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Throughout history, libraries have been at the center of cultural and intellectual life. The University Library in the Jean and Charles Schulz Information Center continues this tradition through the development of innovative instruction, outreach, and cultural programs, access to print and electronic resources, and technology designed to enhance information-seeking.

Completed in August 2000, the Jean and Charles Schulz Information Center offers the Sonoma State community a spacious, well-lit environment for learning, teaching, reflection, reading, collaboration, and innovation. The three-story, 219,000 square foot building features an art gallery and other exhibit spaces, a café, an open terrace, a makerspace, a 24-hour computer lab, hundreds of computers, printing, and scanning. In addition to open shelving, the Schulz Center has an automated retrieval system that provides quick access to hundreds of thousands of books and other materials housed in a computer-managed storage system.

Collections and Services

The University Library has a collection of around 600,000 print volumes in addition to over 198,000 ebooks. Current periodical subscriptions number over 66,000 in both print and electronic formats. The multimedia collection, including DVDs, CDs and other media formats, features over 50,000 items, including 34,000 streaming videos. The Regional Collection contains current and historical books, local documents, and materials relating to the North Bay. The Library's Special Collections include the Jack London Collection, the papers of Press Democrat columnist Gaye LeBaron, and collections related to North Bay environmental history, including the Bill Kortum Papers. North Bay Digital Collections provide full text and images relating to Sonoma County history, the regional environment, the 1906 earthquake, and other topics. The University Archives are also housed in the Library, and document campus history through materials such as student newspapers, photos, commencement programs, and course catalogs.

The Library enjoys extensive borrowing agreements which provide speedy access to materials held by institutions throughout the state and the country. The Information Commons on the first floor is a provides students a unique gathering space for group study, research, writing, and pursuing other academic tasks, and provides extensive access to the types of technology needed by today's students.

Research Help ranges from quick answers for simple questions to advanced research consultations with librarians. Simply ask for assistance at the service desks located on the first and second floors. A 24/7 chat reference service and an email "Ask a Librarian" service provide additional help.

The Learning and 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 first-year and second-year students. Study rooms, soft seating, and open study space are also part of the LTC.

The SSU Makerspace is located on the second floor of the Library. SSU affiliated students, staff and faculty are welcome to make use of the equipment during regular hours. Attend a workshop to gain access to emerging technology and learn new skills. Hours are Monday-Friday, 12:00 p.m-5:00 p.m.

The third floor—designated for quiet study — houses most of the University Library's circulating collection, Regional and Special Collections, University Archives, and 12 study rooms.

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University Library Arts and Events Program

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The Arts and Events Program in the University Library enriches the scholarly and cultural life of the Sonoma State community through a year-round program of gallery exhibits, lectures and presentations, and events.

The Library Gallery and the “2 North” exhibit space, both on the second floor, showcase art aligned with university initiatives and interests. Recent exhibits have ranged from the work of local photographer John LeBaron, to a collection of President Judy K. Sakaki’s exhibit “I am...Because.”

Events programming by the Library offers a balance of scholarly enrichment and campus engagement. Every summer the Library kicks off its annual event series with Love Your Library, a festive event for the University’s incoming Summer Bridge students that offers games, displays, and other fun activities. Recent topics for lectures have included faculty readings, panels on voting rights, and the art of cartooning. Wikipedia Edit-a-Thons, held in the Special Collections room, have drawn faculty and students from across disciplines.