Welcome to the Columbia Libraries

The Libraries are wonderful gathering places to pursue scholarly research, to learn about and use information technology, to write, to study, and to draw on our rich collection of print and electronic resources. At your disposal is a fully integrated research library: Columbia’s Libraries, with 8.2 million volumes, 57,700 current serials, and an extensive collection of electronic resources, manuscripts, rare books, microforms, and other nonprint formats, ranks as one of the top ten academic library systems in the nation. I hope you will explore one or more of the 24 libraries at Columbia and its affiliated institutions to access the rich array of both traditional and electronic information services. It is our ultimate goal at the Libraries to provide excellent service to students and faculty that will advance each user’s learning, teaching, and research experience at Columbia and we strive to support library users any time and anywhere.

James G. Neal
Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian

As you explore the resources of the Columbia Libraries, please call on the Library staff to assist you in locating materials, in developing your research skills, and in learning more about our rapidly expanding electronic collections and services. There are more than 444 professional and support staff working in Columbia Libraries who are ready to assist you in your academic endeavors. We welcome your suggestions and feedback about the Libraries’ collections and services. Please let us know how we are doing!

Patricia Renfro
Deputy University Librarian

The collections are international in scope and represent significant historical depth. Materials are listed in CLIO and library privileges are available to the Columbia community.

Liberary Alumni and Friends Gateway
This new portal is an interactive website featuring electronic resources, access to selected searchable databases, links to the Libraries’ collections and digital resources, and to information about news, Friends, and library events. Information about available library privileges to alumni and Friends is explained on the website.

Electronic Resources Enhance Library Collections
From current business information to medieval manuscripts, from online journals in Political Science to images of Chinese Paper Gods, the Libraries actively seeks new information in electronic form to complement its extensive traditional print collections. To learn more about e-resources available to you, check LibraryWeb.

Databases: Hundreds of databases in disciplines from architecture to zoology are accessible from on or off campus, providing indexing, abstracts and even full-text of scholarly resources. Notable databases available include Chemical Abstracts (SciFinder Scholar), Factiva, GenderWatch, MLA Bibliography, United Nations Treaty Collection, Web of Science.

E-News: Winos services, international news sources, broadcast outlets, and current events are at your fingertips. Coverage includes late-breaking news and current events from news magazines published worldwide to archival resources such as the full-text Times of London dating back to 1785.

E-Journals and E-Books The Libraries provide access to over 30,000 full-text online journals. CLIO provides bibliographic information and direct links to individual titles or try some of the E-Journal collections such as JSTOR or ScienceDirect. Ten thousand-plus E-Books are available from NetLibrary, the ACLS History E-Book Project, and Safari Tech Books Online.

Digital Images: Over 27,000 high quality images supporting the history of western art are in the Columbia Image Bank. Other online image resources come from the RLG Cultural Materials database, ARTStor, and more.

E-Data: Important sources of statistical and spatial data from government and commercial publishers are included in LibraryWeb’s E-Data section. For example, try FastStats, EU Country Data, Databank, or the GIS Data Depot.
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES LIBRARY
• 401 Fort Washington; 212-854-4715
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/lib/biology/

BURKE LIBRARY
See Union Theological Seminary.

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS LIBRARY
• 130 Uris; 212-854-7804
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/sbs/business/

BUTLER LIBRARY
• 335 West 114th Street; 212-854-2271

BUTLER MEDIA CENTER
• 208B Butler Library; 212-854-1715
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/lib/mediacenter/

This facility supports the playback of multiple visual and audio formats, including VHS (NTSC, PAL, and SECAM), DVDs, laser discs, audio CDs, cassettes, and multiple digital video formats. The Center also supports editing stations for the development of multimedia projects. The collection is comprised of feature films, documentaries, ethnographic films, and performing arts titles; all titles in the collection are cataloged in CLIO. Refer to the website for information on access, circulation policies, and faculty services.

BUTLER STACKS
The Butler Stacks collection serves research needs in the humanities, with particular strengths in history (including government documents and social science materials published before 1975), literature, philosophy, religion, and one of the country’s most comprehensive collections of materials pertinent to the study of Greco-Roman antiquity. The main entrance to the stacks is from the third floor of Butler Library.

CARNegie COLLECTIONS
• RBML; 212-854-3986
e-mail: gc2138@columbia.edu

RBML is the repository for the records of four philanthropic organizations founded and endowed by steel magnate Andrew Carnegie: Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY), Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP), Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (CFAT), and Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs (CCEIA). A finding aid that describes and lists the contents of the CCNY Records is available online. Guides to the contents of the other collections are available in RBML. All researchers who wish to consult or have questions regarding the Carnegie Collections should contact the curator.

