MSU LIBRARIES ARE INNOVATION-DRIVEN

With creative discovery as a bold tradition and ever-evolving centerpiece of Mississippi State University’s existence, MSU Libraries has an innovation-driven presence as part of the state’s leading research institution. World-class research collections, technology-infused learning labs, and user-driven centers make MSU Libraries inviting and exciting for those who are hungry for knowledge and solutions that can make a difference and positively impact lives. And, driving the Libraries forward is informed and highly trained faculty and staff providing teaching and research assistance.

A CLOSER LOOK AT MSU LIBRARIES

100+ FREE WORKSHOPS EACH SEMESTER

2.3+ MILLION BOOKS

211,000+ ELECTRONIC JOURNALS

1 OF ONLY 6 UNIVERSITIES WITH A PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY, THE U.S. GRANT LIBRARY

300,000+ VISITORS ANNUALLY

530+ RESEARCH DATABASES

100+ PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE COMPUTERS
THOUGHT-PROVOKING, EYE-OPENING SPACES

Mississippi State University Libraries
For more information visit https://library.msstate.edu/msu-libraries

Inside these exceptional Libraries are quiet spaces, group study rooms, presentation areas and classrooms for use by students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors. Among those available in Mitchell Memorial Library are the James W. Nicholson, Jr. Reading Room and James Carr Phi Delta Kappa Study Room.

MITCHELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY
State-of-the-art, main repository equipped to take advantage of the latest developments in information technology

BOB AND KATHY LUKE ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY
Housed in Giles Hall and supporting the College of Architecture, Art and Design with an abundance of information on city planning, art, construction, interior design and more for students, faculty, and the community

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE LIBRARY
Programming and services in the Wise Center designed to meet teaching, research, and clinical needs of the CVM’s students and faculty, practicing vets, and the university and local community

GERTRUDE C. FORD FOUNDATION LIBRARY
Fifth-year School of Architecture students and faculty at the MSU Jackson Design Center in the state’s capital city benefit from its holdings, along with local architectural firms

PHIL HARDIN FOUNDATION LIBRARIES
Meet the reading, research, and information needs of students and employees at MSU-Meridian’s College Park and Riley campuses

ULYSSES S. GRANT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
World’s largest, single collection with 17,000 linear feet of materials relating to the 18th President’s life and work

OLD MAIN ACADEMIC CENTER
Dynamic classroom building designed with study rooms, high-tech classrooms and a rotating-exhibit art gallery
Museums, Galleries, and Exhibits
http://library.msstate.edu/museums

JOHN GRISHAM ROOM
Displays memorabilia and materials from the writings and achievements of the bestselling author, former Mississippi legislator, and MSU alumnus

CHARLES H. TEMPLETON, SR. MUSIC MUSEUM
Tells the story of the “business of music” with its collection of more than 200 musical instruments, 13,000 recordings, and 22,000 pieces of sheet music

ULYSSES S. GRANT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY MUSEUM
Contains correspondence, photographs, paintings, engravings, statues, and other artifacts relating to the life of the 18th President of the United States

FRANK AND VIRGINIA WILLIAMS COLLECTION OF LINCOLNIANA GALLERY
Boasts the nation’s largest, privately held research and display material on Abraham Lincoln, as well as the country’s most comprehensive privately held Lincoln and Civil War library
Museums, Galleries, and Exhibits, cont.

STENNIS-MONTGOMERY ROOM
Presents photographs, correspondence, and artifacts that document the lives and careers of U.S. Senator John C. Stennis and Congressman G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery, both MSU alumni

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS EXHIBIT AREA
Rotates its exhibits around themes such as “Images of Mississippi: 1900-1950” and “Scrawl & Order: A Brief History of Writing and Printing”

MYRNA COLLEY-LEE EXHIBIT
Highlights selected costumes and notes from the costume, art, and set designer inside the John Grisham Room
SOUTHERN LITERARY TRAIL GALLERY
www.southernliterarytrail.org
Emphasizes the country’s first tri-state trail, with headquarters at MSU, connecting mythic places that influenced great American literature with its writers and playwrights

LOUIS BURNS BROCK, JAY BROCK, AND HANK BROCK GALLERY (LOCATED IN THE OLD MAIN ACADEMIC CENTER)
Showcases materials from the University Libraries and other programs and departments on campus
COLLECTIONS FOR SCHOLARLY STUDY OR PURE CURIOSITY

MSU Libraries maintains a collection of more than 2.3 million volumes, including books, software, microfilm, compact discs, video and audio cassettes, DVDs, educational films, filmstrips and slides. The Libraries’ print and online journals and serials collection contains 280,000 titles. A joint effort of library faculty and MSU academic departments, collection development is a dynamic progression based on curriculum, and faculty and student needs.

Research-Oriented Collections of Distinction

MSU Libraries faculty and staff believe that the collection of primary research materials is not only for historical preservation and reference, but is central to today’s teaching and learning that guides scholarship as it moves forward. The university’s repositories have strengths in many collecting areas, from first-edition, rare books and extensive presidential papers to genealogical records and archives dating back to MSU’s beginning.

