

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

126 Ned R. McWherter Library

The University of Memphis

Memphis, Tennessee 38152-3250


The Ned R. McWherter Library is the main library of the University of Memphis. It opened for service in Fall 1994. It comprises 360,000 square feet and has four floors.

The Libraries combines quality collections and services with modern technology to meet the academic needs of the University of Memphis community. The University Libraries is committed to providing access to scholarly resources through the acquisition, organization, management, and preservation of the collections and through supportive reference and instruction services.

The University Libraries includes the McWherter Library and three branch libraries: Health Sciences, Music, and the Lambuth Campus Branch. The Music library is located on the Main Campus and the Health Sciences Library is located on the South Campus. The Lambuth Campus Library is located at 705 Lambuth Blvd. on our Lambuth Campus in Jackson, TN.



LIBRARY QUICK FACTS

Volumes: 1,354,928	Library Administration: 901-678-2201
E-Books: 172,870	Circulation: 901-678-2205
Manuscripts: 10,391,694	Collection Management: 901-678-2203
Maps: 61,403	Interlibrary Loan: 901-678-2262
Government Documents (Hardcopy): 657,434	Library Instruction: 901-678-8204
Microforms: 3,828,466	Research & Information Services: 901-678-2208
Audio: 34,176	Reserves: 901-678-4411
Visual: 822,755	Health Sciences Library: 901-678-5846
Other: 10,235 (Pamphlets, Print CDs, Models, Kits, etc.)	Lambuth Library: 731-425-1918
Public Computers: 160+	Music Library: 901-678-2330
Laptops available for Check-Out: 20	<i>The Law Library is operated separately from the University Libraries & is located at 1 Front Street.</i> Law Library : 901-678-2330
Library Faculty: 17 Library Staff & Administrative Professionals: 53	 Please visit us at memphis.edu/libraries

MISSION

The University Libraries is a leader in managing and providing access to information services and resources that support teaching, learning, and research for the University of Memphis community.

SERVICES

Borrowing and Interlibrary Loan – Undergraduate students may check out up to 35 books for 30 days. Graduate students can check out up to 50 books for one semester. Faculty may check out up to 100 books for 1 academic year. Staff may check out up to 100 books for one semester. Community borrowers may check out up to 10 books for 30 days. Interlibrary Loan is a service that is offered only to currently enrolled University of Memphis students, faculty, and staff both on and off campus. Interlibrary Loan provides access to books, journal articles, microforms, and other research materials not owned by the University of Memphis Libraries.

Reserves/E-Reserves – Instructors may place supplemental materials *i.e.*, articles, sample tests, and study guides on reserve for students to use to enhance their knowledge of the subject area. Instructors also place additional textbooks, syllabi, videos, DVDs, and audiocassette tapes on reserve. The Reserve room is open during regular library hours.

Library Instruction Sessions and Research Consultations – Faculty members are encouraged to schedule a class visit with a librarian to help their students learn how to use library and other information resources. Librarians work with instructors to teach skills that students need to successfully complete course assignments and related research. Contact brthomas@memphis.edu. If students would like individual instruction, they can meet with a librarian to discuss their research needs. Contact askus@memphis.libanswers.com.

Off-Campus Access to Resources – The University Libraries has a wealth of information resources available electronically via our Web site. Due to licensing agreements, off-campus access to many of these resources is restricted to University of Memphis students, faculty, and staff, and RODP students taking classes taught by University of Memphis faculty. To access restricted resources, you will be required to enter your University of Memphis user name and password. For information about user names and passwords, visit <https://iam.memphis.edu/idmaint.jsf> or call the Information Technology Division Helpdesk at 901-678-8888.

Ask a Librarian – The University Libraries faculty and staff are ready to answer your questions – in person, over the phone, and virtually through email, chat, and text. You can discover more about these services at <http://www.memphis.edu/libraries/help/askalibrarian.php>.

Research and Information Services – Faculty and staff at the Research and Information Services desk in the Learning Commons area on the first floor of the Ned McWherter Library will help you find the information you need to do your research. Services include instructing patrons in the use of the online catalog and electronic databases, print indices and abstracts, and help with reference books. If you are looking for a book, ideas for a term paper, articles or reviews, news or current events, literary works or criticism, historical or scientific resources, or just help in knowing where to start, stop at the Research and Information Services desk first for guidance.

Learning Commons – A Learning Commons was established in the McWherter Library in 2007. It provides easy access to information resources and technology in a way that enables students to conduct research, compile papers, prepare presentations, and work collaboratively with classmates. This environment is enriched with the presence of librarians and other information professionals who assist library users in identifying, locating, evaluating, interpreting, and utilizing the information resources necessary to support their learning and/or research endeavors. Learning Commons areas are located on all floors of the McWherter Library.