The City Library's internationally-known flagship Main Library was designed by renowned architect Moshe Safdie and opened in 2003. The Main Library anchors Library Square and a civic campus that hosts several cultural and community events throughout the year, including the Utah Arts Festival, Utah Pride Festival, and many more.

Salt Lake City Public Library's seven branch locations serve their unique communities with special features, services, and collections tailored to their neighborhood. The Chapman Branch, considered one of the finest Carnegie Libraries in the West, celebrated its centennial year in 2018. The newest library branches in the Glendale and Marmalade neighborhoods opened in 2015 and 2016 respectively, and are highly utilized by members of their community. The City Library's budget has increased nearly 30% in the past three years, adding the equivalent of 15.5 full-time employees to fully staff the expanded library system.

The City Library is a dynamic civic resource that promotes free and open access to information, materials and services to all members of the community to advance knowledge, foster creativity, encourage the exchange of ideas, build community, and enhance the quality of life.

Our Culture Statement

We are The City Library. We work together to make lives better.

We are inclusive. We have the courage to be our authentic selves. We honor differences of thought, opinion, and worldview because we believe that we are stronger together. We believe that diversity in all its forms leads to connections and community that we can only create together.

We are open. We cultivate a space for good where we can share differing opinions without judgment. We respect one another and the decisions we make collaboratively, realizing that mistakes, failures, and changes are part of what makes us better.

We are curious. We are creative explorers who approach all we do with a learning mindset, and we strive for continual improvement in our personal and professional lives. We are always looking for ways to pitch in and make the Library better.

We are playful. We bring a spirit of fun to all that we do. Our collegiality and generosity inspire deeper connections with each other and our community. We see every day as an opportunity to inspire new ideas and make someone smile.

We are kind. We care. We treat each other and those we serve with empathy and compassion, lifting each other up, and celebrating our successes together.

Together we are The City Library.
Salt Lake City is a growing, vibrant, and diverse community of over 200,000. The metro area is home to over one million residents and is projected to grow by 53% in the next 50 years. The city has a rich cultural climate and is surrounded by endless recreational activities, making it a top tourist destination and fantastic place to call home.

Year-round fun is never hard to find in Salt Lake City. Ski or snowboard the Greatest Snow on Earth at one of 10 world-class resorts all within 60 minutes of the Salt Lake City International Airport. Go for an afternoon jog up City Creek Canyon, nestled near downtown Salt Lake City, or take a hike in the Wasatch Mountains to visit alpine lakes, waterfalls, and fields of wildflowers.

In Salt Lake City’s backyard you will find 43 beautiful state parks, five breathtaking national parks, and eight national monuments. From the day-tripper to the hard-core extremist, there is something for everyone within a short drive—Mountain biking in Moab, rafting the Colorado River, flyfishing in the Provo River, and exploring more than 2,000 natural arches in Arches National Park.

Salt Lake City celebrates varied cultures, lifestyles, and religions. Our Hispanic population accounts for approximately 22% of residents, while the Asian population makes up approximately 5.6% and the Pacific Islander population represents roughly 2.2% of the population of Salt Lake.

Throughout the year, locals and visitors alike can enjoy a long list of multi-cultural and multi-ethnic events, from Days of ’47, which features one of the largest and oldest parades in the nation, to the Salt Lake Greek Festival, various Cinco de Mayo and Pacific Island celebrations, and many others. Every year, tens of thousands of people come together to celebrate their diverse lifestyles at the annual three-day Utah Pride Festival, one of the largest Pride Festivals in the West.

Salt Lake City offers a rich cultural experience, with a solid foundation of established arts and cultural organizations such as Ballet West, The Leonardo museum, Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company, Natural History Museum of Utah, and the Utah Museum of Fine Arts. Salt Lake City is also a film buff’s paradise as host to Sundance Film Festival, Utah Film Center, Salt Lake Film Society, and more.

Enjoy annual cultural and community festivals including the Red Butte Garden Concerts, Utah Arts Festival, Craft Lake City, and Living Traditions Festival. Utah is also home to a lively food scene with diverse, award-winning restaurants, more than 40 local breweries and distilleries, and a community that values farmers markets and community supported agriculture.