

THE UC MERCED LIBRARY

Not the way research libraries are...

the way research libraries will be.

The University of California, Merced library is both a physical building – the Leo and Dottie Kolligian Library - and an information nexus. As a research library for the 21st century, it is a physical place on campus as well as a digital presence on student and faculty computers.

The Kolligian Library houses a concentrated, highly dynamic collection of information resources and serves as a center for study, collaboration and research. The collections and services support undergraduate and graduate instructional programs as well as advanced research. Library resources and services are available in the building and from computers connected to the campus network and to the Internet. Some library resources are in physical packages that sit on the shelves, including books, paper archives, sound recordings, photo- graphs and much more. Others are in digital packages, such as online journal articles, data sets and geographic information systems.

In addition to library services and collections, the Kolligian Library houses Student Affairs and campus administrative offices.

The main entrance to the building opens onto the Ed and Jeanne Kashian Floor, an open-air breezeway during fair weather and a lively focal point for social, educational and research activities on campus. The entranceway reading room has an adjacent coffee house and bookstore. Quieter spaces and collaborative workrooms are found throughout the building. Wireless and hardwired computer network access is available in all library spaces. The magnificent McFadden/Willis reading room on the fourth floor is open to all for study and quiet reflection.

As an information nexus, UC Merced's library provides instant, around-the-clock access to the resources of the California Digital

Library, an unequalled collection of more than 130,000 online books, 8,000 online scholarly journals, 4,500 online statistical files, 250 reference databases and one of the world's largest online collections of historical art images – more than 300,000 digital images representing works in architecture and the visual arts. With collections totaling 32 million volumes, the libraries of the University of California system are surpassed in size on the American continent only by the Library of Congress collection.

Using the UC MELVYL catalog, members of the UC Merced community can request rapid delivery of books and articles from any UC system library. The UC Merced library is actively involved in creating digital access to research information and fine art as well, placing particular emphasis on the digitization of specialized materials that are of importance to the Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Valley regions. For further information, contact us at library@ucmerced.edu or online: <http://www.ucmerced.edu/library>.

