
Library and Information Access

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General Information

Located in the center of campus, Library and Information Access empowers students and faculty to explore ideas, collaborate with colleagues, develop projects, create knowledge, and cultivate academic success. The library is comprised of two buildings, the five-story Love Library and the newer Library Addition, with its landmark dome. Spanning more than 500,000 square feet, with nearly 4,000 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.

Hours and Access

The library is open to the public except on holidays, recess dates, and between midnight to 7:00 a.m. The 24/7 study area is open only to current SDSU students, staff, and faculty whenever the main library is closed. Please check hours by visiting the website or by calling 619-594-6721.

Registering for a library PIN provides SDSU affiliates with access to online full-text articles from peer-reviewed journals. Students can find the library's catalog, course guides, subject guides for each major, and more at <http://library.sdsu.edu/>.

Library Services

Librarians provide research assistance in person, telephone, e-mail, and online chat. The library has a comprehensive teaching program, which includes course-related instruction and tours. Library faculty serve as subject specialists providing in-depth research support for each major on campus.

Tutoring programs are hosted in the library for mathematics, statistics, and the Writing Center.

The Wells Fargo Financial Laboratory is hosted in the library with 12 Bloomberg terminals for real-time financial literacy education. The laboratory is staffed by the College of Business Administration and is open to all interested students.

The Student Computing Center provides computer accounts to all students and hosts webpages for academic use. The center operates an extensive computer laboratory with over 400 computers. Resources include a help desk, access to Microsoft computer applications, and wireless networking throughout the library.

Fifty group study rooms can be found throughout the library. Reservations are required for rooms with technology, such as large collaborative monitors or presentation practice equipment. There are also food friendly areas, quiet study locations, and a coffee cart.

Holdings

The library's holdings exceed 2.2 million titles; over 500,000 of these are electronic books. The library's robust collection includes electronic access to journals, microforms, maps, sound recordings, and archival papers. The library is a depository for United States and California government publications and holds selected United Nations publications.



Request for books not available at SDSU can be made online or at an information desk. Partnerships with local Circuit libraries, the global catalog WorldCat, and interlibrary loans support the delivery of items.

For help finding materials, students can consult staff at service desks located in Research Services, Circulation/Course Reserves, Media Center, Current Periodicals and Microform Center, Special Collections and University Archives.

Special Collections and University Archives

Special Collections and University Archives houses rare, unique, and valuable books, periodicals, manuscripts, and documents which require security and care in handling. Ephemera, such as art prints, etchings, memorabilia, oral histories, photographs, and postcards are kept in this area. Significant holdings include an extensive science fiction collection, the Edward Gorey personal library, and historical archives of the university. Noteworthy regional history collections include items from the civil rights era and the Chicano movement.

Students and researchers are encouraged to make use of these items in the adjoining Reading Room.