the future for being that collaborative entity," she says, "that transcends individual colleges and schools and provides that link to multidisciplinary information." She is also incredibly active in the Chapman community, including the Alumni Association and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

### Interview with Dean of the Leatherby Libraries Charlene Baldwin



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