

Collections and Services in Campus Libraries



Collections and services in Firestone Library

Dedicated in 1949, the Harvey S. Firestone Memorial Library is one of the largest open-stack libraries in the world. Firestone holds most of the humanities and social science collections, and several area studies collections. Many other collections and services are also located in the Firestone Library building. Address: One Washington Road, Princeton, NJ 08544-2098. Contact: refdesk@princeton.edu or 609-258-1470.

Research and Instructional Services

Firestone Library, Main Floor, Trustee Reading Room

This unit houses basic reference tools to serve all disciplines, and core encyclopedias, directories, dictionaries, guides, and indexes for language and literature, history, philosophy, religion, and area, ethnic, and gender studies. Subject specialists are available at the Reference Desk and in their offices to help with your reference questions and research needs. Contact: refdesk@princeton.edu or 609-258-5964.

Cotsen Children's Library

Firestone Library, Main Floor

This gift from Lloyd E. Cotsen '50 is a non-circulating collection of more than 100,000 items, including children's illustrated books, manuscripts, prints, drawings, and educational toys, from 1480 to the present, and from countries all around the world. The gallery of the Cotsen Children's Library is open to the general public free of charge. The Library maintains outreach and educational programs for children in which Princeton University students may participate as volunteers. Contacts: Andrea Immel, Curator (aimmel@princeton.edu or 609-258-1510); Dana Sheridan, Outreach Coordinator (danas@princeton.edu or 609-258-2697).

Data and Statistical Services

Firestone Library, A Floor, Social Science Reference Center

The Library provides access to financial, economic, and other survey data from major sources for Princeton students, faculty, and researchers who need to use numeric data sets in their work. Within Data and Statistical Services is CPANDA, the Cultural Policy & the Arts National Data Archive. Data librarians assist users in identifying and locating appropriate data sets. Consultants offer hands-on help with statistical software packages and methodology. Contact: data@princeton.edu.

Dixon Books

Firestone Library, Main Floor, DeLong Room

The newest fiction and current popular nonfiction are kept in this room (1-7-J) for six months. Dixon books circulate for one month. Contact: refdesk@princeton.edu or 609-258-5964.

Government Documents

Firestone Library, A Floor, Social Science Reference Center

Holdings include significant collections of official documents from the federal government, state governments, and international organizations. Most of these materials are represented by records in the Main Catalog. Contacts: United States documents: David Hollander (dholland@princeton.edu or 609-258-5316); New Jersey State documents: Linda Oppenheim (lindao@princeton.edu or 609-258-4043); United Nations documents: Susan White (sbwhite@princeton.edu or 609-258-4814); European Union documents: Mary George (mwgeorge@princeton.edu or 609-258-3254).

Graphic Arts

Firestone Library, 2 Floor (via stairs or elevator from the Exhibition Gallery on the Main Floor), Rare Books and Special Collections

The collection includes more than 22,000 examples of fine printing, bookbinding, papermaking, modern calligraphy, and books illustrated with original art, as well as a reference collection. The primary source materials include drawings, prints, paintings, and photographs; blocks and plates for printmaking; and printed ephemera. Contact: Julie Mellby, Graphic Arts Librarian (jmellby@princeton.edu or 609-258-3197).

Manuscripts

Firestone Library, Main Floor, Rare Books and Special Collections

Among the approximately 10,000 linear feet of materials in the Manuscripts Division are treasures from the ancient Near East such as clay tablets and papyri; the largest holdings of Arabic and other Islamic manuscripts in North America; medieval and Renaissance manuscripts and documents; literary manuscripts, authors' papers, publishing archives and other materials relating to English, American, Latin American, and other literatures, especially of the 19th and 20th centuries; American historical manuscripts and papers; and a wide array of other original research materials. Contact: Don C. Skemer, Curator (dcskemer@princeton.edu or 609-258-3186); for reference assistance, write to rbsc@princeton.edu.

Maps, historic

Firestone Library, Main Floor, Rare Books and Special Collections

This collection holds historic maps printed before 1920, some atlases (the Rare Books Division holds many others), and related reference works. The collection is especially rich in examples depicting North America, Western Europe, and the Middle East. Contact: John Delaney, Curator (delaney@princeton.edu or 609-258-6156).

For maps created after 1919, see the entry on page 14 for the Map Collection.

Microforms Service

Firestone Library, C Floor

The largest collection of microforms in the Princeton Library system is housed in Firestone. The collection comprises books, newspapers, manuscripts, government publications, dissertations, and other materials on microfilm and microfiche or in microprint. Current technology supports creating and saving image files from microfilm or microfiche as well as printing from microforms. Contact: Colleen Burlingham (microfms@princeton.edu or 609-258-3252).

Numismatics

Firestone Library, Main Floor, Rare Books and Special Collections

The Numismatic Collection comprises about 10,000 coins ranging from ancient to modern times, as well as tokens, paper money, and medals. Among its areas of strength are Greek coins of the Levantine coast, Roman Republican silver, paper money of the American colonial and revolutionary periods, and medals relating to aviation. In addition, the collection includes about 30,000 coins from the Princeton excavation of Antioch-on-the-Orontes, ranging from the Persian through the Ottoman periods. Contact: Alan M. Stahl, Curator (astahl@princeton.edu or 609-258-9127).

