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Overview

Throughout history, libraries have been at the center of cultural and intellectual life, providing a unique place for discovery. The University Library in the Jean and Charles Schulz Information Center continues this tradition through the development of innovative programs, access to print and electronic resources, and technology designed to enhance the information seeking process.

Completed in August 2000, the Schulz Information Center offers the Sonoma State community a beautiful environment for pursuing academic endeavors. The many unique features of the three-story, 215,000-square-foot building include wireless technology; video conferencing; a 24-hour computer lab; art gallery space; a cafe; open terraces; natural and ambient lighting, including skylights; plenty of open study space and computers; and two fully accessible entrances. The infrastructure of the Information Center includes more than 2 million feet of cable, more than 100,000 feet of fiber optic cabling, nearly 5,000 network and phone jacks, a top-of-the-line integrated security system and fire alarm systems, and state-of-the-art seismic features. In addition, the Information Center has a state-of-the-art automated retrieval system that provides quick access to items housed in a computer-managed shelving system.

Collections and Services

The University Library has a collection of more than 650,000 bound volumes, with approximately 8,000 new titles added each year. Current periodical subscriptions number more than 30,000 in both print and electronic formats. The regional collection contains many current and historical materials and local documents relating to the North Bay, including a growing collection of wine-related materials. The University Library's special collections include the Carl Bernatovech collection of Jack London materials and the papers of well-known *Press Democrat* columnist Gaye LeBaron. The micro-form collection has more than 1.3 million items. The Library also enjoys extensive borrowing agreements which provide speedy access to the materials held by institutions throughout the state and the country.

The Information Commons on the first floor is a multifunctional location providing students a unique gathering space to research, study, write, and pursue other academic tasks. The Information Commons provides extensive access to the types of technology needed by today's students, including wired and wireless Internet access and productivity software.

Reference Services, located on the second floor, range from quick answers to simple questions to advanced research consultations and office hours with librarian specialists.

The Learning and Teaching Center provides trainings and workshops on information literacy and uses of information technology for students and faculty.

The Multimedia Center, also on the second floor, houses the non-print collection, such as sound recordings, videocassettes, DVDs, and an interactive multimedia development lab. The curriculum collection for teacher education and juvenile books are also located on the second floor.

The third floor houses most of the University Library's circulating collection, SSU theses, the regional collection, and the University Archives. Within the special collections area is the Waring Jones Reading Room, which houses the Jack London materials among other unique, one-of-a-kind materials.

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