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Purpose

The Jerry Falwell Library is the focal point of academic life at Liberty University. Strategically located in the center of campus, the library supports teaching, learning, and research by providing information, resources, spaces, and related services for the Liberty University community.

Overview

A collection of approximately 65,000 highly used and recently published volumes is available for browsing. The majority of the collection is housed in an automated storage and retrieval system allowing the library to conserve space for student use. With over 30 group study rooms, 7 learning commons, outside terraces, and a spacious atrium, the library has spaces to support the needs of all students. During the academic term, the library is open daily for Liberty University and surrounding communities.

Instructional Resources

The Jerry Falwell Library has innovative technology, including an active learning classroom where classes are offered in finding and using information. It also features perceptive pixel tables, collaborative technologies for group study, a media wall and self-serve kiosks.

The library provides access to 170 computers in the Dodak Technology Commons and other places within the building most of which have a variety of software titles available for student use, including Microsoft® Office, Adobe® Creative® Suite, Mathematica, and SPSS.

All library computers have a high-speed connection to the Internet. In addition, wireless network signal is available throughout the facility, allowing laptop computer and mobile device users to access the full array of network resources.

Collections

The library is an integral part of the educational process, providing digital and traditional information resources to support the University curricula and mission. The Jerry Falwell Library collects and organizes resources across a wide range of formats, including books, periodicals, media, musical scores, curricula, and archival materials. Its physical collections consist of over 409,000 books, media items, and other materials.

The Jerry Falwell Library continues to aggressively collect resources that support both residential and online students. Digital information resources provided by the library include over 675,000 electronic items and content from more than 84,000 unique full-text journals. The library provides access to approximately 535 online research resources from companies such as American Psychological Association, Credo, EBSCO, Elsevier, Emerald, Gale, JSTOR, LexisNexis, Oxford University Press, ProQuest, SAGE, Standard and Poor’s, and Wiley. A large majority of these print and electronic resources are available by searching a single discovery tool, Summon. Resources can be accessed directly from this discovery tool, or users are able to make a request for materials to be purchased which are not currently owned by our library.
Students and faculty can request to borrow materials from libraries across the United States through the interlibrary loan service. Books and media borrowed from local and in-state libraries are often available in less than three days. Copies of periodical articles are typically delivered in digital form, often within two days or less.

The Jerry Falwell Library bears responsibility for collecting and providing access to historical records and academic publications created by members of the Liberty University community through its Archives Digital Collection and online institutional repository, Scholars Crossing. Physical resources related to the history of the institution are kept in the Archives and Special Collections Department.

**Curriculum Library**

The Curriculum Library supports the School of Education at Liberty University by providing access to a variety of instructional resources. Offerings include teacher-edition textbooks and teaching materials for pre-school through grade twelve, including teaching English as a second language, as well as standardized educational assessments. Educational games, manipulatives, and models enhance the collection.

An extensive selection of juvenile titles provides reinforcement for classes in Children’s Literature and Adolescent Literature in addition to classes in curriculum development. Materials related to educational theory and research are found in the main collection of the Jerry Falwell Library.

**Services**

The Jerry Falwell Library services are organized and provided through a highly qualified faculty and staff. A broad range of support is provided to help students and faculty use information resources and technology effectively. These services include classroom-based instruction, topic-specific workshops, personalized research assistance, and software support. The Customer Service Center on the main floor of the library serves as a starting point for help with borrowing services, research questions, and computer assistance.

The Jerry Falwell Library provides many services and resources to students in the Liberty University Online programs. Online students can access virtually all electronic database resources through a proxy login system. In addition, online students have direct telephone, chat, and email support through the library’s Research Support Center, which provides access to research assistance librarians and staff. A Customer Service Center, staffed with librarians and specially trained research support specialists, is available during all hours the library is open.

The Jerry Falwell Library is committed to being the primary library for Liberty University Online students by offering timely personal contact and document delivery in order to meet their academic needs. This includes the delivery of books and journal articles as well as research and reference services.

**Memberships**

Academic libraries are undergoing significant changes as they adapt to the terms of a new information economy. Not only are information and technology resources in unprecedented demand, but they must be configured to support teaching, learning, and research regardless of the end user’s location. In this context, the Jerry Falwell Library benefits from collaboration with other agencies and professionals through membership in the American Theological Library Association, the Christian Library Consortium, Lyrasis, the Virginia Library Association, VIVA (the Virtual Library of Virginia), the Center for Research Libraries, and other information services organizations.