



Peter J. Shields Library

Carlson Health Sciences Library

Physical Sciences & Engineering Library

Blaisdell Medical Library

University of California - Davis GENERAL LIBRARY

Four distinctive buildings housing over 3.6 million volumes and welcoming almost 2 million visitors a year.

University Archives, unique collections and rare items housed in Special Collections.

Extensive wireless network in each facility providing access to internet and library collections.

Sustainability project with campus Facilities Management won the 2008 Best Practice Award for the Energy Efficiency Partnership Program.

The General Library of the University of California, Davis, is a major educational and scholarly resource, operating as an integral part of the University while recognizing obligations to a wider public, particularly the people of California. In this context, its mission is to collect, preserve and provide access to books, journals, manuscripts, documents, and other records of knowledge held in an ever expanding range of print and digital media in support of University research, instruction, patient care, and community outreach.



Frederick Flossfeder, Viticulture, examining grape harvest, ca 1915. Department of Viticulture and Enology Photographs

The General Library serves as the principle location to do research and study on the UC Davis Campus and beyond. As a Research I institution the UC Davis Library fully supports the research needs of the Colleges of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, and Letters and Science. In addition to the standard degree granting programs, UC Davis supports professional schools in Management, Education, Law, Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine.



Winners of the Ag College Special International 1921 "Bred and fed at the University Farm"

What makes the UC Davis Library distinctive is that it is the only UC campus library which supports both a Medical and a Veterinary Medicine program. Additionally, it is well known for its world class Viticulture and Enology Collection. As a member of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL is a nonprofit organization of libraries at comprehensive, research-intensive institutions) UC Davis strives to support UC scholarship at the highest level through collections management, emerging technologies and strategic collaborations.

Facilities

The **Peter J. Shields Library** holds the primary collections for the Biological & Agricultural Sciences, Humanities & Social Sciences, Special Collections, and Government Information. It is also where Library Instruction Services is located. It is the largest building on campus and is open to serve our faculty, students and staff.

The **Physical Sciences & Engineering Library's** collection emphasis is Chemistry, Engineering, Geology, Atmospheric Science, Physics, Astronomy & Astrophysics and Transportation. The Mathematics/Statistics and Computer Science collections are housed in Shields Library. The collection supports faculty and student research in a broad range of engineering and physical sciences subjects.

The **Carlson Health Sciences Library** serves the faculty, students and staff of the School of Medicine and the School of Veterinary Medicine. The collection has its strengths in the basic life sciences as they relate to human and animal medicine. The scope of the collection encompasses clinical medicine, veterinary research, and basic medical and veterinary sciences including genetics, virology, immunology, medicine, parasitology, orthopedics, neurology, epidemiology, preventive medicine, and zoonoses. The journal collection is especially strong in the basic sciences and clinical research.

The **Blaisdell Medical Library** serves as the major informational research and library services center for the teaching, research, patient care, and community service programs of the UC Davis School of Medicine and its various constituency groups: faculty and researchers, students, health professionals and practitioners, research support, and administrative personnel.

Staff

The UC Davis librarians and staff are highly educated and dedicated to providing assistance to our patrons. All front line service points (the circulation, reserves, and reference desks) as well as the Systems Office, Technical Services, and other "back room" operations are seeking ways to continually improve how we serve the needs of our scholars.



Contemporary library patron, image not in archives

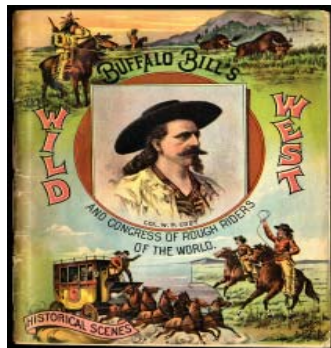
Annual Statistics

- Gate Counts = 1.7 million visitors
- 3,681,744 volumes
- Serial titles received currently = 20,101
- Maps = 263,516
- Number of weekly public service hours = 95
- Total number of reference transactions = 90,730
- Number of virtual reference transactions = 17,374
- Number of presentations to groups = 786
- Number of total participants in group presentations = 15,226
- Total number of items checked out = 249,627
- Electronic books = 32,758
- Digitized collections = 402,969 *Megabytes*

Collections

The Central Valley, California, and the American West

One of the major collecting focuses of the Special Collections Department is the history of the



Program to "Buffalo Bill's Wild West," Michael and Margaret B. Harrison Western Research Center

West with emphasis on California. The Michael and Margaret B. Harrison Western Research Center is a collection of over 21,000 volumes on the history and development of the Trans-Mississippi West. The Harrison collection is particularly strong in the history and culture of the American

Indians in the Western United States, as well as in Western and Native American art.

We own strong research collections relating to the history and culture of California's Central Valley and surrounding regions. Examples include the California Collection of local and regional history and literature, the Eastman Collection containing over 13,000 images from the rural mountain and valley counties of northern California, the Vic Fazio Papers on state, local and regional history and the Pierce Family Papers, early ranchers of the region.

