University Libraries

The University Libraries connect people with information to spark intellectual curiosity and enable the creation of knowledge. The Libraries play a vital role in the academic success of our students, the teaching and research of our faculty, and the intellectual pursuits of our alumni and community members.

Founded
- 1846 as UB Medical School Library

Collections
- 4 million print volumes
- 92,000 full-text electronic journals
- 790,000 e-books

Staff
- 138 librarians, professional and classified staff
- 173 undergraduate and graduate student assistants

International Treasures
The Libraries’ renowned Special Collections include the world’s largest archive of James Joyce manuscripts. The Poetry Collection, home to an outstanding collection of 20th- and 21st-century poetry in English, also houses literary archives and manuscript collections representing a wide range of poets and presses.

Subject Librarians
Every UB department, school, program and course has a subject librarian assigned to it. These librarians are specialists in the academic areas they serve, and are the primary Libraries’ contacts for students and faculty.

Resources and Services
The UB Libraries provide an outstanding array of digital and print resources to support research in both physical and virtual environments. Working closely with faculty, librarians integrate information resources and technologies into UB courses and programs, assist students with research assignments, develop subject guides and Web tutorials, and offer instructional sessions and workshops ranging from basic introductions to advanced research sessions.

Digital Collections
The UB Libraries are committed to digitizing materials from our impressive collections so that materials are accessible by anyone at any time in any place. Explore our unique digital collections at digital.lib.buffalo.edu.

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Points of Pride within UB’s University Libraries

Libraries and Collections
Architecture & Planning Library
Digital Collections
Health Sciences Library
Charles B. Sears Law Library
Libraries Annex
Lockwood Memorial Library
- Science & Engineering Information Center
Music Library
Oscar A. Silverman Library
Special Collections:
- The Poetry Collection
- Rare & Special Books
- University Archives

Services
- Delivery+ interlibrary loan and intercampus document delivery
- Instant Librarian: 24/7 chat reference
- Workshops and classes
- Research consultations
- Subject librarians
- Online renewals
- Electronic course reserves

User Visits per Year
- 3.5 million+ in-person
- 14 million+ annual website page views

Study Spaces
- Group study rooms
- Silent study areas
- Individual study areas

Ask a Librarian
Walk-in reference service is available at most locations, or visit our website and click on “Ask a Librarian” to ask a question by phone, email, text or 24/7 chat.

Keeping in Touch
The UB Libraries are more than just buildings. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, or join the conversation on one of our subject blogs, where you’ll find library updates, database links, service and collection announcements and discussion forums.