CATALOGS
Columbia’s Libraries are served by two different types of catalogs: an online catalog (CLIO) and the card catalogs. Reference librarians are happy to assist you in using both CLIO and the card catalogs.

CLIO: COLUMBIA LIBRARIES INFORMATION ONLINE
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/onlineclio.html

CLIO is the online catalog for Columbia (including Health Sciences campus), Barnard, and UTS libraries. It includes catalog records for print and electronic books, serials, journals, news-
The Libraries and the Office of Disability Services work together to meet the needs of library patrons with disabilities. Library services for Columbia affiliates who register with the Office of Disability Services may include assistance with locating and retrieving books or information about assistive technologies. Library contact: Mayra Melendez, 212-854-3838.

DISSEMINATIONS & MASTER'S THESESES
Columbia dissertations and master's theses are listed in CLIO, and may be searched for by author, title, and keyword. If you are looking for dissertations by subject or department, and are not finding what you are seeking, please ask for reference assistance. CU Master's essays and dissertations held offsite may be requested from within CLIO. Most CU dissertations completed after 1997 are also available full-text in Dissertation Abstracts (Digital Dissertations). This database also indexes US and some foreign dissertations back to 1861. See: http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/libraries/disservices/ets-access.html

E-JOURNALS
The Libraries provide access to over 30,000 online journals, searchable by title or subject. The listings for e-journals provide coverage dates and a link you can bookmark. E-journals are also listed in CLIO along with print versions.

VIRTUAL VISITS TO THE LIBRARIES
The libraries of all of Columbia and its affiliated institutions -- 24 libraries altogether -- are listed throughout this A-Z Guide with URL links for their individual homepages in LibraryWeb. Visit the libraries virtually by connecting to these links. You will find descriptions of collection strengths, basic and special services, schedules of specific library hours, staff contacts, subject specific resources, and much more.

CLIO
See Catalogs.

COLUMBIANA LIBRARY
See University Archives & Columbiiana Library.

COMPUTING@COLUMBIA
• Computing Support Center: 102 Philosophy Hall
• Computing Helpdesk: 212-854-1919
http://www.columbia.edu/acad
Academic Information Systems (AIS) provides technical support for the entire Columbia community. AIS supports and manages computer labs, ColumbiaNet stations, wireless access, and networked printers throughout campus, including 24-hour computing facilities in Butler Library and Lerner Hall. Contact AIS for network support, troubleshooting assistance, and computer training courses.

COPIERS
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/services/co photocopyst.html
Self-service photocopiers are available in all libraries and operate with cash, Columbia University Flex Cards, or Flex Dollars. Purchase cards in Avery, Butler, Business, Lehman, Barnard and Teachers College Libraries using cash or credit cards. Columbia University students, faculty, and staff may add funds called Flex dollars to their CUIDs. These Flex dollars can then be used for photocopying along with several other services at the University. The Columbia University Flex Card is not accepted in photocopy machines at the Health Science, Law, and JTS libraries.

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS
See Electronic Resources.

DISABILITY SERVICES
• 802 Lerner Hall; 212-854-2388; TDD: 212-854-2378
e-mail: disability@columbia.edu

We encourage faculty to contact the subject specialist in their area. (http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/library/consultants.html) Librarians are willing to meet during class time to talk with you and your students about relevant resources in your field. We also welcome faculty suggestions for materials we should acquire.

FINE ARTS
This non-circulating collection in Avery includes books on art history, painting, sculpture, prints and exhibition catalogs. See Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library.

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY
The library is a shared space. Please help us in our effort to keep libraries clean and books and materials in good condition. Be considerate of others and remember that food is not allowed in the library reading rooms. Some libraries allow drinks in spill-proof containers. Check each library for details on its food and drink policy.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES
See Alumni and Friends.
Can’t Keep Up with All the Library E-Resources?

Don’t wonder what new databases, online encyclopedias, or full-text resources are being added to the Libraries’ collections. Subscribe to E-Resources Now, an email alert service that sends you brief descriptions of selected new e-resources along with direct URL links to the resource itself. See:

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/eresources.html

Geology Library
• 601 Schermerhorn; 212-854-4713
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/geology/

Geoscience Library
• Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Palisades, N.Y.;
(845) 365-8808, or ski line 99-8808
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/geosciences/

GIS
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/gis/

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software, including tutorials in the use of ArcGIS and ArcView, and the supporting manuals are available in the EDS computer lab. Spatial files are being added to the EDS data collection as well. See also Electronic Data Services (EDS).

