Library and Information Access

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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.” The library consists of two buildings, the Malcolm A. Love Library (opened in 1971) and the Library Addition, with its striking dome (opened in 1996). The facility itself has become the intellectual intersection for the SDSU campus community, each year offering 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 2.2 million annual visits.

Access
The library is open to SDSU students 24-hours per day when classes are in session. The public is welcome during regular hours located on the library’s Web site at http://library.sdsu.edu. The site provides access, within the library and remotely, to the library’s catalog plus electronic books and resources. Interlibrary loan services are provided to obtain materials not held in the library. In addition, students and faculty can place requests for books from San Diego and selected California libraries through Circuit.

The library’s Information Technologies and Digital Initiatives 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 400+ 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 online chat. Service desks are located in: Circulation/Course Reserves, Reference Services, Media Center, Current Periodicals and Microforms Center, Special Collections, and University Archives.

Holdings
The library’s holdings include 2,217,629 monographs and bound periodicals; 630,300 government documents; 4,645,583 microforms; 142,241 maps; 36,043 sound and video recordings; and 6,978 linear feet of archival papers. The library receives 90,000 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 70,000 volumes, 500 archival collections, and 369,000 other items, such as photographs, art prints, postcards, memorabilia, etchings, and oral histories. University Archives holds materials which document the history of San Diego State University since its founding as a Normal School in 1897.