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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, a 24-hour computer lab, art gallery space, a cafe, open terraces, natural and ambient lighting, and much more. In addition to open shelving, the Information Center has a state-of-the-art Automated Retrieval System (ARS) that provides quick access to items housed in a computer-managed shelving system.

Collections and Services

The University Library has a collection of around 600,000 print volumes, with approximately 5,000 new titles added each year, in addition to over 25,000 e-books. Current periodical subscriptions number over 32,000 in both print and electronic formats. The multimedia collection, including DVDs, CDs and other media formats, includes about 50,000 items. The regional collection contains many current and historical books, local documents and media materials relating to the North Bay. The Library's special collections include the Jack London Collection and the papers of well-known Press Democrat columnist Gaye LeBaron. North Bay digital collections provide full text and images relating to Sonoma County history, the environment, the 1906 earthquake and lime kilns. The University Archives are also housed in the Library.

The Library 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 multi-functional location providing students a unique gathering space for group study, research, writing, and pursuing other academic tasks. The Information Commons provides extensive access to the types of technology needed by today's students including productivity software and presentation software such as PowerPoint and iMovie.

Reference services on the second floor range from quick answers for simple questions to advanced research consultations with librarians. A 24/7 chat reference service and an email-based "Ask a Librarian" service provide additional help.

The Library Teaching Center (LTC) on the second floor is home to the Library's instruction program. Instruction services include workshops and training (both in person and online) in library research and resources, specialized sessions for specific classes at the request of instructors, and targeted sessions for entering freshmen. An interactive multimedia development lab, teaching labs and open study space are also part of the LTC.

The Multimedia Center, also on the second floor, houses the non-print collection, such as sound recordings, videocassettes, DVDs, and the equipment to use these materials. Group viewing rooms are available.

The third floor houses most of the University Library's circulating collection, special collections and University Archives.

Computers and study spaces are available throughout the University Library, providing areas for quiet study, group work, relaxed reading & listening, group viewing, and meeting places.

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