



LIBRARY COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES

The UNLV Libraries collection and services support new and existing academic programs, research activities, and the Las Vegas community. University Libraries include Lied, the main library, and three branch libraries: the Architecture Studies Library, located in the Sogg Architecture Building; the Curriculum Materials Library, located in the Carlson Education Building; and the Music Library, located in the Beam Music Center. University Libraries also support the Shadow Lane Campus and the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration Singapore Campus through online collections and services. Separately administered by the William S. Boyd School of Law, the Wiener-Rogers Law Library, founded in 1998, is the largest law library in the state of Nevada, and offers a collection of more than 300,000 volumes covering most primary sources of American law, nearly 1,000 law journals, and a growing collection of treatises on all aspects of law. Library facilities on campus are heavily used by students, faculty, staff, and community members and were visited more than 1.5 million times in 2007.

Lied Library, which opened to the public on January 8, 2001, is a 302,000 square foot, five-story building and the only research library serving southern Nevada, southern Utah, northwest Arizona, and parts of California. University Libraries offer electronic access to the library catalog, to over 350 electronic research tools, to 25,000 full-text electronic journals, and to 225,000 electronic texts. Access is provided from more than 450 public computer workstations within Lied and from remote sites for authorized users. Wireless internet is also available throughout all UNLV Libraries sites. In addition to its million plus-volume book collection, Lied library offers extensive collections in media, government documents, periodicals, reference materials, maps and microfilm. The Special Collections Department documents the unique contributions of the region, preserving the rich history of Southern Nevada with core materials on Las Vegas, gaming and its history, and the exploration of the American West. The Center for Gaming Research and the Oral History Research Center are also part of the UNLV Libraries, located in Special Collections.

Lied Library has applied new and emerging technologies in areas of strategic advantage, such as radio frequency identification of items to better inventory and control library materials, an automated storage and retrieval system that ensures the most efficient use of space and construction dollars for coming decades, a digitization initiative to preserve and disseminate its unique holdings in online formats, a multi-media development studio, and a multi-media distribution system to route digital sound, graphics and images to desktop workstations within the libraries. Recent advances include the conversion of many print reserve readings and recorded music to electronic files that are accessed approximately 150,000 times each year and membership in LINK+, enabling UNLV students, staff and faculty to search for and borrow over 8 million books and documents from over 40 libraries throughout California and Nevada directly from our library catalog. Not surprisingly, the Libraries' instructional offerings continue to evolve in order to keep pace with the growth of library research technology. In addition to formal instruction efforts, University Libraries also support student learning and scholarship through initiatives such as the Undergraduate Peer Research Coaches Program and the Libraries Award for Undergraduate Research.

Libraries membership includes the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), the Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), and several national consortia of academic libraries that cooperate in collection development activities.