The NC State University Libraries

Our Vision: The Libraries: NC State’s competitive advantage. We make NC State better. The NC State University Libraries is a catalyst for knowledge and discovery for North Carolina State University and its partners. We define the leading edge of what a research library can be to support the university’s mission and address global challenges.

Our Spaces—the Most Used Resource on Campus

Two main libraries—the D. H. Hill Jr. 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, immersive visualization spaces
- Digital media creation facilities
- Dataspace with advanced computing, software, training, and consultation (Hunt)
- A Game Lab for the scholarly study and enjoyment of games and for interactive workshops and demonstrations
- iPearl Immersion Theater for panoramic display of faculty and student work (Hunt)
- Makerspaces offering 3D printing and scanning and other specialized tools
- 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 123,000 print and electronic serial subscriptions (122,000 of them electronic)
- 678 bibliographic databases and a growing array of electronic full-text and image collections
- Over 16.4 million total uses of the collection in 2018/19
- More than 3.9 million full-text journal article downloads per year
- Access to over 1.3 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

- Librarians consult and collaborate with faculty and students in all areas of teaching, learning, and research
- Reference, research support, interlibrary loan, and collection access services for the NC State community
- Course reserve service with all required textbooks and 24-hour access to electronic reserves
- “Course Tools” for students—a guide to library resources for every course at the university
- Technology Lending: laptops, iPads, cameras, calculators, gaming, virtual reality tools, and more
- Dynamic workshops and events with opportunities to learn research, technology, data science, and visualization skills
- Copyright and Digital Scholarship Center, collaborating with scholars on open knowledge, intellectual property, and copyright issues
- Geographic Information System services and extensive data science and visualization resources
- Only full U.S. patent and trademark depository in the region
- Host for NC LIVE, offering a wide array of digital resources to all North Carolina residents

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OUR HONORS—RECOGNITION FOR AN ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT

• Staff winners of 11 “Movers and Shakers” awards from Library Journal (2002-2019)
• 2019 LITA/Library Hi Tech Award for Outstanding Communication for Continuing Education in Library and Information Science for the “Data Science and Visualization Institute for Librarians”
• 2018 ALA “Information Today Library of the Future Award” for innovative information technology training programs
• 2016 National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS)
• 2014 American Institute of Architects (AIA) “Education Facility Design Award” for the Hunt Library

THE FACTS

• Public, land-grant institution founded in 1887
• More than 35,000 students from 122 countries, including over 9,800 graduate students
• Bachelor’s degrees in 102 fields; master’s in 104 fields; PhDs in 59 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 $501 million annually

RANKINGS

• #1 Best Value for students attending college in North Carolina (Money, 2019)
• #7 in Best Value for out-of-state students among Public Colleges (Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, 2018)
• #9 in Best Value for in-state students among Public Colleges (Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, 2018)
• #4 (tie) among colleges of veterinary medicine (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)
• #12 among public schools for top engineering graduate programs (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)
• #30 Best Value for your money among Public Colleges (Forbes, 2018)
• #32 in Top Public Schools (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

LOCATION—NORTH CAROLINA’S INNOVATIVE RESEARCH TRIANGLE

• Cary named the #5 “Best Places to Live In America” by Money Magazine in 2018
• North Carolina ranked as the #1 state for business and Raleigh ranked #2 for best places for business and careers by Forbes in 2018
• Raleigh ranked as 2nd best-performing large metro area in the nation by Milken Institute in 2018

COLLEGES

• Agriculture and Life Sciences
• Design
• Education
• Engineering
• Humanities and Social Sciences
• Management
• Natural Resources
• Sciences
• Textiles
• Veterinary Medicine
• University College
• Graduate School

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