

Library Services

The Library

The Henry Madden Library is a center for study, learning, and scholarship at Fresno State. Its collections and services are central to undergraduate and graduate instructional programs and to research of all kinds. The library is also a campus cultural center and a place for events and exhibits. More detailed information is available on our Web site.

The new library building that opened in 2009 provides state-of-the-art research and study space, including wireless Internet access, a laptop lending program, and spaces for individual and group study. The library's coffee shop is a favorite place to take a study break or meet friends and colleagues. Whether you are looking for a quiet study area, a computer to do research or write a paper, or just somewhere to hang out with your friends, the Henry Madden Library is the place to go.

Collections

Use the library's Web site to search for books, journals, videos, and other library materials quickly and easily. The web site also provides access to over one hundred databases covering a wide range of subject areas.

The Madden Library contains more than a million volumes on all subjects and in many languages. Some are also available as ebooks that can be read online. The library subscribes to approximately 1,000 journals in print and over 60,000 online in electronic formats. Electronic access to books, journals, and databases is available from any campus computer, and from off-campus with a Fresno State login.

The library contains an extensive collection of music scores, audio recordings, dvds, and videos. Facilities for media creation and editing are also available. Other notable collections include: Maps and Government Information, with over 150,000 maps and aerial photos along with publications from the state and federal governments; the Teacher Resource Center, containing books, instructional materials, and curriculum guides for classroom use; and several collections of rare and unique materials, including the Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature and the Special Collections Research Center, which contains collections on World's Fairs, the University Archives, and the Central Valley Political Archives.

Services

Research assistance is available at the Reference Desk. Librarians also offer specialized research assistance by appointment. You can also get help by text messaging, instant messenger, email, and phone. Click on the *Need Help? Ask* link on the library home page for details.

The library is dedicated to teaching information literacy skills that help you learn how to find, evaluate, and interpret information sources of all types. Librarians provide individual and group instruction, and have created online research guides, Blackboard tutorials, and other web resources to help you with your assignments.

Almost everything in the library may be checked out. Use the self-check machines or bring your materials to the Circulation Desk on the first floor. Your ID card is your library card.

Technology

There are 125 computer workstations located throughout the library for student use that require you to log in with your campus email username and password. The library provides over 250 laptops that may be checked out by students. We offer a variety of types of laptops, including Macs, PCs, and Linux machines. You can also check out headphones and flip video cameras.

Print/copy/scan machines provided by the campus Pay-for-Print Service are available throughout the library. Assistance is available at the service desk on the second floor.