Library Information Office (LIO)
• 201 Butler Library; 212-854-2271
e-mail: lio@columbia.edu
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/lio/

The LIO answers general questions about user privileges, clears library holds due to overdue fees, distributes paper copies of many library publications, and handles visitor privileges. Library borrowing privileges are available to all faculty, students, and staff of Columbia University, Barnard College, Teachers College, and Union Theological Seminary. Reading privileges are available to alumni. Privileges are also available to spouses and domestic partners of students, faculty, and staff. Columbia students are not permitted to bring guests or visitors to the Libraries.

Library Web
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/web/

LibraryWeb is a gateway to Columbia’s libraries, services, and staff. It provides access to a wide variety of databases and indexes, including e-journals and books, news services, digital images, numerical data, archival finding aids, CLIO and online catalogs of special collections. Use LibraryWeb for:

• Hours and Library locations
• Services, such as borrowing, reference, or library workshops
• Policies for Course Reserves or Document Delivery
• Collections of print, electronic and microform materials
• Remote access to electronic journals, books, images, and a wide array of online databases
• Links to submitting queries, recommending a purchase, chatting online with reference staff

Please note that access to some materials in LibraryWeb must be limited to current Columbia students, faculty, and staff due to licensing restrictions (indicated by a blue key).

Map Collection
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/maps/index.html

The Map Room holds over 185,000 maps in a general map collection covering a wide range of subjects, including geography, economics, and international affairs.

The C.V. Starr East Asian Library is one of the major collections for the study of East Asia in the U.S.

Jewish Theological Seminary Library (JTS)
• 6580 Broadway, New York NY 10027; 212-678-8082
http://www.jts.edu/library/

Journalism Library
• 203 Journalism; 212-854-0390
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/journalism/

Law Library
• 300 Greene, Circulation Desk; 212-854-3922
http://library.law.columbia.edu

Law Papers
• 406 International Affairs, Lehman Suite, Lehman Library; 212-854-3060
e-mail: lawman.sue@library.columbia.edu
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/lawpapers/

The Lehman Suite holds the personal and professional papers of Herbert H. Lehman—lieutenant governor, governor, and senator of New York, and Director General of the United Nations’ Relief and Rehabilitation Administration—and the papers of a number of his associates. The 1.25 million items include files of correspondence with many president from Hoover to Nixon, clipping, photographs, and speeches.

Lehman Social Sciences Library
• 2nd and 3rd Floor, International Affairs; 212-854-4170
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/socialsciences/

International Affairs
• 307 International Affairs, Lehman Library
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/area-studies/

Materials collected include interdisciplinary resources from and about South America, Central America, the Caribbean, Mexico, Spain, and Portugal, in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and select-ed indigenous languages of the region. The Latin American and Iberian Studies collection is housed in several campus libraries, according to subject.
EMC:
• (Room 607)
• (Room 504)
• (Room 601)
organizes for referral assistance.
Columbia is a member of METRO
institutions for research and learning. As an
encompasses: retrieving the full text of your article
retrieval of requested items to Columbia Libraries. Electronic
Library Web to keep you aware of the many exciting developments that may serve
and exhibitions appear in LibraryWeb to help you use the
Two additional research reading room collections are being created: Early Modern Europe and Modern & Comparative Studies.

RESERVES
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/reserves/

Reserves materials may be books, articles from journals, problem sets, or other materials selected by faculty as required reading for their courses. The Libraries provide these materials in either traditional paper format or electronic version as “eReserves.” Paper reserves items (e.g., books, folders) are subject to short-term loans (usually for only a few hours) and are kept in separate locations in the libraries; inquire at each library for its reserve policies. Full-text eReserves items are accessible online to those registered in the class once they sign on with their Columbia online account (your Columbia “UNI”). All course reserves are listed in “CLIO’s course reserve” search option and are linked to individual course web pages through CourseWorks@Columbia.

RUSSIAN, EURASIAN & EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES (AREA STUDIES)
• 306 International Affairs
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/web/indo/eurasian/

Materials from and about the countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union are integrated into the Butler and departmental library collections. The collections cover all fields of knowledge in the humanities, arts, and social sciences. Materials in Russian, Polish, Ukrainian, Czech, and Hungarian are especially well-represented. Materials in the languages of Central Asia and minority nationalities of the Russian Federation are without equal outside the former Soviet Union.

