THE NCSU LIBRARIES

Our Vision: The Libraries: NC State’s competitive advantage. We make NC State better. The NCSU Libraries is the gateway to knowledge for North Carolina State University and its partners. We define the leading edge of research collections, innovative learning spaces, and user-centered services to support the university’s mission and to further knowledge in the world.

OUR SPACES—THE MOST USED RESOURCE ON CAMPUS

Library facilities include two main libraries—the D. H. Hill Library and the James B. Hunt Jr. Library—as well as the Harrye B. Lyons Design Library, the Natural Resources Library, and the William Rand Kenan Jr. Library of Veterinary Medicine, with more than 2.5 million total user visits per year.

Key spaces include:

- Learning Commons, Faculty Research Commons, Graduate Student Commons
- Large-scale, high-definition visualization spaces
- Digital media creation facilities
- Specialized areas for creating simulations and virtual environments
- Gaming spaces, including a Game Lab for the scholarly study of games
- iPearl Immersion Theater for panoramic display of faculty and student work (Hunt)
- Makerspaces, with 3D printers and scanners, a laser cutter, electronic kits, soldering irons, and sewing machines
- Special Collections Reading Room and Exhibit Gallery (Hill)

OUR COLLECTION—AN ENGINE FOR RESEARCH AND LEARNING

Strengths in agriculture, architecture, biological sciences, design, engineering, entomology, forest resources, mathematics, physical sciences, statistics, textiles, and veterinary medicine

- More than 5.3 million volumes, and approximately 128,000 print and electronic serial subscriptions (127,000 of them electronic)
- 635 bibliographic databases and a growing array of electronic full-text and image collections
- Over 16.5 million total uses of the collection in 2017/18
- More than 3.9 million full-text journal article downloads per year
- Access to over 1.2 million electronic books
- Cross-searching capabilities and Tripsaver delivery service with the Triangle Research Libraries Network (NC State, Duke, NC Central, and UNC–Chapel Hill)
- Rare and unique materials in all formats and documentation of university history. Highlights include premier archives in architecture, entomology, simulation, and zoological health.

OUR SERVICES—ENABLING SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS

- Online reference, research support, interlibrary loan, and circulation services to the NC State community
- Librarians collaborate with faculty and students in all areas of teaching, learning, and research
- Course reserve service with all required textbooks and 24-hour access to electronic reserves
- “Course Tools” for students—a detailed online guide to the Libraries’ resources for every course at the university
- Lending services for laptop computers, iPads, digital cameras/camcorders, GPS, iPods, e-readers, and more
- Dynamic workshop and events calendar with opportunities to learn research and technology skills
- Copyright and Digital Scholarship Center, collaborating with scholars on digital publications, intellectual property, and copyright issues
- Geographic Information System services and extensive data resources
- Only full U.S. patent and trademark depository in the region
- Host for NC LIVE, which makes a wide array of digital resources accessible to all North Carolina residents
OUR HONORS—RECOGNITION FOR AN ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT

- Recipient of the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS) in 2016
- Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan K. Nutter named 2016 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year” by ACRL
- Staff winners of ten “Movers and Shakers” awards from Library Journal
- 2018 winner of the ALA “Information Today Library of the Future Award” for innovative development of patron training programs about information technology
- 2014 winner of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) “Education Facility Design Award” for the Hunt Library
- 2014 winner of the ALA/IIDA Library Interior Design Award
- Winner of the 2014 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award for the Hunt Library communications campaign
- Winner of the 2014 Stanford Prize for Innovation in Research Libraries for the Hunt Library as high-technology research platform
- 2014 winner of ALA’s “Cutting-Edge Technology” award for My #HuntLibrary social media site
- 2013 winner of the AIA/ALA Building Award for the James B. Hunt Jr. Library
- D. H. Hill Library west wing renovation recognized in American Libraries’ 2012 Library Design Showcase
- 2011 winner of ALA’s “Cutting-Edge Technology” award for the Libraries’ website
- 2010 winner of ALA’s “Cutting-Edge Technology” award for the Course Tools service
- Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan K. Nutter named “2005 Librarian of the Year” by Library Journal
- 2003 recipient of the “Library of the Future” award
- First university library to win the “ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award” in 2000

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

THE FACTS

- Public, land-grant institution founded in 1887
- More than 34,000 students from 119 countries, including over 9,900 graduate students
- Bachelor’s degrees in 110 fields; master’s in 105 fields; PhDs in 61 fields—and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- Total campus area covers 2,100 acres, plus more than 100,000 acres in farms, forests, and other research facilities
- Research expenditures approaching $380 million annually, with almost 70 percent of faculty engaged in sponsored research

RANKINGS

- #1 Best Value for students attending college in North Carolina (Money magazine, 2018)
- #4 in Best Overall Public University Value (Princeton Review, 2014)
- #3 (tie) among colleges of veterinary medicine (U.S. News & World Report, 2016)

LOCATION—RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, ONE OF THE NATION’S PREMIER CONCENTRATIONS OF RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY

- Raleigh named the “Best Big City to Live In in the Southeast” by Money Magazine in 2016
- Raleigh ranked as #1 city for business and careers, #1 best city for attracting the most families, and #2 among America’s best cities for young professionals by Forbes in 2014
- Raleigh ranked as “America’s Best City” by Businessweek.com in 2011
- Raleigh ranked as #3 best mid-size U.S. metro area for college students by American Institute for Economic Research in 2014
- The Research Triangle ranked the #2 “brain magnet” in the U.S. by Forbes in 2010

COLLEGES

- Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Design
- Education
- Engineering
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Management
- Natural Resources
- Sciences
- Textiles
- Veterinary Medicine
- First-Year College
- Graduate School

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