Welcome to the University Libraries



Information Literacy Department http://library.albany.edu/infolit

The University at Albany has three libraries.



The **University Library** and the **Science Library** are located on the uptown campus. The **Dewey Graduate Library** is located on the downtown campus.

Each library has unique spaces, materials and services.

The University Library is located on the West side of the academic podium on the uptown campus.



About the University Library

- Located on the uptown campus.
- The largest library on the UAlbany campus.
- Known as the "main library."
- Has a collection that includes resources on social sciences, humanities and business.



The Science Library is located behind the campus center on the uptown campus.



About the Science Library

- Located on the uptown campus.
- The newest library on the UAlbany campus.
- Not just for Science majors anyone can use it!
- Has 20 group study rooms.
- Has a collection that includes resources on the natural sciences (biology, chemistry, physics).



The **Dewey Graduate Library** is located in Hawley Hall on the downtown campus.



About the Dewey Graduate Library

- Located on the downtown campus.
- The oldest library on campus (The original stained glass windows are over 100 years old).
- Has a collection that includes resources on social work, information studies, public administration and criminal justice.



As a UAlbany student, you can use the spaces, materials and services at all three libraries.



Library Spaces

Each library has three noise zones.

Look for the color-coded signs to find your preferred zone in the library.



#UAlbanyLibsZone

Collaborative zones are green.

In these areas you can:

- Work on group projects.
- Talk in normal tones.
- Use headphones with devices.



Collaborative zones in the libraries include: FIND YOUR ZONE • The entire lower level of the Science Library.

- The President's Reading Room on the 2nd floor of the University Library.
- The Information Commons on the 1st floor of the University Library.

Quiet zones are <mark>yellow</mark>.

In these areas you can:

- Talk quietly.
- Set your mobile devices to

vibrate.



Quiet zones in the libraries include:



- The Current Periodicals Reading Room in the University Library.
- Most of the 2nd floor of the University Library.
- The Information Commons on the 1st floor of the Science Library.

Silent zones are red.

- In these areas you can:
- Study in silence.
- Conversation is not permitted.
- Make sure to mute your mobile devices.



Silent zones in the libraries include:



- The entire 3rd floor of the University Library.
- The Current Periodicals Reading Room in the Science Library.

Materials

The Libraries have many different materials that you may use, including:





• Books,

- CDs and DVDs,
 - Magazines,
 - Newspapers,
- Journal Articles.





You can find library materials in print and electronically.



For more help with finding resources, explore the following tutorial: <u>Finding Books for Your Research</u>

Other Things You Can Borrow

- From the Circulation Desk: headphones, calculators, phone chargers, HDMI adapters for group study rooms.
- Need other equipment? <u>Check the Lower Level Lab</u>.



Special Collections & Archives

These are materials that are unique to the University at Albany Libraries.

The Special Collections and Archives include:

- University history dating back to 1844
 - State and local history collections
- Rare books dating back to the early 1500s
 - Historical children's literature
 - New York State Political archive
 - Photos, audio and video

The Special Collections & Archives (Cont.)

The Special Collections and Archives are located on the 3rd floor of the Science Library.



To use these materials, visit the Research Room or <u>schedule a research visit</u>. You may also explore the digital collections on the <u>Special Collections and Archives website</u>.

Services

The Libraries offer many different services to help you with your academic studies. You may visit these service points in the libraries or <u>connect with us remotely</u>. Click on the services below for information.

- <u>Reference:</u> Get research help.
- <u>Circulation</u>: Borrow materials.
- Information Technology Services: Get computer help.
- Lower Level Lab: Get help while working on digital projects.
- <u>Writing Center:</u> Get writing help.

Additional Services

The Libraries also offer other services that you might not expect. For example, therapy dogs visit the libraries during Finals Week to provide stress relief.



Service Points

Let's take a closer look at some of the service points you can visit in the library.

Reference Desk

- Each of the three libraries has a reference desk. At the University Library, Reference is on the left side of the main service desk.
- Visit the reference desk to get help with your research. You do not need an appointment.
- Click on the Ask Us Button to <u>connect with a librarian</u> virtually.





Reference Desk (Cont.)

Librarians at the reference desk can help you:

- Search the library catalog and the research databases.
- Find a book on the shelf.
- Identify the best resources on a topic.
- Cite your resources.



Reference Desk: More Help

For additional help, make a one-on-one <u>PAWS appointment</u> with a subject librarian.



Circulation Desk

- Each of the three libraries has a circulation desk. At the University Library, Circulation is located in the center of the main service desk.
- If you would like to borrow a book, bring it to the circulation desk. Show your student ID to check out an item.
- You may also stop at this desk to ask about items on reserve and group study rooms.



Information Technology Services (ITS)

IT assistants are located on the right side of the main service desk in the University Library.

Ask ITS about computer issues, wireless Internet connections, and software.



Lower Level Lab

The Lower Level Lab is located in the basement of the University Library. In the LLL you can:

- Use audio/video and web design applications.
- Get help with media projects.
- Use the scanners.
- Use the video chat and audio recording rooms.



Not sure where to go?



Click on the <u>Ask Us</u> button for virtual help or visit us at the reference desk. We will be happy to point you in the right direction.

This concludes your virtual library tour!

We hope you found the information in this tutorial helpful.

Questions? Please feel free to <u>contact us</u>. Help is available 24/7.

If you are completing this tutorial as an assignment, make sure to fill out the <u>credit form</u> below.