Library Overview

The library is one of the most heavily used buildings on campus. Students go to the library to study, use the computer labs and printers, and to check out books, CDs, and DVDs.

The following is a short list of the most important things to know about the library.

Checkout Policy - A UT ID (Spartans card) is needed to check out books and DVDs from the library. Books can be checked out for six weeks or until the end of the semester (whichever comes first).

Computer Labs - The library has two main computer labs, one behind the reference desk and one along the southwest wall in the glassed in room (the library entrance is on the southwest side of the library). In addition to the computer labs there are also several computers and printers near the reference desk for student use.

Databases - The library subscribes to over 150 databases. Talk to a reference librarian to determine which ones might be most useful for your research project.

Esearch - To access much of the electronic material held in the library's collection you will need to log in through the Esearch link. Your Esearch username and password is the same as your Spartans Domain/Network username and password. Once you are logged in you can use the library's electronic resources from anywhere in the world.

Food Policy – Food and drink are not allowed in the library. Drinks with caps and lids are okay. Power/granola/energy bars are acceptable, but no sandwiches, no chips, no pizza, and nothing in a clamshell container. Anyone eating food may be asked to remove the food from the library.

Interlibrary Loan - If there is a book you need that we do not have in the library's collection we can probably borrow it from another library for you. To get help with borrowing a book from another library ask about our interlibrary loan system at the reference desk.

Laptop Checkout - If you need to check out a laptop computer, please go to the Jaeb Computer Center.

Library Hours - The library hours vary throughout the semester so always check the hours on the online calendar before making a special trip. However, for the fall and spring semester the hours are usually Monday-Wednesday 8am-1am, Thursday 8am-Midnight, Friday 8am-6pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, and Sunday noon - midnight. These hours are subject to change.

Library Location - The library is on the east side of campus, next to the river and next to the pool.

Library Quiet – Conversations are okay, but please speak quietly in deference to those who are studying. Phones should be turned to vibrate and cell phone conversations should take place outside the library.
Online Catalog - Locate books and DVDs you can check out by searching in the online catalog.

Photocopy Machines - There are several coin-operated photocopy machines, including a color photocopy machine, on the first floor of the library.

Printers - There are several printers, including a color printer, connected to the desktop computers available in the library.

Reference Desk - The librarians working at the reference desk can help you locate resources for your research.

Research Guides - The research guides are constantly being updated, so be sure to check them to see if they can help you with your research. A link to the list of research guides is on the library’s front page.

Reserves - If your professor has put something on reserves, you can check it out at the circulation desk.

Scanners - There are several scanners available for student use.

Study Rooms - The library has some small study rooms that can be used on a first-come-first-served basis (if they are not being used, you may use them). There are also two larger study rooms that are available to larger groups and must be reserved. Check at the circulation desk for information on availability and instructions on how to reserve a study room.

Subject Guides - To help make navigating the long list of databases more manageable we have created a list of subject guides. The link to the subject guides is on the library’s front page.