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# Upcoming Events

## Trailblazer Reads

The library curates the Trailblazer Reads program where faculty, staff, and students can recommend books they've enjoyed. Students can then check out and read one of these books for one entry into the drawing for \$70.00 toward the purchase of a textbook at the university bookstore and lunch with the Library Dean. There is no limit to the number of books you can read and enter in the drawing.

The library does the drawing at the beginning of every spring semester. If your name is chosen, the dean of the library would like to buy you lunch and purchase one of the textbooks that you will need for the Spring term (textbooks cost up to \$70).

- For five additional entries, submit your written comments about the book to the library Circulation Desk.

We would encourage you to recommend a book you've loved to our Trailblazer Reads list [here](#).

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To see newer recommendations, visit

<https://utahtech.libguides.com/trailblazer-reads>.

# Upcoming Events

## Jimmy Santiago Baca Visit

Jimmy Santiago Baca is an award-winning American poet and writer of Chicano descent.

While serving a five-year sentence in a maximum security prison, he learned to read and began to turn his life around, eventually emerging as a prolific artist of the spoken and written word.

He is a winner of the prestigious International Award for his memoir, "[A Place to Stand](#)," the story of which is now also a [documentary](#) by the same title.



Jimmy will be visiting Utah Tech's campus October 31 through November 1 for many exciting engagements. Here are a few to check out:

Trailblazing Speaker Series, October 31, 12:00 PM, Dunford Auditorium

Poetry Reading/Book Signing, October 31, 5:00 PM, HCC 457

Documentary Screening and Discussion, November 1, 6:30 PM, Dunford Auditorium

# How to Navigate the Library Web Page

**By: Isidora Chavez**

The Utah Tech library [website](#) is a space where students can quickly access various resources and search for academic material, available anytime, anywhere, from the comfort of their own screen.

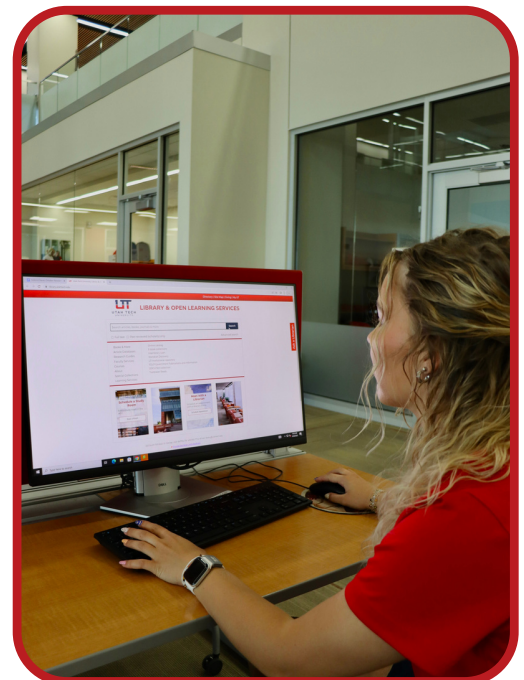
By clicking on the hyperlinks at the bottom of the main page, students can conveniently reserve a study room in the Holland Building that adapts to their preferences or arrange an appointment with one of the librarians.

When looking for academic material, at the top of the website, students will find a general search bar that provides results from multiple sources, including e-books, articles, journals, and digital resources. Those looking for a more targeted search experience can use the advanced search and filter functions.

## Wondering about our library schedule?

Simply navigate to the "About" section on the website. Then click on "Hours." There, students can find information detailing the building's operating hours, including any exceptions for holidays or changes to the regular schedule.

Library administration kindly invites students to visit the website to take full advantage of what the library has to offer. If students need help, no problem! Don't hesitate to reach out to a librarian for assistance by clicking "Ask a Librarian" on the right side of the screen!



# A Guide to Obtaining Online Help from Librarians at Utah Tech

**By: Murewa Olubodun**

Libraries have evolved into dynamic information centers that are available for people with internet connections in this digital age. The dedication to learning and innovation at Utah Tech goes far beyond the walls of the actual library. The library takes pride in providing students and library users with access to a wide range of digital resources and knowledge.



