

John B. Coleman Library

The John B. Coleman Library, a five-story building constructed in 1988, holds over 370,000 volumes, including over 700 print periodicals and 4,000 multimedia material. The Library has access to several thousand electronic journals and online resources, many of which are full-text. The Library serves as a partial Federal Document Depository and holds close to 10,000 government documents with electronic access to 30,000 electronic additional titles. The Library is a member of Amigos (A Regional Library Consortium) and TexShare (A Statewide Cooperative), which provide access to resources at all State supported institutions, both online and through reciprocal on-site borrowing privileges.

Information is provided at several public service points in the Library, including the General Information Desk, the Reference Desk, the Circulation Desk, the Periodicals Room, and the Government Documents Center, which are all located on the first floor. The Periodicals Service Center houses periodicals, reports, and newspapers in hard copy and microform. The Reference Department provides library orientation, information literacy instruction and research assistance for students, faculty and community patrons. Interlibrary loan service is available in the Circulation Department for obtaining materials not held by Prairie View A&M University. The library is fully automated with computer terminals available for public use and access to the Internet, and a fully integrated library technology system to support all library operations and technical services.

Online access to the library collection is available through the Voyager Online Public Access Catalog. The Library subscribes to close to 80 online databases that provide access to over 55,000 research journals that are available campus-wide and from off-campus locations. Reserve materials, and audio-visual media and equipment are available at the Circulation Desk. The Special Collections Department on the 5th floor houses a number of unique collections, including the University Archives, and a rare book collection. The Delco Exhibit and an African American Art Collection are displayed in the 4th floor Art Exhibit Space. The Library provides Distance Library Services for students who attend classes at the following distant learning sites: The College of Nursing, located in the Texas Medical Center in Houston, Texas; and the Northwest Graduate Center.

For a full description of Library Resources and Services, see the John B. Coleman Library web-site at <http://www.pvamu.edu/library>.