

A Brief Look at Baylor Libraries

The mission of the Baylor Libraries is to support excellence in teaching and learning, enhance research and discovery, and foster scholarship and success by providing academic life centers, scholarly resources, and technological innovation.

University Libraries Facts & Figures — Fall/Spring 2012-2013

University Libraries Budget	\$18.7 million
Number of Endowments	85
Market Value of Endowments	\$10.76 million
FTE Staff & Faculty	130.68
FTE Student Assistants (# of students)	40.4 (181)

Collections

Budget allocation for collections	\$6.6 million	Web-based resources	567
% allocation for electronic resources	80%	Digital collections	78
Volumes	2,599,933	Items in digital collections	284,340
New volumes added FS 2012-2013	12,484	Size of digital collections (available)	942 GB
Serials	77,585	Size of digital collections (preservation)	26.4 TB
Microforms	2,340,189	Electronic theses & dissertations	1,056
Audio/Visual items	102,958	Public computers in the libraries	195
E-books	466,808	Laptop computers for check-out	82
E-journals	75,862		

Usage

Materials circulated	276,183	Online searches	3,349,790
Reference questions answered	22,805	Patrons (gate counts)	1,270,202
Virtual reference transactions	5,268	Full-text articles downloaded	1,924,874
Loans provided to other libraries	54,022	Library system logons	651,401
Loans received from other libraries	19,445	Libraries' web page views	2,244,945
Classroom instruction/presentations	678	Libraries' web page visits	925,395
Number of persons served in presentations	13,724		

**Statistics include figures from Central and Special Libraries, the Legal Research and Technology Center, the Education LRC, the Mayborn and the Nursing LRC.*

Memberships

American Library Association (ALA), American Theological Library Association (ATLA), Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Baptist General Convention of Texas Library Leadership Group, Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), EDUCAUSE, EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative (ELI), Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA, Charter Member), High Performance Computing Across Texas (HiPCat), Online Computer Library Center (OCLC)/AMIGOS Library Services, Texas Council of Academic Libraries (TCAL), the Texas Digital Library (TDL), TexShare, University Libraries Group, Center for Research Libraries (CRL) and Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST).

Government Documents

GPO depository library (1905), Texas State depository and subscribe to United Nations Documents

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The Baylor Libraries provide a rich array of research resources and learning environments that support the work of the faculty and students of Baylor University, as well as researchers around the globe.

The Central Libraries are composed of Moody Memorial Library (opened 1968) and Jesse H. Jones Library (opened 1992). Moody Library is home to the Garden Level Study Commons, which offers group and individual study areas as well as desktop computers. Moody is also home to the Harvey and Gregory Gardens, the Ray I. Riley Digitization Center (Garden Level), the Prichard Family 24-hour quiet area (2nd floor), the Ray I. Riley Reading Room (3rd floor) and the Crouch Fine Arts Library (3rd floor), and Lev's Gathering Place (3rd floor), which features our Black Gospel Music collection. Jones Library offers extensive research assistance with reference librarians available to answer questions in person, by phone or online. Jones also serves as a Federal Depository Library providing the public with access to government-produced information. For more information about the Central Libraries, please visit www.baylor.edu/library/central.

The Armstrong Browning Library was dedicated in 1951 and has developed into an outstanding nineteenth-century research center, serving students and scholars from around the world with primary and secondary resource materials. Building on the nucleus of books given to Baylor University by Dr. A.J. Armstrong in 1918, the Armstrong Browning Library now houses more than 26,000 books and over 10,000 letters and manuscripts that focus on the Victorian poets Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. In addition, many art works and three-dimensional objects once in the possession of the poets are displayed throughout the building. Other outstanding features in and around the library include paintings, sculptures, an extensive collection of Wedgwood pottery and various porcelains, wall tapestries, 62 stained glass windows, and a newly installed garden with teak seating areas and a water feature. The library was recently recognized by the BBC as one of the top five most beautiful libraries in the world. For more information about the Armstrong Browning Library, please visit www.baylor.edu/library/abl.

The Electronic Library was formed in the Spring of 2002 with a merger between staff in Academic Technology – Information Technology Services and the Central Libraries. As its name indicates, the Electronic Library provides computing labs, classroom technology, research computing and online teaching tools, as well as the online library catalog, electronic databases, web-based text and audio reserves, e-books and many other computer-based resources. With the addition of the Ray I. Riley Digitization Center in 2008, the Electronic Library is now responsible for the digitization and curation of unique collections at Baylor University, including Civil War letters, 19th and 20th century sheet music, Browning letters, a growing collection of rare gospel music recordings and much, much more. The passion and expertise of the Electronic Library ensures the preservation of past treasures and access to the present wealth of information for this generation and those to come. Further information about the Electronic Library can be found online at www.baylor.edu/library/el.

The Keston Institute was officially formed in the United Kingdom in 1969 under the direction of Michael Bourdeaux to document the fight for religious freedom by believers living under communism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The archive and library provided the core of Keston's operations and contained unique items on religions and Christian denominations, including the stories of individuals and their witness. In 2007, the Keston Institute passed the care of its archive and library to the newly-formed Keston Center for Religion, Politics, and Society at Baylor. As part of the Baylor Libraries, the Keston Center works with the Keston Institute in Oxford in carrying out its mission to promote research, teaching, and understanding of religion and politics in communist, post-communist, and other totalitarian societies and the relationship between religion and Marxism. Housed on the third floor of the Carroll Library, Keston materials are available for use in the Michael Bourdeaux Reading Room. For additional information, visit <http://www.baylor.edu/kestoncenter>.

The Texas Collection, which is housed in the Carroll Library on the Quadrangle, officially began in 1923 when Waco physician Dr. Kenneth Hazen Aynsworth donated more than 1,000 Texas books and documents. His donation, combined with the Texas materials already owned by Baylor, formed the core of what has now become one of the foremost collections of Texana materials. The Texas Collection has grown to over 134,000 volumes, more than 1.4 million photographs and 3,100 current serials and periodicals, over 18,600 maps and in excess of 8,490 linear feet of archival materials. In addition to being the official archive of Baylor University, The Texas Collection contains a variety of materials about Texans, their history, their triumphs and their passions. Individuals who plan extensive research in The Texas Collection are encouraged to make an appointment with the librarian or archivist to discuss their projects. To learn more about The Texas Collection, please visit www.baylor.edu/library/texas.

The W. R. Poage Legislative Library, dedicated in 1979, is the only congressional library honoring an individual for his service wholly in the United States House of Representatives. Poage was a Wacoan and Baylorite whose long career in government service on the state and national level epitomized genuine statesmanship. The library functions as a research facility collecting congressional, political and personal papers related to the political history of Central Texas and the United States. The library also supports programs that inform and educate students, scholars and the general public on the history of Congress, the legislative process and current political issues in local, state, and national governments. Nestled between the Jesse H. Jones Library and Moody Memorial Library, the W. R. Poage Legislative Library is located within walking distance from the Wiethorn Visitors Center where visitor parking is available. Find out more online about this remarkable collection at www.baylor.edu/library/poage.

The Baylor Libraries also collaborate with three other libraries that report directly to the deans of their respective schools: the Legal Research and Technology Center, the Education Learning Resource Center and the Nursing Learning Resource Center.

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