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UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE LIBRARY

The University of Delaware Library [library.udel.edu] includes the Hugh M. Morris Library, the main library; two branch libraries located on the Newark campus, the Chemistry Library and the Physics Library; and a third branch library, the Marine Studies Library, located in Lewes, Delaware.

The collections of the University of Delaware Library parallel the academic interests of the University of Delaware and are broadly based and comprehensive. The collections include over 2,790,000 books and bound periodicals plus over 450,000 electronic books and over 83,000 electronic journals. Books, periodicals, electronic resources, databases, electronic books, electronic journals, microforms, government publications, maps, manuscripts, media, political papers especially of Delaware public officials and access to information via the Internet provide a major academic resource for the University of Delaware, the surrounding community, the state of Delaware and the nation. The University of Delaware Library is a depository library for U.S. government publications; a patent depository for U.S. patents; and a repository for state of Delaware publications. Library staff members provide a wide range of in-person, online and telephone services including reference, circulation, interlibrary loan, instructional programs, assistance to users working on multimedia projects and assistance to users with disabilities. The Library collaborates with faculty to provide information literacy and digital literacy instruction to more than 9,000 students in UD courses annually.

The University of Delaware Library is an innovator in identifying, acquiring and making accessible a broad range of electronic library resources. The University of Delaware Library constantly updates the technology and adds resources for students, faculty and staff to provide the most current and convenient information resources and services to its users.

Memberships of the University of Delaware Library include Association of Research Libraries, Center for Research Libraries, Coalition for Networked Information, OCLC (Online Computer Library Center), including the OCLC Research Library Partnership, LYRASIS, NorthEast Research Libraries Consortium (NERL), HathiTrust, CLIR (Council on Library and Information Resources) and SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition). The University of Delaware Library is also a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) which promotes health information, education and/or access in the Mid-Atlantic Region which includes Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. To enhance interlibrary loan service, the Library is also a member of RapidILL.

Library Hours of Service

The University of Delaware Library provides access to electronic resources 24 hours a day via the Library web [library.udel.edu]. Library users may call 302-831-BOOK/302-831-2665 for Library hours of the Morris Library and branch libraries or check the Library web for Library hours. The Morris Library is open 114 hours a week during the academic year. Hours during holidays and intersessions vary. Regular semester hours for the Morris Library and more are available directly at [library.udel.edu/info/hours].

DELICAT Discovery: Library Online Catalog and More

DELICAT Discovery [delicat.worldcat.org] is an online, cloud-based service that provides information about and access to the physical and electronic holdings of the University of Delaware Library. DELICAT Discovery includes information about the Library collection and also provides links to electronic journals, electronic books and other resources. A user can limit searches to only those items physically held by the Library or a search can be done of the entire WorldCat database that encompasses over 370 million titles in over 72,000 libraries throughout the world. Items held by the University of Delaware Library appear at or near the top of the results display. Items not held by the Library can be requested via the interlibrary loan link that automatically generates an interlibrary loan request.

Databases

More than 410 licensed databases are provided by the University of Delaware Library for use. Each database allows searching of many thousands of publications at once. Some databases are general in nature and cover virtually all disciplines, and others are specific subject-oriented. Some databases are “full text” and include entire articles and some databases include citations and summaries. The Library web [library.udel.edu] provides a direct link to “Databases.” Remote access to licensed databases is available only to University of Delaware students, faculty and staff.

Electronic Journals and Electronic Books

The University of Delaware Library subscribes (in addition to over 1,500 print journals and newspapers) to over 83,000 electronic journals which cover all disciplines and are licensed for use by University of Delaware students, faculty and staff. Entire articles from the electronic journals are available online to search, read and print. The Library collection includes over 450,000 electronic books. The Library web [library.udel.edu] provides a direct link to electronic journals and electronic books.

Online Services

Numerous electronic services are offered by the University of Delaware Library. Examples of electronic services are:

- Get It! – online electronic journal access and document delivery
- Alerting Services – receive email information and electronic articles on topics you select
- Ask the Library – a suite of online services, including chat, email and text messaging where you can get answers to questions about library services, collections and spaces
- RefWorks – an online bibliographic management program that allows creation of a personal database of references and generates bibliographies in a variety of formats
- Article DELivery Service – online copies of articles and book chapters from materials available from the University of Delaware Library print and microform collections to University of Delaware faculty, staff, graduate students and undergraduate students.
- Library services are available via the Library web at [library.udel.edu/services/?index.html].