Here are some key strategies on how students can access these digital resources:

1. Explore the Utah tech Library Website: The best way to start is by getting acquainted with the Utah Tech library website. It acts as an online guide to an extensive range of resources ranging from ebooks, article databases, and research guides, to specific tools and services.
2. Use the Real-time chat services: Utah tech library offers real time chat services called “Ask a librarian” on the website homepage. It provides patrons with immediate access to guidance from the librarians.
3. Make use of email correspondence: A very good option for inquiries that require a more extensive response is email interactions with the librarians. When submitting an email query, It is necessary to be specific and provide clear details.

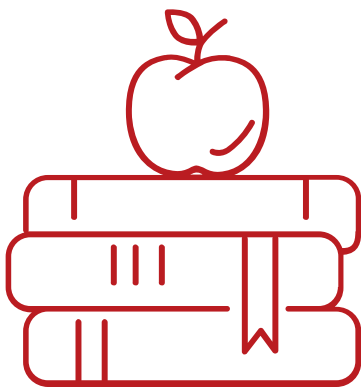
# Utah Tech's Navigate App

**By: Ty Webber**

In a world where smartphones can do just about anything, from ordering groceries to catching an Uber, it's no surprise that they can also greatly improve the college experience. For current students at Utah Tech University, Jaden Hunt is working tirelessly with the "Navigate" app to provide a very useful resource to the entire student body.

## What is Navigate?

Navigate is not your ordinary college application tool. This app is a user-friendly tool that allows students to have access to all of Utah techs resources at their fingertips. For freshmen searching for guidance about the future, a transfer student looking for a bite to eat, or a senior needing to schedule an advisory appointment for graduation, the navigate app has got them covered.



## Why Should Students Use Navigate?

"We have every resource across campus available. It also keeps in mind your class schedule when you search for an appointment time," said Jaden Hunt. "It also provides helpful feedback through surveys to help a student be involved with a major that is right for them. Mental health, Dental Hygiene and Physical Health references are accessible to students, through "Navigate." Connections to activities, including study abroad, intramural services, and volunteer opportunities are also available."

# Generative AI: What is it?

**By: Braxton Rasmussen**

Artificial Intelligence is software that “thinks” for itself. Generative AI (GenAI) takes this “thinking” to a new level. Alex Cutler, UTU peer tutor specializing in AI, defines GenAI as software that produces logical responses when prompted with questions, such as ChatGPT or Google Bard.

## **Is GenAI bad?**

Short answer, NO. GenAI is new, meaning it feels unfamiliar or foreign, but that doesn’t make it inherently bad.

## **How can GenAI HELP?**

Remember your elementary English teacher always saying, “Get your ‘creative juices’ flowing!”? Surprise—GenAI can help with that! Cutler illustrates AI’s ability to procure “a variety of possible ideas and potential solutions” which students haven’t even considered. When using it on class assignments, be sure to get the approval of your professor first.

## **How can GenAI hurt?**

One key weakness GenAI poses for students is its impediment to independence. Cutler describes this drawback, explaining how relying too much on AI “. . . can hurt our thinking and creative skills, as well as our learning.”

## **What do I do with GenAI?**

USE IT! That’s right—find ways to implement GenAI effectively in your learning. Now that you know how it can hinder, use it instead in the ways it can help you accelerate your education. It is next-gen tech, after all.

## **READY TO TRY YOUR HAND AT AI?**



Come chat with our AI peer tutor in the library! Scan the QR code to schedule an appointment or drop in any of the following times:

**Tuesday/Thursday 1:00-8:00pm & Friday 10:00am-5:00pm**



# Do you have questions about Artificial Intelligence?

**By: Michelle Cook**

Now that AI has become a reality, Utah Tech University understands that students probably have many questions about this new technology. So, to help clarify specific guidelines set forth by UT, the Academic Performance Center has recently hired a new tutor, Alex Cutler.

AI can be most helpful when used for programming, writing assignments, or solving mathematical equations. Alex can help students structure their questions so that they can better study for a test, brainstorm ideas for a project, or use it as a tool to help explain confusing concepts. Alex says his main goal is to help ensure students use AI appropriately, effectively, and ethically for their course assignments and to leave each student with some basic knowledge and understanding of what they can and cannot do.

Tutoring appointments can be made on the Navigate App under the “Tutoring and Writing Help” category and by selecting the service “AI Prompt Engineering.” Alternatively, Alex is available for walk-in appointments on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in the Tutoring Center, room 431 of the Holland building. Call the APC at (435) 879-4731 for more information.



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