Merrill-Cazier Library

As the heart of the University system, the Merrill-Cazier Library provides access to the information students will need to develop critical thinking skills and become informed members of society.

YOUR LIBRARY

The state-of-the-art Merrill-Cazier Library opened its doors in the fall of 2005, bringing all library resources and services under one roof. As a single comprehensive facility, USU's library is the intellectual center of campus. Librarians are always available to help you find the information you need and can be an important resource as you make your transition to college.

The library features an environment rich in resources and technology, including:

- more than 30 study rooms, some of which have computers and presentation capabilities.
- the Information Commons, which has more than 100 computers with productivity software. The Commons is staffed by librarians and computer assistants who can help you at any stage of your assignments, from research to creating Powerpoint presentations.
- wireless access throughout the building.
- a café with wireless access.
- an automated storage and retrieval system (nicknamed the BARN).
- self-check out machines.

Your library offers a place for collaboration, inspiration, and research. We look forward to seeing you here!

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS AND CALL NUMBERS

Library materials are arranged on the shelves according to the Library of Congress Classification scheme. This system serves to group similar subjects together. Broad subject areas, such as science or history, are assigned to a particular letter of the alphabet. Each letter is then broken down more specifically (e.g., physics or European history) by the addition of a second letter and various numbers. Once an item is assigned its classification number, further numbers and letters may be added to create a unique shelf address, known as the call number, for locating that item on the shelf.

Examples:

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Note that several specific collections, such as Government Documents, Special Collections, and Library Media Collections, use different classification schemes. Consult with a reference librarian for assistance in locating any materials you need.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

In addition to maintaining print materials, the Library is a portal to a vast collection of electronic resources. The Library purchases and provides access to more than 40,000 electronic journals and 200 databases for locating articles. These resources are crucial to research and the educational experience and are available to all USU students.
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES
The Library’s Special Collections and Archives division is a particularly valuable resource for research. The collections contain a significant body of unique materials, including manuscripts and rare books and the historical archives of USU. Of particular note are one of the nation’s most comprehensive collections of Jack London’s writing, more than one million images featuring the Intermountain West, and the Fife Folklore Archives.

LIBRARY WEBSITE
Information about the Library’s services and resources is available through the Library’s website: http://library.usu.edu. From this site you can access the online catalog, view course reserves, locate a librarian, and search for published articles.

LIBRARY HOURS
For current library hours, please visit http://library.usu.edu. Please note that hours are subject to change during semester breaks, University holidays, and summer semesters.

PHONE NUMBERS
Research Help (435) 797-2678
Library Circulation (435) 797-2601