1 ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
https://library.msstate.edu/specialcollections/
Published manuscript and archival materials on Mississippi, local family genealogy, the university, and other subjects and people, including:

- Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Hodding Carter and his wife, journalist Betty Werlein Carter
- U.S. Senator John C. Stennis
- Congressman G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery

2 ULYSSES S. GRANT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
https://www.usgrantlibrary.org/
Artifacts, writings, and memorabilia chronicling and providing insight into Grant’s importance in American history, from early life and Civil War triumphs to his presidency and later years

3 FRANK AND VIRGINIA WILLIAMS COLLECTION OF LINCOLNIANA
https://library.msstate.edu/williamscollection
Family manuscripts, 19th century political pamphlets, paintings, statuaries, books and other resources complementing Civil War-related materials in the U.S. Grant Library and giving researchers study opportunities into the American statesman, lawyer, and 16th President, Abraham Lincoln
Many of the materials in the collections listed on the opposite page also are available through MSU Libraries’ Digital Collections which offer ease-of-access to these exceptional holdings and more. Visit the digitized collections online at

https://digital.library.msstate.edu
SERVICES TO CLICK, CREATE, COLLABORATE

MaxxSouth Broadband Digital Media Center
http://library.msstate.edu/dmc

While MSU Libraries has always been where students, researchers and community members come to quietly delve into a myriad of topics, today the volume is being turned up as virtual labs, services such as color printing and wide format printing, makerspaces and collaborative learning workshops encourage creativity and innovation. Integration of cutting-edge technology is transforming MSU Libraries every second as tools to create new ideas empower those who realize they can solve a single problem or change the world.

CAVS MIXED REALITY LAB
Access the latest virtual and augmented reality equipment and software to explore the possibilities of these technologies, learn basic development tools, and help develop future applications for these platforms

MAKERSPACE
Find inspiration, cultivate ideas and bring them to life by creating objects with 3D printers, a 3D scanner, cutters, heat press, sewing machines, software, hardware, and other maker technologies
MULTIMEDIA LAB
Experiment, research, and perform with the aid of music composition and digital video capture workstations, flatbed scanners, and 24 computers including 8 Macs provided for the creation and manipulation of multimedia projects.

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE
Offered as open/free or “professor booked” to assist students and faculty in developing their digital and media literacy skills using software such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign, and Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint and more.

TELEVISION STUDIO
Digital, high-definition-ready studio suitable for filming/recording, editing, and producing high quality video projects with multiple cameras, a green screen, a graphics system, and a control room with video switcher and audio board.

AV STUDIO
Reservable space designed to allow faculty, students, and patrons to quickly and easily record professional audio or video presentations using the dual microphone setup.
Scholarly Communication Services
http://library.msstate.edu/scholcomm

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Plan, preserve, access and share research data

INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY
Deposit and share scholarly works with the world in the freely available digital archive

JOURNAL HOSTING
Publish an online open access journal using the hosting platform

OPEN ACCESS
Learn how and why to make research openly and freely available and how MSU Libraries can help

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Find freely available textbooks and other resources to use in teaching

ORCID
Record and share research output
Research Assistance for Faculty, Students, and Researchers
http://library.msstate.edu/help/

ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATION
Discuss with a research librarian how to access relevant information resources and formulate search strategies for class assignments, papers, presentations, master’s degree theses, and doctoral dissertations.

ASK A LIBRARIAN
Visit library.msstate.edu/help/ to ask a librarian questions through online chat, email, text, or tweet.

RESEARCH GUIDES
Provide research assistance, course guides, subject guides, and useful resources compiled by MSU librarians; also create a course or subject guide with assistance of a subject specialist librarian.

WORKSHOPS
Attend free face-to-face and online workshops on a range of research and technology topics.

OFFICE OF THESIS AND DISSERTATION FORMAT REVIEW
Reviews documents for compliance with university guidelines regarding format after approval by graduate students’ committee members.

TECHNOLOGY-EQUIPPED ROOMS AND SPACES
Reserve technology-enhanced classrooms, auditoriums, meeting rooms, and presentation rooms for use by MSU faculty, staff, students, departments, and organizations.

Access Services
This unit assists faculty, staff and students with accessing library collections, placing materials on course reserve and borrowing materials from other libraries. Access Services supports faculty and instructors by providing a course reserve service where they can place materials in a course reserve system, allowing them to provide their students access to supplemental reading materials. Library staff handle obtaining materials and ensuring copyright compliance. The unit also obtains materials not found in MSU Libraries through Interlibrary Loan and through the Mississippi Library Partnership, a cooperative developed by MSU Libraries that provides a mechanism for borrowing materials from other libraries in the state.
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Mississippi Library Partnership
OUR MISSION

The mission of Mississippi State University Libraries, a comprehensive research library, supports the University’s mission and the land-grant research tradition by providing essential services and collections for its user communities: collecting managing, curating, ensuring access to, and facilitating analysis and use of scholarly information and technology necessary for excellent teaching, research, and service. MSU Libraries are committed to instilling among its user communities the principles of effective and appropriate information literacy and the ideals of diversity, citizenship, leadership, and service.