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LIBRARY FACT SHEET

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

The collections of the UD Library support the academic interests of the University of Delaware and are broadly based and comprehensive. 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 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 UD Library is a member of the 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 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 UD 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. Regular semester hours for the Morris Library and more are available directly at library.udel.edu/info/hours. Hours during holidays and intersessions vary.

Library Web

Library web, library.udel.edu is the place to begin using the Library online. It provides links to all types of information including access to DELCAT Discovery, databases, electronic journals and newspapers, electronic books, research guides, finding aids for Special Collections and many other types of information and services.

DELCAT Discovery: Library Online Catalog and More

DELCAT Discovery delcat.worldcat.org is an online, service that provides information about, and access to, the holdings of the UD Library. DELCAT Discovery, which was implemented in 2014, 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 380 million bibliographic records in libraries throughout the world. Items not held by the Library can be requested via the interlibrary loan link that automatically generates an interlibrary loan request.

Databases and Electronic Resources

The Library provides access to many licensed databases, journal and books. These licensed resources are for use by University of Delaware students, faculty and staff. Some databases include citations and abstracts and many include the full text of articles. You may download or print article from the databases or from the electronic journals. The Library web, library.udel.edu, is the gateway to all these resources.

Online Services

Numerous electronic services are offered by the UD 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 Library print and microform collections to University of Delaware faculty, students and staff
- Library services are available via the Library web at library.udel.edu/services/?index.html.

The UD Library has an Institutional Repository, UDSpace, to capture, store, index, preserve and redistribute the intellectual output of University of Delaware faculty and staff research, including technical reports, working papers, conference papers, images and more, in digital form. Contact a librarian for more information about UDSpace.

Morris Library Building and Services

The Morris Library provides: seating for more than 2,500 people; wireless access throughout the public areas with access to electric outlets for laptops and other devices; over 245 computer workstations accessible to users; self-service photocopiers; microform reader/printers including digital microform scanners; large reading rooms; small graduate carrels, which UD 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; small group study rooms for use by students; Special Collections including an exhibition gallery and a reading room; and the Student Multimedia Design Center. Bleecker Street café, which is operated by the UD Dining Services, is located in the Commons just inside the Morris Library entrance. The first floor Reading Room was renovated in early 2016. A new UD Graduate Student Research Room was added inside the Reading Room on the first floor. Additional group study rooms will be built during late 2016.

Special Collections

Special Collections include books, manuscripts, archival collections, maps, prints and graphic materials, broadsides, periodicals, pamphlets, photographs, audio-visual material, electronic records and born-digital material, ephemera, and realia from the 15th century to the present. Also available to students is the Mark Samuels Lasner Collection of nineteenth and early 20th century British Literature and Art. Particular strengths of the collection include English, Irish and American literature; history and Delawareana; horticulture; and the history of science and technology. Materials from the collections are exhibited in the second floor gallery and in cases throughout the Morris Library.

Student Multimedia Design Center

The Student Multimedia Design Center library.udel.edu/multimedia is designed to meet the current 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.

Services to Delaware Public Schools

The UD Library administers a state-funded collaboration, UDLib/SEARCH between the Delaware Department of Education and the Library. It provides online access to periodicals and databases to all K-12 public schools in Delaware, 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 Morris Library is available 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 UD Library, works to enrich the research collections of the Library through gifts from individuals. New members are actively solicited for membership with an annual minimum contribution 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)

Print books and journals	2,790,000
E-Books	450,000
Microforms	3,300,000
Electronic and print journals and newspapers (includes 83,000 electronic)	84,000
Films and Videos	28,000
Other resources (Maps, etc.)	482,000
Databases	410
Research Guides to the Internet	250
Linear feet of manuscripts and archives	9,500

Use Statistics (2015/2016)

Items checked out/Circulation	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