

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Facilities and Services

The University of Delaware Library includes the Morris Library, where the main collection is housed, three branch libraries located in Newark, the Agriculture Library, the Chemistry Library, and the Physics Library and a fourth branch library, the Marine Studies Library in Lewes, Delaware.

The collections of the University of Delaware Library parallel the University's academic interests and support all disciplines. Books, periodicals, microforms, government publications, computer databases and software, maps, manuscripts, media, and Internet access 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. Library staff members provide a wide range of services including reference assistance, circulation, interlibrary loan, instructional programs, assistance to the visually impaired, and computerized literature searches.

The Morris Library, the main library where the bulk of the collection is housed, seats over 3,000 persons. The University of Delaware Library is a member of the Association of Research Libraries, the Center for Research Libraries, CIRLA (the Chesapeake Information and Research Library Alliance), and PALINET through which it is a connected online member to OCLC, the Online Computer Library Center. For Library hours, call 302-831-BOOK or check the Library Web Site at:

<http://www.lib.udel.edu/>

Size of Collections (2000/01)

Books and bound periodicals	over 2,400,000
Microforms	over 3,200,000
Databases (all titles included in Databases listing)	over 180
Journals and newspapers in Database listing	over 20,000
Subject guides to Internet resources	over 90

Use Statistics (2000/01)

Items loaned	over 410,000
Items loaned to "Public Borrowers"	over 32,000
Items used on site	over 450,000
Individuals entering the Morris Library	over 830,000
Reference questions answered	over 180,000
Hits on Library Web Site	over 32,000,000

Electronic Library Resources

The University of Delaware Library provides online electronic access to networked and digital information including: journal article references and abstracts; full-text electronic articles; a full-text encyclopedia; government information; electronic journals; maps and many other items. Databases provide access to more than 180 networked databases for University of Delaware faculty, students, and staff. Databases contain hundreds of thousands of full-text articles, references and summaries of the contents of journals. "Networked" means that the electronic information is accessible at designated library workstations, in all University of Delaware microcomputing sites, and from all microcomputer connections in residence halls, offices, and off campus that can access the University of Delaware computing network via the World Wide Web. The Library Web Site is accessible at:

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The Library Web Site serves as a gateway research tool and provides gateway access to electronic resources on the World Wide Web including electronic access to resources that are locally licensed for University of Delaware faculty, students, and staff only. The Library Web Site is also available from the University of Delaware Web Site (<http://www.udel.edu/>).