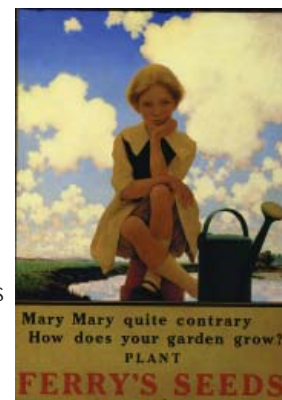
Agricultural and Food Sciences Viticulture and Enology

The UC Davis General Library actively seeks to be a primary repository for the history of agriculture in California and worldwide in viticulture and enology. The collection contains a number of major research collections in these fields, including the nation's largest research collection in areas of agricultural technology, the F. Hal Higgins Agricultural Technology Collection. A related research collection is the A.W. Noling/Hurty-Peck Collection on Beverages. The Library houses the archives of a number of agricultural concerns in California, including the



No. 136 Seedling, Paradise, CA
October 17, 1914
Ellen Isham Schutt Collection

Ferry-Morse Seed Company, the California Canners and Growers, and the California League of Food Processors. In viticulture and enology, notable collections include the rare book and pamphlet holdings as well as the papers of Maynard Amerine, Harold Olmo, Roy Brady and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Archives.



"Mary, Mary quite contrary" by Maxfield Parrish, 1921
Ferry-Morse Seed Co. Archives

Arts and Humanities

The Library supports a number of research-level collections in the Arts and Humanities, with especially strong holdings in poetry and theater. This includes the largest collection of British poetry in the United States, the Kohler British Poetry Collection (14,000 vols.), as well as the Avant-Garde Poetry Collection (7,000 vols.), and the papers of renowned poet and environmental writer Gary Snyder.

We have especially strong holdings in twentieth century radical and alternative theater, including the archives of the San Francisco Mime Troupe and the Joint Stock Theatre Group. The department houses a 19th & 20th Century Playscripts Collection and a theater poster collection. Interesting music collections include the Christopher A. Reynolds Collection of Women's Song and the Hugh Arnold and Edward Dannreuther collection of classical piano scores and musical programs.

History of Minorities in America

The UC Davis General Library broadly supports research in the history and subcultures of minorities in America, including the 19th and 20th century history and culture of African Americans, Asian Americans, Chicanos, and Native Americans, as well as women, and gays and lesbians. Special Collections seeks to document the history and development of the civil rights movement in the United States in its many manifestations, including: the abolition movement, the Women Rights Movement, the African American Civil Rights Movement, and the Gay Rights Movement.

Digital Collections

The Library provides open, online access to a growing number of its subject-specific collections. Working with the California Digital Library and other UC campuses, we are able to increase our purchasing power and build in efficiencies allowing us to offer an extraordinary display of titles.

Timeline

- 1908** • Library established in one room of the Creamery Building.
 - Gertrude Frances Weber, stenographer and bookkeeper for the University Farm Creamery, became first librarian.
- 1915** • Classroom Building completed. Library occupies two rooms.
 - Classroom Building condemned. Library occupied five rooms. Students formed human chain to move the collection to temporary quarters in the Recreation Building behind West Hall.
- 1940** • New Library/Administration building completed (current north wing). The new Library had twenty-five employees: three librarians, eight library assistants, and fourteen FTE students.
- 1950** • Veterinary holdings transferred from UC Berkeley to Davis.
- 1955** • New stack addition built.
- 1956** • Veterinary Medicine Library established in room next to the Dean's office in Animal Science.
- 1964** • Library's east wing added.
 - Government Documents Department established.
- 1967** • Library's south wing added.
- 1969** • Library became a member of the Association of Research Libraries.
- 1971** • New Physical Sciences & Engineering Library built.
- 1973** • University Library named for Judge Peter J. Shields.
- 1976** • Automated circulation system installed.
- 1977** • New Health Sciences Library opened.
- 1979** • Biological/Agricultural Sciences Reference Department established.
- 1983** • MELVYL, the on-line catalog, made available for public use.
- 1988** • Ground-breaking ceremonies held for west wing of Peter J. Shields Library.
- 1990** • Shields Library west wing opened.
- 1994** • Agricultural and Resource Economics Library moved to Social Sciences and Humanities building.
- 2000** • Medical Center Library moved to Redwood Building.
- 2001** • Wireless network installed.
- 2002** • UC Davis Libraries implement Ex Libris' Aleph, the Library's first fully integrated library system.
- 2005** • Michael and Margaret B. Harrison Western History Center, an internationally known Western Americana library, added.
- 2006** • UC Davis School of Medicine opens the new Education Building, housing the Blaisdell Medical Library.
- 2007** • UC Libraries begin work on WorldCat Local pilot project, a next generation catalog interface that searches the holdings of UC Davis, the systemwide UC libraries, as well as libraries all over the world.