University of Delaware | Library, Museums & Press

The University of Delaware Library, Museums and Press [library.udel.edu] includes the Hugh M. Morris Library, the main library; the branch libraries in Newark: the Chemistry Library and the Physics Library; and the Marine Studies Library, located in Lewes, Delaware. During the academic year, exhibitions can be viewed in four campus venues: the Special Collections Gallery in Morris Library, Old College Gallery, Mechanical Hall Gallery and the Mineralogical Museum in Penny Hall. All exhibitions and accompanying programs are offered to the UD community and general public without charge.

Collections

The collections of the University of Delaware Library parallel 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 University of Delaware 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.

Special Collections and Museums has a wide-ranging and interdisciplinary collection encompassing books, manuscripts, art, archival materials, minerals and much more. Subject strengths of Special Collections include history, Delawareana, science and technology, art and literature; political papers, family papers and ships' logs. The Mark Samuels Lasner Collection greatly enhances the collection's strengths in British Literature of the 19th and early 20th century. American art of the 20th century (especially prints, photographs and work by African American artists), European prints, Inuit art, Pre-Columbian art and minerals are among the strengths of the Museums' collections.

Library Hours of Service

The Library, Museums and Press (the Library) provide access to electronic resources 24 hours a day via library.udel.edu. Library users may visit the hours website or call 302-831-BOOK(2665) for Library hours. The Morris Library is open 114 hours a week during the academic year.

Using the Library Online or at Home

The University of Delaware Library is an innovator in identifying, acquiring and making accessible a broad range of electronic library resources. The University of Delaware Library constantly updates the technology and adds resources for students, faculty and staff to provide the most current and convenient information resources and services to its users.

The Library homepage is the place to begin using the Library online. It provides links to information and resources, including access to:
- DELCAT Discovery, the online catalog to help you find materials;
- licensed databases, 76,000+ electronic journals and newspapers (many full text) that you may download and print;
- 440,000+ electronic books;
- subject-specific Research Guides;
- finding aids for Special Collections; and
- many other types of information and services.

The Library provides an Article DELivery Service, which sends electronic copies of articles and book chapters from materials available in the Library print and microform collections to University of Delaware faculty, students and staff. Items not held by the Library can be requested from other libraries via interlibrary loan.

The University of Delaware Library has an Institutional Repository "UDSpace" which uses open source DSpace software to capture, store, index, preserve and redistribute the intellectual output of the University of Delaware original research of faculty and staff in digital form including technical reports, working papers, conference papers, images and more.

Morris Library Building and Services
The Morris Library provides seating for 1,500+ people in a variety of individual and collaborative spaces, including 30+ reservable group study rooms; graduate carrels, which UD graduate students may reserve; a Graduate Student Research Room; the Multimedia Writing Center, where one may schedule sessions with writing tutors or Oral Communications Fellows; and the group links tables, where students in a group can easily collaborate on digital projects. There is wireless access throughout the public areas, access to electric outlets and 245+ computers, scanners and copiers. Bleecker Street café, which is operated by the UD Dining Services, is located in the Commons just inside the Morris Library entrance.

In the past year, the Library was pleased to open ten additional group study rooms for student use and replace some study carrels on the third floor.

The Student Multimedia Design Center on the lower level is designed to meet the current and future needs of the large number of classes which involve creation of multimedia projects and presentations as a course requirement. The Center offers the space, computer hardware and software, video production equipment for loan and expertise for all steps of multimedia creation. The Student Multimedia Design Center with its focus on multimedia creation is the largest such facility in an academic research library in the nation.

Expertise to Help at the Library
The most valuable resource at the Library is the staff. The Library collaborates with faculty to provide information literacy and digital literacy instruction to more than 9,000 students in UD courses annually.
Library users can ask staff at any service desk questions about the Library or for assistance with Library resources.

ASK THE LIBRARY

CALL
302-831-2965

TEXT
302-360-8747

CHAT
ask.lib.udel.edu

EMAIL
ask@udel.libanswers.com

Services to Delaware Public Schools
The University of Delaware Library administers a state-funded collaboration called UDLib/SEARCH between the Delaware Department of Education and the University of Delaware Library providing online magazines, journals, encyclopedias and training for all Delaware K-12 public schools, which provides access via the web to online periodicals and databases to all K-12 public schools in Delaware, and including 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 Library is available on the web at [library.udel.edu/instruction/guidelines/].

Memberships
The 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 University of Delaware Library is also a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) which promotes health information,

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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. The Library has recently been granted membership into the Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA), a project-oriented consortium of research libraries across the United States, nationally recognized as a leader in the transformation of scholarly communication, and a facilitator in the application of new information technologies.

University of Delaware Library Associates

Founded in 1958, the University of Delaware Library Associates (UDLA) is celebrating their 60th Anniversary this year. UDLA works to enrich the research collections of the Library through gifts.

Facts & Figures

Use Statistics (2016/2017)

Items checked out	102,000
Individuals entering Morris Library	955,000
All Library web pageviews	3,900,000
Reference questions	50,600
Interlibrary loans	42,900
User education provided to individuals	14,000
User education provided to groups	680

Size of Collections (2016/2017)

Books and bound periodicals	2,789,000
E-Books (not a subset of above)	564,000
Electronic and print journals and newspapers (includes 83,000 electronic)	87,000
Microforms	3,300,000
Other resources (videos, maps, etc.) (includes 28,000 videos)	480,000
Databases	410
Research Guides	250
Linear feet of manuscripts and archives	9,500