University Libraries

The library system of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, is composed of the David W. Mullins Library, the main research facility on campus, and four branch libraries:

- The Robert A. and Vivian Young Law Library
- The Fine Arts Library
- The Chemistry and Biochemistry Library
- The Physics Library

The spacious Helen Robson Walton Reading Room is Mullins Library’s most popular quiet study area, and group study rooms are also available. More than 200 reference databases and thousands of electronic journals are accessible from anywhere with a University ID. Reference librarians assist users in locating and using library resources. Students may send questions by e-mail, telephone, or 24/7 chat, and can schedule a one-on-one session with a librarian for more extensive research questions. Reference librarians also conduct orientation sessions on research methods throughout the semester. Students may also visit the tutors from the Quality Writing Center and the Enhanced Learning Center on site in Mullins Library Sunday through Thursday. With more than 2 million volumes and 53,000 journal titles, students will find plenty of research material for every subject. Other resources in the collections include several thousand maps, manuscripts, and more than 33,000 audio and visual materials, including music scores, recordings, and movies, that you can hear or view in the Performing Arts and Media Department.

A full-service computer University Commons is located on the lobby level of Mullins, and students may check out a laptop, iPad, or Kindle and log onto the Internet from anywhere in the library using wireless access. Visit the University Libraries website (http://libinfo.uark.edu) to learn more about services and collections or access the My Library function that allows users to check library records, renew books, request holds and save catalog searches. Items not owned by the University Libraries may be obtained through interlibrary loan by completing the online registration and request forms. Requested items in electronic format will be sent directly to desktops, usually within 24 hours; physical items will be held for pickup at the main service desk on the Lobby Level.

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In Special Collections, students can read rare books from around the world, consult the largest book collection related to Arkansas, handle historic letters and diaries, magazines, and old photographs related to Arkansas, as well as watch old black and white films made in or about the state. A number of digital collections can be accessed online through the Special Collections website (http://digitalcollections.uark.edu).

For information concerning collections and services, please inquire at 479-575-4104. For any other library matter, please contact the Dean’s Office at 479-575-6702.