Five Libraries

The University of Delaware Library includes the Morris Library where the main collection is housed, three branch libraries located in Newark, Delaware, and a fourth branch library located in Lewes, Delaware.

- **The Morris Library**, the main library, is centrally located on the South Green of the University of Delaware campus.
- **The Agriculture Library** is in Room 025 of Townsend Hall on the South Campus of the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware.
- **The Chemistry Library** is in Room 202 of Brown Laboratory on the Central Campus of the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware.
- **The Physics Library** is in Room 221 of Sharp Laboratory on the Central Campus of the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware.
- **The Marine Studies Library** is in Cannon Laboratory in Lewes, Delaware, approximately 90 miles south of the Newark campus.

For University of Delaware Library hours, call 302-831-BOOK or visit www.udel.edu/library/info/hours

All Morris Library service desks close at or before 12 midnight.

Library hours vary during exams, holidays, winter and summer sessions and intersessions.

**REGULAR MORRIS LIBRARY HOURS**

**Fall and Spring Semester**

Monday–Thursday .... 8 a.m. – 2 a.m.
Friday ................ 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday ............ 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sunday ............. 11 a.m. – 2 a.m.

**BRANCH LIBRARIES**

Agriculture Library ........... 302-831-2530
Chemistry Library ............. 302-831-2993
Marine Studies Library ...... 302-645-4290
Physics Library ............... 302-831-2323

Welcome to the University of Delaware Library!

The University of Delaware Library is pleased to welcome international students and scholars and to assist them with their research needs. Library staff at service desks are there to help; all one needs to do is ask for assistance.

The University of Delaware Library operates on the concept of an open stack library system. This means that one can go into the stacks (or aisles where the books are shelved) and personally locate books, browse them to see if they are what is really needed, and then check them out at the Circulation Desk without a delay in waiting for them to be retrieved by library staff.

The University of Delaware Library uses the Library of Congress Classification System to organize its book collection. The first letter of a book’s call number indicates the floor on which the book is located. All call numbers begin with one or more letters followed by numbers (Example: LB2376.4.C65). The books are organized by their subject content. Once a book on a particular topic is located, other similar books should be nearby in the stacks. Maps of the Morris Library call number locations may be obtained from any of the service desks.

Library Fast Facts

The University of Delaware Library has:

- Over 2.8 million books and bound periodicals
- Over 3.4 million microforms including U.S. patents
- Over 42,000 electronic and print journals including newspapers to which the Library provides access
- Over 6,700 linear feet of manuscripts and archives
- Seating for over 2,500 persons in the Morris Library
Reference Services

The Reference staff comprises professional librarians with broad experience and with backgrounds in their subject areas. Each subject specialist has designed a subject guide to help researchers with research in their particular subject area. Reference staff are available at the Reference Desk or online to assist Library users. Research guides may be seen at guides.lib.udel.edu/

For questions about finding information, using a database, or operating a copy machine, Library users are invited to ask for assistance at the Reference Desk.

All Library users may contact the Reference Desk for assistance in a number of different ways—in person, by telephone, live chat, email or instant messages. The Reference Desk phone number is 302-831-2965. The Ask a Librarian service is found at www2.lib.udel.edu/ref/askalib/

Library Catalogs

DELCAT, the online catalog of the University of Delaware Library, is accessible directly at www.delcat.udel.edu. DELCAT may be used to search for materials that the Library owns, such as books, journals and videos.

WorldCat Local provides one-stop search access to over 220 million items from DELCAT and libraries worldwide and more than 530 million references to journal articles. www.udel.worldcat.org

Databases

The University of Delaware Library subscribes to more than 360 licensed databases. Some databases are general in nature and provide information from many disciplines, and others are subject specific. Some of the databases are “full text” and include entire articles and some databases include citations and summaries. The databases can be accessed at www.lib.udel.edu/db/

Electronic Journals & Electronic Newspapers

Electronic journals and electronic newspapers provided by the University of Delaware Library allow searching or reading articles online.

• To find electronic journals, go to the Library home page and click on Electronic Journals, or go to www.lib.udel.edu/ej

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Research Assistance and Help

All materials in the University of Delaware Library are available to every person to use including books, videos, CD-ROMs, computers, magazines and newspapers. Everyone in the Library is here to help—all one has to do is ask! www2.lib.udel.edu/ref

Interlibrary Loan

Materials not owned by the University of Delaware Library may be requested through the Interlibrary Loan Service. Library users may visit the Interlibrary Loan Department or call 302-831-2236 for answers to questions about the service. There is no charge for interlibrary loan. www.lib.udel.edu/ud/ill

Special Collections

Special Collections is located on the Second Floor of the Morris Library. Holdings include books, manuscripts, maps, prints, photographs, broadsides, periodicals, pamphlets, ephemera and realia from the 15th century to the present. The collections complement the Library’s general collections with particular strengths in the subject areas of the arts; English, Irish, and American literature; history and Delawareana; horticulture; and history of science and technology. Information about visiting Special Collections is available on the visitor information page at www.lib.udel.edu/ud/spec/visit.html or call 302-831-2229.

Computer Access

The Library has more than 275 workstations to provide access to the Internet, Library databases and electronic journals. Library workstations offer several options to save one’s research—either print for a fee, email or download for free.

Laptops

University of Delaware students, staff and faculty can connect their laptops to the Internet via wireless or wired connections at no charge. All personal laptops must be registered in order to use the University network. www2.lib.udel.edu/eresources/connect.html

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Film and Video Collection

The Instructional Media Collection includes more than 20,000 videos which are used primarily in support of classroom teaching and research. Videos may be scheduled by University of Delaware faculty, staff and graduate students for use in University classes. Many videos may be checked out of the Morris Library by University of Delaware faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students, and University of Delaware English Language Institute students based on availability. The media collection is also available for viewing within the Morris Library in Media audiovisual carrels by users with University of Delaware ID cards. The Collection is located on the Lower Level of the Morris Library. Call: 302-831-8461 www.lib.udel.edu/filmandvideo

Circulation

Most items can be loaned for use outside of the Library at no cost.

Borrowing, Renewing and Returning Items

• Loan periods vary depending on the status of the borrower and the type of materials.
• Books can be renewed online, by telephone or in person at the Circulation Desk.
• Borrowed items must be returned on time. Fines and other sanctions will be imposed if items are returned late.


Laptops

The Student Multimedia Design Center (SMDC) is located on the Lower Level of the Morris Library with more than 80 workstations that have multimedia and general application software. SMDC provides access to a wide variety of computer hardware, software and peripherals such as scanners, cameras and microphones. Audio and video studios are available for use. Call: 302-831-8832 www.lib.udel.edu/multimedia

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