

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 central library where the main 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 connected online 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 (2001/02)

Books and bound periodicals	over 2,500,000
Microforms	over 3,300,000
Databases (all titles included in Databases listing)	over 190
Journals and newspapers in Database listing	over 30,000
Subject guides to Internet resources	over 100

Use Statistics (2001/02)

Items loaned	over 400,000
Items used on site	over 380,000
Individuals entering the Morris Library	over 790,000
Reference questions answered	over 140,000
Hits on Library Web Site	over 39,000,000

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 190 networked databases for University of Delaware faculty, students, and staff. Databases contain hundreds of thousands 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, from all microcomputer connections in residence halls and offices, and off-campus sites 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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DELCAT is the University of Delaware Library online catalog that contains information about the library collection and also provides links to electronic journals and other resources. The new web-based DELCAT was implemented on July 1, 2002 and provides advance search features. DELCAT may be accessed from anywhere in the world via the World Wide Web.

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/>).