Introduction

- University Libraries provide collections, resources and services to enhance the learning, teaching, research, and service activities of Florida State University. The Libraries’ collections include over 40 million titles and the website offers access to more than 1,064 databases and 119,385 electronic journals. Materials not available online or at the libraries may be requested through interlibrary loan or through the statewide UBorrow system, offering FSU faculty and students over 15 million books from 39 other state university and college libraries. The Library Express Delivery Service delivers books and articles to faculty, post-docs, graduate, teaching and research assistants on a daily basis.

- With almost two million visitors each year, Strozier Library, FSU’s largest library, is open 134 hours each week, providing around-the-clock research assistance and other services like free academic tutoring and a robust range of academic support throughout the day and late into the night. Students and faculty have a choice of learning spaces, from the Scholars Commons’ quiet Reading Room, to the 24-hour coffee shop, to the buzz of the Undergraduate Commons. Library faculty offer classes and consultations to teach critical research and thinking skills reaching over 27,000 participants. Seven other campus libraries offer many of the same services and resources, customized to complement the disciplines they serve. For distance learners and other off-campus library users, online research services are available, and the library staff offers outreach to residence halls and buildings across campus.

- The FSU Libraries include eight libraries on campus: the Robert Manning Strozier Library, Paul A. M. Dirac Science Library, Mildred and Claude Pepper Library, Warren Allen Music Library, Harold Goldstein Library and Information Studies Library, College of Law Legal Research Center, College of Medicine Maguire Medical Library, and the College of Engineering Library. Library materials and services are also available at the FSU Panama City Campus, as well as International Programs study centers in London, Florence, and the Republic of Panama, and a collection of art history and related materials at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Florida. (from University Factbook)
Description of Collections

- The library provides an allocation of funds for subject area collection development to purchase scholarly print and electronic books and media (DVDs, streaming services). Departmental faculty and subject librarians select materials to support the curriculum and research interests of the department. The library also maintains approval plans (books that are sent automatically when subject area and other non-subject area criteria are met based on a pre-defined profile) across many subject areas. In text-intensive subject areas, the library has a preference for electronic books. The library currently has access to approximately 200,000 scholarly e-books with circulation exceeding 1,000,000 uses per year.

- In addition to departmental allocations, the library provides supplemental funds to support individual faculty research in the form of:

  1. New Faculty Grants: All incoming full-time faculty receive $1,000 toward the one-time purchase of scholarly materials to support their area of research.

  2. Bradley Research Grants. On an annual basis the library allocates funds to support competitive proposals for faculty to request research materials that are more expensive than other funding sources can consider. Typically, at least $50,000 is allocated. The program is administered through the Faculty Senate Library Committee.

- Major databases (supplied by subject librarian)

- Major journal packages (supplied by subject librarian)

- Unmet curricular and research needs (supplied by E-resources and subject librarian)

- Shared collection development within the state and region

  The library participates in a number of collaborative collection development and resource-sharing programs with other colleges and universities within the state. Both the Florida Electronic Library (FEL) administered through the State Library of Florida, and the Florida Academic Library Services Consortium (FALSC) of
Florida’s State University System (SUS) and Florida College System (FCS) libraries, license content that is available to students and faculty at FSU. The library also benefits from a cooperative agreement with other state university libraries that allows shared access to e-books across all subject areas.

Description of Services Related to Collections

- Library instruction

The FSU Libraries partner with our faculty and students to link teaching and research to the many resources and services we provide. We offer research assistance and library instruction, both formal and informal, for individuals and groups. We offer these instruction sessions in class, in person, and in the various online and distance modes made available through FSU. Operating on our philosophy that our library resources are meant to be used, we proactively seek partners for instruction. Instruction sessions are typically offered by the subject librarian assigned to the department, however, others also participate in instruction, e.g. special collections, digital scholarship, data, etc. Most of our instruction sessions aim to help students develop critical and analytical thinking skills by following the Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education developed by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

- Research Consultation Service

University Libraries offer a research consultation service for students and faculty. Consultations are usually scheduled with a librarian or a team of librarians to discuss some aspect of the research or publication process. Consultations may cover many topics, including developing a search strategy, beginning a literature review, managing reference and citations, locating and using data sources, determining impact of research, creating a data management plan, and making research open access.

- Campus deliveries for books and journal articles

The Library Express Delivery Service (LEDS) delivers library books to department offices or faculty members, staff members, post-docs, and all Graduate Assistants. Article and microfilm requests are scanned and emailed directly to the researchers. Materials available for delivery requests include the collections of all FSU libraries, the remote storage facilities, and materials received through Interlibrary Loan.

- ILL and UBorrow for books and journal articles
When resources are not available within the FSU libraries, Interlibrary Loan (ILL) will request books, articles, and media from other libraries around the world. When materials cannot be borrowed, then ILL will often purchase the items in order to quickly meet research needs. UBorrow, the unmediated borrowing service among the Florida College System and the State University System, allows the FSU community to request books directly from the shared union catalog.

- Open Access, data management, and digital scholarship (Micah, Devin, Renaine)

FSU Libraries’ newly formed Office of Digital Research and Scholarship (DRS) provides support, infrastructure and consulting for technology-focused research projects in the areas of digital humanities, academic/digital publishing, data management, and digital pedagogy. DRS is focused on building collaborative research partnerships across campus, and providing platforms for new forms of scholarship. Our primary work since inception was establishing our technical infrastructure to support digital collections and projects, working with faculty governance on campus-wide open access and data management policies, and integrating digital tools and methodologies into classrooms.

- Subject Librarian Program

Librarians are assigned as liaisons to each academic department. Their role is to engage with students and faculty throughout the lifecycles of the research, teaching, and learning processes. As liaisons between the Libraries and the department, they are responsible for communicating information about library services and resources to the department and for promoting the needs of faculty and students within the Libraries.

**Link to additional information**

- The library’s discipline specific subject area LibGuide (supplied by subject librarian)
- The contact information of the subject librarian in case there are additional questions or comments. (supplied by subject librarian)

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