24-HOUR STUDY IN BUTLER
The M involuntary reading rooms on Butler’s second, third, and fourth floors, the ACIS Computer lab (room 213), and the Lounge (room 214) are open for 24-hour use during the fall and spring semesters to those with a valid CUID. All libraries have reading rooms for study.

UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY
See Milstein Library.

STARR EAST ASIAN LIBRARY
• 350 Kent; 212-854-4318
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lehr/thes/eastasian/

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UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY
See Milstein Library.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BURKE LIBRARY
• 3041 Broadway at West 121st Street; 212-280-1314
http://www.acs.columbia.edu/burke_library/index.htm

US GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The U.S. Government Documents collection receives approximately 70 percent of the works available through the United States Federal Depository Library Program. The time period covered is 1976 to the present.

VISITOR PRIVILEGES & LIBRARY ACCESS
• 201 Butler Library; 212-854-7309
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/web/services/library/

Visitors should go to the Library Information Office in Butler to determine their access status and to receive their Reading Privileges card, if applicable. Affiliates of other colleges or universities may be eligible for limited access privileges to the Libraries; those without a current affiliation with another academic institution may purchase access to the Libraries for a monthly fee. Columbia students are not permitted to bring guests or visitors to the Libraries.

See Alumni and Friends.

SUBJECT SPECIALISTS IN THE LIBRARIES
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/securitylib.html

Many librarians have subject expertise and are responsible for building the collections in the Libraries, serve as liaisons to faculty and students in Columbia academic departments and programs, and provide reference and instructional services.

TEACHERS COLLEGE, GOTTESMAN LIBRARIES
• Russell Hall; 212-678-3494 or 941-3494
http://library.tc.columbia.edu/

Electronic Data Service staff provide consultation services.

S

SCIENCE LIBRARY
See Mathematics/Science Library.

SOCIAL WORK LIBRARY
• 300 Kent; 212-854-4318
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/interfa.html

Materials collected include interdisciplinary resources from and about the countries of South and Southeast Asia in many Indic languages (Hindi, Punjabi, Sindhi, Rajasthani, Urdu, Sanskrit, Bengali, Nepali, and Newari), in select Southeast Asian languages (Bahasa Indonesia, Malay), as well as in English and other European languages. The collection also includes resources from and about Australia, New Zealand, and other South Pacific Islands.

STUDY FACILITIES
See 24-Hour Study in Butler.

South & Southeast Asian Studies (Area Studies)
• 306 International Affairs, Lehman Library
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/library/southasia/

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Starr East Asian Library
• 350 Kent; 212-854-4318
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lehr/thes/eastasian/

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UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY
See Milstein Library.

Union Theological Seminary, Burke Library
• 3041 Broadway at West 121st Street; 212-280-1314
http://www.acs.columbia.edu/burke_library/index.htm

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Visitor privileges & Library Access
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Teachers College, Gottesman Libraries
• Russell Hall; 212-678-3494 or 941-3494
http://library.tc.columbia.edu/

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Science Library
See Mathematics/Science Library.

Social Work Library
• 300 Kent; 212-854-4318
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/interfa.html

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Top 10 Things you need to know about the Columbia Libraries

1. Columbia Libraries is one of the largest academic libraries in the country with over 8.2 million books spread over 25 libraries.

2. Your CU ID card gets you into the libraries, lets you check-out materials, and can be used with your Flex Account at all copiers in the Libraries.

3. Search CLIO, our online catalog, for books, journals, newspapers, videos, music, maps, and for direct links to electronic resources (e.g., online journals, eBooks, databases, etc.).

4. Our rich collection of electronic resources includes a vast range of e-texts, e-journals and full-text databases; thousands of digital images; and specialized numeric and geo-spatial data.

5. If you have a research question or need help, Ask a Librarian at a reference desk, via email, by phone or through real-time chat.

6. Take a free library workshop where you can learn research strategies or how to use EndNote, Adobe Photoshop and other computer programs.

7. Use remote access from any location to our electronic resources with your University Network ID (UNI) and password. The Libraries are wireless too for searching and printing to networked printers.

8. The Undergraduate Reading Rooms, the Lounge, and the Computer Lab in Butler Library are open 24/7 during the fall and spring semesters.

9. Many course reserve readings are online and linked to individual Columbia and Barnard courses via CourseWorks and also from within CLIO.

10. If it’s not in our library you can get it through BorrowDirect, or one of our other interlibrary loan or document delivery services. You can also take advantage of onsite use at many other research institutions in New York City with your Columbia ID card or with a METRO pass.

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