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GOVERNOR'S MANSION LIBRARY

The Utah Governor's Mansion has a new library collection, replacing books damaged or discarded after a Christmas fire a few years ago in the mansion. The new collection focuses on books relating to Utah and provides a bibliography via a website to libararians and book collectors interested in Utah materials.

NEW LIBRARIES

Wasatch County voters approved a \$5 million bond election to build a new library and senior center. They will be in separate buildings joined by a common foyer. The new library will be triple its current size.

Santaquin turned a 100-year-old church building into a modern library. The city preserved a vital part of its heritage while serving its citizens' current needs with an up-to-date public library. The old building, which housed churches of various faiths over the years, has a vaulted ceiling, a stained glass window at the front of the building, a gothic shaped glass vestibule, and a curved staircase. During renovation the building was reinforced with steel to meet the seismic code.

Davis County Library expanded the Layton Branch by a 4,000 sq. ft. addition. A new entrance and new children's area were created, and the computer center was expanded. Shelf space in the library doubled the amount previously available.

When the new Salt Lake City Main Library opens later this year, it will be equipped with radio-frequency identification technology. Through radio waves and imbedded chips in library materials, patrons can use a self-checkout system capable of processing up to 30 books a second. The system can also be used for quick inventories and spotting misplaced items. The system will also be installed in five other Salt Lake City libraries.