The University of Delaware Library has an Institutional Repository called UDSpace which uses open source DSpace software to capture, store, index, preserve and redistribute the intellectual output of the University of Delaware original research of faculty and staff in digital form including technical reports, working papers, conference papers, images and more. UDSpace is available online at [udspace.udel.edu].

Morris Library Building and Services

The Morris Library provides: seating for more than 2,500 people; wireless access throughout the public areas of the Morris Library with plentiful access to electric outlets for laptops and other devices; more than 245 computer workstations accessible to users; a current periodical reading room; self-service scanners and photocopiers; microform reader/printers including digital microform scanners; large reading rooms; small research studies which faculty may reserve; small graduate carrels which graduate students may reserve; a computing site; a Digital Mapping (GIS) station; special equipment and areas to assist users with disabilities; an instructional media area and viewing room; 31 small reservable group study rooms for use by students in groups, with 10 additional rooms being constructed in 2016/17; a handsome Special Collections area including an exhibition gallery and a reading room with a controlled environmental system for rare materials; the Student Multimedia Design Center with 70 workstations and 6 studios and many other areas and services. Bleecker Street café, which is operated by the University of Delaware Dining Services, is located in the Commons just inside the Morris Library entrance. The Information Room in the Morris Library was renovated with completion at the fall 2014 and includes attractive collaborative study areas. The Reading Room was renovated in 2015/2016. A new UD Graduate Student Research Room was also constructed inside the Reading Room on the first floor.

Student Multimedia Design Center

The Student Multimedia Design Center [library.udel.edu/multimedia] is designed to meet the current and future needs of the increasing number of classes which involve creation of multimedia projects and presentations as a course requirement. The Center offers the space, software, equipment and expertise for all steps of multimedia creation and for practicing presentations. The Student Multimedia Design Center with its focus on multimedia creation is the largest such facility in an academic research library in the nation.

Source: University of Delaware Library

Special Collections

Subject strengths of Special Collections of the University of Delaware include history and Delawareana, political papers, science and technology, art, and literature, represented in books, manuscripts, archival collections, electronic materials, maps, prints and photographs from the 15th century to the present. Political papers, family papers to ships' logs are among the primary source material. The recently gifted Mark Samuels Lasner Collection greatly enhances the collection's strengths in British Literature of the 19th and early 20th century. The recent merger of Special Collections with the University Museums brought into the collection works of American art of the 20th century (especially prints, photographs and work by African American artists), European prints, Inuit art, Pre-Columbian art and minerals.

Exhibitions are offered in the Special Collections Gallery in Morris Library, Old College Gallery, Mechanical Hall Gallery and in the Mineralogical Museum in Penny Hall. All exhibitions and accompanying programs are offered to the UD community and general public without charge. Collaborative initiatives and programming with students, faculty and departments across campus foster diversity and enhance interdisciplinary research and teaching. For information about Special Collections and Museums as well as current and past exhibitions see www.lib.udel.edu/ud/spec and www.udel.edu/museums.

Services to Delaware Public Schools

The University of Delaware Library administers a state-funded collaboration called UDLib/SEARCH between the Delaware Department of Education and the University of Delaware Library providing online magazines, journals, encyclopedias and training for all Delaware K-12 public schools, which provides access via the web to online periodicals and databases to all K-12 public schools in Delaware, and including training for teachers, librarians and technical support. More information about UDLib/SEARCH is available at udlibsearch.lib.udel.edu. Information for teachers and schools who wish to bring student groups to the Library is available on the web at library.udel.edu/instruction/guidelines/.

University of Delaware Library Associates

Founded in 1958, the University of Delaware Library Associates, the "friends group" of the University of Delaware Library, works to enrich the research collections of the University of Delaware Library through gifts from individuals. New members are actively solicited for membership with an annual minimum fee of \$50 per year. The membership brochure may be accessed online at www2.lib.udel.edu/udla or a printed brochure may be requested by sending an email message to UDLA@udel.edu or by calling 302-831-2231.

Size of Collections (2015/2016)

Books and bound periodicals	2,790,000
E-Books (not a subset of above)	450,000
Microforms	3,300,000
Electronic and print journals and newspapers (includes 83,000 electronic)	84,000
Other resources (videos, maps, etc.) (includes 28,000 videos)	480,000
Databases	410
Research Guides to the Internet	250
Linear feet of manuscripts and archives	9,500

Use Statistics (2015/2016)

Items checked out	104,000
Individuals entering Morris Library	980,000
All Library web pageviews	4,600,000
Reference questions	78,000
Interlibrary loans	46,000
User education provided to individuals	13,000
User education provided to groups	600