Periodicals and newspapers

Firestone Library, A Floor, Reserves/Periodicals

This non-circulating collection includes current unbound periodicals in most humanities and many social science disciplines, current newspapers from around the world, and magazines of general interest. (Bound volumes of most of these periodicals are located in the Firestone stacks; back issues of newspapers are usually available on microfilm. Current and back issues of newspapers may also be available electronically through services such as LexisNexis, Factiva, and NewsBank.) The reading room also includes the Princeton Shelf, where readers can find administrative reports, minutes from University committees, and selected publications from campus organizations. Contact: Trevor A. Dawes, Head (reserve@princeton.edu or 609-258-3224).

Rare Books

*Firestone Library, Main Floor, Rare Books
and Special Collections*

Princeton holds approximately 250,000 rare and historically significant printed books in Western languages. The collection is strong in classical Latin texts; American and English literature and history, especially Restoration and Victorian; Renaissance; Enlightenment; French, German, Latin American literature; history of science; emblem and other illustrated books. Contact: Stephen Ferguson, Curator (ferguson@princeton.edu or 609-258-3165); for reference assistance, write to rbsc@princeton.edu.

Scheide Library

*Firestone Library, Main Floor, Rare Books
and Special Collections*

The privately owned Scheide Library houses significant collections of Bibles in manuscript and print, including a Gutenberg and a 36-line Bible; medieval manuscripts and incunabula; printed books on travel and exploration; Americana; music manuscripts of Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig van Beethoven, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; and other materials. Contact: Paul Needham, Scheide Librarian (needham@princeton.edu or 609-258-3241).

Scribner Room

Firestone Library, B Floor

The Scribner Room holds a non-circulating collection of reference works, scholarly journals, major texts, and critical studies that support research in English and American literature. Contact: John Logan (jlogan@princeton.edu or 609-258-3296).

Social Science Reference Center

Firestone Library, A Floor

The Social Science Reference Center (SSRC) houses the Government Documents Collection and core resources for economics, finance, industrial relations, international relations, law, politics, and sociology. The center also houses a large collection of recent journal issues in many of these disciplines. The Data and Statistical Services unit is part of SSRC; see the entry on page 8. Subject specialists are available to help readers with their research. Contact: refdesk@princeton.edu or 609-258-5964.

Collections and services in other campus libraries

Architecture Library

School of Architecture Building, Second Floor

This library supports teaching and research in the areas of architecture and design, history and theory of architecture, urban studies and planning, urban design, and urban history. The collection focuses on materials relating to the 20th and 21st centuries. Contact: Hannah B. Bennett, Librarian (hbennett@princeton.edu or ues@princeton.edu, or 609-258-3256).

Audio and video collections

The Mendel Music Library (see page 14) collects and circulates sound recordings in a variety of media (including CD, DVD, LP, and cassette) and provides online audio reserves. Faculty members should contact staff in Mendel (mendeles@princeton.edu or 609-258-8982) to discuss audio reserves or other matters relating to music and spoken word recordings. See also the entry on page 13 for the Humanities Resource Center.

Digital Map and Geospatial Information (GIS) Center

Lewis Library, Fine Hall Wing, B Floor (enter via Fine Hall Tower elevator)

The center provides specialized assistance for creating, accessing, and displaying digital maps and provides assistance and training in the use of GIS (geographic information systems) to enhance and facilitate analysis of geographically referenced data. Geographic data collections are extensive. Facilities include a large-format color scanner and HP DesignJet printer. Contact: T. Wangyal Shawa, Geographic Information Systems Librarian (shawatw@princeton.edu or 609-258-6804).

East Asian Library

Frist Campus Center, Room 317

This library collects materials in practically all subjects in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. Its holdings are particularly strong in the humanities and social sciences. The collection also includes works in Western languages concerning East Asian languages and literature. A sizable part of the collection is stored off-site. Access to rare items requires permission obtainable at the East Asian Library. Contact: Tai-Loi Ma, Director (gest@princeton.edu, or 609-258-3182).

Engineering Library

Friend Center for Engineering Education

This library holds materials on electrical, chemical, civil, mechanical, and aerospace engineering; computer science; operations research and financial engineering; energy; environmental studies; and materials science. Contact: Adriana Popescu, Librarian (englib@princeton.edu or 609-258-3200).

Fine Annex*Fine Hall, B Floor*

This library houses lesser-used materials, primarily in the sciences. Users may go to the shelves to obtain materials when the facility is open. Requests for delivery of materials from Fine Annex to any campus library may also be made from the Main Catalog or at any circulation desk. Contact: fineanx@princeton.edu or 609-258-4529.

Forrestal Annex*Forrestal Campus, U.S. Route 1*

Forrestal Annex is not open to users. Requests may be made from the Main Catalog or at any circulation desk for delivery of materials from Forrestal Annex to any campus library. Contact: fstcirc@princeton.edu.

