The UW–Madison Libraries have one of the largest research library collections in North America and provide quality services to support the teaching, learning, research, and outreach mission of our great university.

Library Collections

The Libraries have a rapidly growing collection of electronic resources as well as more than eight million volumes, millions of microfilms, several hundred thousand government documents, and a wealth of newspapers, maps, musical scores, rare manuscripts, archival materials, and audiovisual media. More than 425 languages are represented in the holdings. Help us build our collections by suggesting a purchase.

http://library.wisc.edu/collections
Special Collections

Among the Department of Special Collections’ holdings are rare books, manuscripts and archives, printed ephemera, pictorial materials, and a significant reference collection. Collection strengths include English and American literature, history of science, history of the book, European collections, and philosophy and theology.
http://specialcollections.library.wisc.edu

Archives

The University Archives collects, preserves, and provides access to materials that document campus history including manuscript collections, images, oral histories, film, and memorabilia.
http://archives.library.wisc.edu

Digital Collections

The UW Digital Collections Center works with faculty and departments to create unique digital resources that support the instruction and research needs of the UW community. Resources within these collections are free and publicly accessible online.
http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu
Research Assistance

Need help researching a topic, finding journal articles, organizing your citations, identifying grants, or locating statistics? Librarians are available to help navigate our rich resources and services.

- Ask a Librarian for assistance via chat, text, email, phone, in person, or by appointment.  
  [http://library.wisc.edu/help/ask](http://library.wisc.edu/help/ask)

- Subject specialist librarians (liaisons) provide faculty, students, and staff with in-depth research consultations, instruction, journal alerts, and much more. Contact your department’s liaison:  
  [http://library.wisc.edu/services/subject-librarians](http://library.wisc.edu/services/subject-librarians)

- Tutoring, advising, media design assistance, and writing help are available in the Libraries through campus partnerships.
Services for Teaching and Learning

• Workshops are offered for students and faculty on such topics as citation management, literature reviews, and geographic information systems. Additionally, a series tailored for graduate students is offered. Tip sheets and research guides are available online.  
  http://library.wisc.edu/help

• Customized instruction sessions can be arranged by faculty and instructors to help students with research assignments.  
  http://library.wisc.edu/services/instructional-services

• Libraries help connect students to course materials. Faculty and instructors can arrange to have books (including textbooks), articles, videos, notes, or exams placed on print or electronic reserve.  
  http://library.wisc.edu/services/course-reserves-materials

• Librarians work with faculty and instructors to design library course pages that support course needs and research assignments. The pages may include course reserves and links to research tips, journal databases, and websites.  
  http://library.wisc.edu/services/library-course-pages
American Indian Studies
   Chican@ and Latin@ Studies Program
Art (Kohler)
Astronomy
Business
CCBC (Cooperative Children’s Book Center)
   MERIT (Media/Education Resources/Information Technology)
Center for Cooperatives
Chemistry
College (Helen C. White)
   School of Library & Information Studies (SLIS)
Ebling (Health Sciences)
Geography
   Robinson Map
Geology & Geophysics (Leith)
Historical Society (Wisconsin)
Journalism Reading Room
Law
Learning Support Services
LGBT Resource Center
   Morgridge Center
Limnology Reading Room
Math (Kleene)
Max Kade German-American Institute
Memorial (Humanities & Social Sciences)
   Music (Mills)
   Special Collections (Memorial Library)
Physics
Ruth Ketterer Harris (Textile)
Schwerdtfeger (Space Science)
Social Science Reference (Somers)
Social Work (Franks)
Steenbock Memorial (Agriculture & Life Sciences)
   University Archives & Records Management Services
Wendt Commons (Engineering)
Wisconsin’s Water Library
Spaces and Places

Campus libraries offer a variety of spaces for learning, research, and teaching. You will find quiet spaces that are ideal for individual study, as well as places with integrated technology designed for group study and collaboration. You can reserve your study space online.

http://library.wisc.edu/libraries/library-study-rooms

The restored reading room in the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Wendt Commons, and the study rooms in College Library with views of Lake Mendota are just a few of the inspirational spaces in the libraries. Late night studying space is also available in libraries across campus, including College Library which is open 24/5 and features a coffee shop and other amenities.

http://library.wisc.edu/libraries
Equipment and Technology

Need a laptop, video camera, or a poster for your presentation? The Libraries provide access to many types of equipment and technology.

• Working with the Division of Information Technology (DoIT), the Libraries provide more than 1,000 computer workstations, the software you need to complete coursework, and access to color printers, scanners, and wide-format poster printers.
  http://doit.wisc.edu/computerlabs

• The Libraries have hundreds of laptops that students, faculty, and staff can check out. Other available equipment includes video cameras, audio recorders, projectors, still cameras, and external hard drives.
  http://ecs.library.wisc.edu
Article and Book Delivery

Our Interlibrary Loan service provides UW–Madison faculty, students, and staff access to books, articles, and other resources.

- Borrow books and other materials from off-campus collections.
- Request chapters from books or copies of articles from any journal located on or off campus.
- Access distance services, if you live outside Dane county, allow you to request books and articles from on or off campus. Books will be mailed directly to your home.

http://library.wisc.edu/services
Scholarly Communication

The Libraries provide expertise, services, and tools that support faculty and other researchers throughout the life cycle of their research, from conception and design of the research, to storage archiving and preservation of the data and resulting publications, including:

• Facilitating best practices for data management, grant agency policies, and informatics tools
• Expertise in navigating copyright and open access in today’s publishing landscape
• Tailored support and resources for optimizing visibility, access, and impact of faculty scholarly output

http://go.wisc.edu/scholarlycommunication