
Library and Information Access

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Senior Assistant Librarians: Jackson, Kiczek, Payne

General Information

Located in the heart of the SDSU campus, Library and Information Access supports the research and curricular needs of the university community through the development of collections and the provision of services designed to facilitate access to information. Voted the best library in San Diego by *San Diego Magazine*, the library was described as "friendly, accessible, modern and usually packed with good-looking, hard-working young people." A new wing for the library was dedicated in 1996, adding a striking library "dome," which quickly became a landmark on campus. The facility itself has become the intellectual hub for the SDSU campus community, each year offering over 500 talks, lectures, tours, and a dozen exhibits. Spanning more than 500,000 square feet, with more than 3,000 seats for study and research, the library's importance to students, faculty, staff, and individuals living in the San Diego region is documented by more than 2.6 million annual visits.

Access

The library is open to the public 24-hours per day, except on holidays, recess dates, and between 1:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m., when access is restricted to SDSU students and affiliates. The library's Web site at <http://infodome.sdsu.edu> provides access, within the library and remotely, to the library's catalog, electronic books, over 23,731 electronic journals, and more than 150 databases. Interlibrary loan services are provided to obtain materials not held in the library. In addition, students and faculty can place unmediated requests for books from San Diego and selected California libraries through Circuit and Link+.

The library's Information Systems and Technology group provides computer accounts to all students and hosts World Wide Web pages for students, the university and the library. It operates one of the largest computer labs in the country with over 685 computers with Internet/World Wide Web access. Up-to-date computing resources include a student computing help desk and wireless networking throughout the library.



The library has a comprehensive instruction program, which includes course-related instruction and tours. Librarians provide research assistance in person, by telephone, e-mail and by online chat. Service desks are located in: Circulation, Reference Services, Media Center, Current Periodicals and Microforms Center, Reserve Book Room, and Special Collections.

Holdings

The library's holdings include 1,679,759 monographs and bound periodicals; 627,718 government documents; 4,474,896 microforms; 140,938 maps; 12,971 sound recordings; and 5,885 linear feet of archival papers. The library receives 20,372 periodical and serial titles, including government publications. It is a depository for United States and California government publications, and holds selected United Nations publications.

Special Collections and University Archives

This department houses rare, fine, unique and valuable books, periodicals, manuscripts, and documents which require security and care in handling. The collections consist of approximately 37,000 volumes, 270 archival collections, and 369,000 other items, such as photographs, art prints, postcards, memorabilia, etchings, and oral histories.