

LIBRARIES FACT SHEET 2018

The UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON LIBRARIES is one library serving three campuses and ranked in the TOP TEN of U.S. public research universities according to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL).

ABOUT THE UW LIBRARIES

ANY TIME, ANY PLACE LIBRARY

- Resources and services available to UW community 24/7
- 1 million electronic books; 2 million uses
- 180,000 electronic journals; 7.5 million Libraries-licensed journal articles downloaded
- 250 Libraries-licensed databases; 8 million searches
- 1.2 million locally digitized items; 2 million downloads
- Digital scanning and delivery of UW Libraries print journal articles free of charge to UW community
- Reference services available 24/7; 20,000 questions answered online

*PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND ANNUAL USE*

- 16 libraries at UW Seattle, UW Bothell, UW Tacoma and Friday Harbor
- 5.6 million annual library visits, 90% by UW students
- 9 million print volumes
- 40,000 reference questions answered in person
- Suzzallo and Allen Libraries is largest library at 350,000 sq. feet and 2.5 million volumes with 2.3 million annual visits. Includes iconic Reading Room, Special Collections, Research Commons, Conservation Center, administrative offices, and many services.
- Odegaard Undergraduate Library offers a range of services and spaces supporting students and is open continuously from noon Sunday through 8 p.m. Friday; 1.6 million annual visits. Includes the Research and Writing Center, Learning Commons and Active Learning Classrooms.
- Other large libraries include East Asia, Engineering, Foster Business and Health Sciences.

CONTRIBUTION TO EXCELLENCE

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Libraries supports teaching and learning through a variety of programs ranging from library instruction to collaborative efforts with faculty and staff.

- 1,500 library instruction sessions reach 30,000 students
- Prestigious Library Research Award for Undergraduates
- Co-sponsor of UW Center for Teaching and Learning
- Odegaard's state-of-the-art Active Learning Classrooms (ALCs) support nearly 100 courses.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Expanded programs in digital scholarship, scholarly publishing and Open Access, and research data management complement a wide range of services supporting research and scholarship.

- 70 subject librarians support faculty and student research.
- The Research Commons fosters interdisciplinary collaboration and strengthens graduate student research and publication skills.
- The Translational Research and Information Lab (TRAIL) in the Health Sciences Library provides a variety of innovative services for researchers.
- 87% of faculty rate the Libraries as making a major contribution to their research productivity (2016 survey).
- 80% of graduate and professional students rate the Libraries as making a major contribution to their academic success (2016 survey).

COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

The Libraries involves and enriches the academic and broader communities and the library profession through active engagement.

- \$45 million Libraries endowment contributes to a margin of excellence.
- 94% of UW community are very satisfied with the Libraries (2017 TAP Survey).
- UW Libraries staff authored 36 publications, taught 15 credit courses, worked on 9 grants, made 120 presentations at professional meetings and served as chairs and officers for 30 professional organizations.
- Regional and global impact through Pacific Rim Digital Library Alliance, Orbis Cascade Alliance, HathiTrust, NNLM/PMR Regional Medical Library, HEALWA, international librarianship and library assessment.
- Community outreach through Friends of the Libraries, Heritage Keepers, and cultural events.