Furth Plasma Physics Library*Forrestal Campus, U.S. Route 1*

This library contains materials on thermonuclear fusion, plasma physics, fusion reactor technology, optics (including spectroscopy), and ionized gases. The collection includes conference proceedings, dissertations, indexes and abstracts, and technical reports in print, microfiche, and electronic formats. Access is by appointment only. Contact: Willow Dressel, Librarian (pplib@princeton.edu or 609-243-3567).

Humanities Resource Center*East Pyne 011*

This unit of the Office of Information Technology (OIT) houses many videos acquired and cataloged by the Library, provides viewing facilities, circulates materials that are not on reserve, and handles video reserves, including the Video on Demand service, which digitizes media for required viewing. Contact: Ben Johnston, Manager (hrc@princeton.edu or 609-258-9835).

Lewis Library*Ivy Lane and Washington Road*

The collections and services of this library support teaching and research in astrophysics, biology, chemistry, geosciences, mathematics, physics, and statistics. Lewis also includes the Map Collection (see page 14) and the Digital Map and Geospatial Information (GIS) Center (see page 12). Library facilities include an electronic classroom, a digital project room, group study rooms, and a seminar room. Macintosh and Windows public computers are available and laptops may be borrowed for use within the library. Contact: Patricia Gaspari-Bridges, Head Librarian (lewislib@princeton.edu or 609-258-5483).

Map Collection

Lewis Library, Fine Hall Wing, B Floor (enter via Fine Hall Tower elevator)

This non-circulating collection is geographically comprehensive and contains extensive holdings of physical, political, and thematic print maps and other cartographic materials issued by local, federal, and commercial agencies, foreign governments, and international organizations, and created, for the most part, after 1919. (For maps before 1920, see the entry on page 10 for Maps, historic.) Facilities include a large-format color scanner and HP DesignJet printer. Contact: Patricia Gaspari-Bridges, Librarian (maplib@princeton.edu or 609-258-3247).

Marquand Library of Art and Archaeology

McCormick Hall

This non-circulating library is one of the oldest and finest art libraries in America. The art and architecture collections are fairly comprehensive in scope, and range from materials on prehistoric rock art up to contemporary art and architecture, along with significant coverage of the history of photography and garden and landscape history and design. The archaeology collections cover classical, medieval, Byzantine, Islamic, pre-Columbian, and East Asian cultures. Materials are selected in many languages and in all formats, with few geographical limits. The library also houses a distinguished rare book collection. Contact: Sandra Ludig Brooke, Librarian (marquand@princeton.edu or 609-258-3783).

Mendel Music Library

Woolworth Center for Musical Studies

This library houses materials related to classical music, dance, musical theater, jazz, popular music, and world music. The holdings are in numerous formats, including books, journals, scores, facsimile editions, microforms, electronic resources, and, in a circulating collection, sound and video recordings (CDs, LPs, DVDs, videocassettes, etc.). The library provides listening and viewing equipment, as well as a microform scanning station. Contact: Darwin F. Scott, Librarian (muslib@princeton.edu or 609-258-3230).

Mudd Manuscript Library

Mudd Manuscript Library, 65 Olden Street

The Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library, home of the Princeton University Archives and Public Policy Papers, is a unit of the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections.

The University Archives preserves materials on the history of Princeton University. Holdings include administrative, departmental and alumni records. The collections included within the Public Policy Papers focus on the history of American domestic and foreign policy in the 20th century, especially the Cold War era; jurisprudence; public

policy formation; journalism; international organizations; development economics; and demography.

For detailed information, including finding aids, see the Web site at <http://www.princeton.edu/mudd>. Contact: Daniel J. Linke, University Archivist and Curator of Public Policy Papers (mudd@princeton.edu or 609-258-6345). For reference assistance, write to mudd@princeton.edu.

Psychology Library

Green Hall

This library holds materials on cognitive, developmental, social, and experimental psychology; physiological psychology; perception; memory; personality; psycholinguistics; health psychology; neuroscience; cognitive neuroscience; brain imaging; psychopharmacology; and artificial intelligence. Contact: Steven Adams, Librarian (psychlib@princeton.edu or 609-258-6084).

ReCAP Library

Forrestal Campus, U.S. Route 1

ReCAP, the Research Collections and Preservation Consortium, is a joint venture of Columbia University, Princeton University, and the New York Public Library. It provides high-density, environmentally controlled shelving for all types of library material. The book stacks are not open to the public. You can obtain an item from the Princeton holdings in ReCAP by clicking the **RECAP REQUEST** button at the top of the Main Catalog screen. Contact: fstcirc@princeton.edu.

Stokes Library

Wallace Hall, Lower Level

This library maintains course reserve readings for the Woodrow Wilson School; a core set of journals and reference materials for public and international affairs; and the world-renowned Ansley J. Coale Population Research Collection, which covers demography, international censuses, vital statistics, public health, child health and welfare, immigration, family planning, and population policy. Contact: Nancy Pressman Levy, Librarian (pressman@princeton.edu or 609-258-5455).