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The Library has a campus-wide presence through nine locations, including the main library, the Harvey S. Firestone Library. Holdings include millions of books, journals, manuscripts, and non-print items in over 200 languages. The Library provides on-site and remote access to thousands of databases, digitized collections, sound recordings, musical scores, films, and more. Unique holdings from our special collections range from such singular items as an Egyptian Book of the Dead (circa 1250 BCE) to the papers of Nobel laureate Toni Morrison.

"At Princeton University Library we are committed to discoverability, state-of-the-art technologies, newly designed workspaces, deep subject expertise, and the development of our world-renowned collections. Our daily focus is on the research needs of each and every scholar."

Anne Jarvis
Robert H. Taylor 1930 University Librarian

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PUL staff include numerous subject specialists ready to assist each and every graduate student, with deep expertise in subject areas ranging from classics to sociology to biology. Our librarians and specialists work in teams to support research services, collection development, and cross-disciplinary exploration.

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We offer consultations on topics related to research data collection, visualization, analysis, management, and stewardship, journals and journal publication, open access and open data requirements, and licensing and copyright.

We also collaborate with campus partners to support compliance with external funding or other regulatory requirements related to data management, data sharing, and open access, support innovative and robust open research practices that showcase and promote University research projects, and advocate nationally for open access, data sharing, publishing models, and data management policies that support the University’s research community, mission and values.
Graduate students have unprecedented opportunities for research and teaching within Special Collections whose holdings span five millennia, six continents, and many formats. Our holdings range from such singular items as an Egyptian Book of the Dead (circa 1250 BCE) to the papers of Nobel laureate Toni Morrison and the records of the American Civil Liberties Union. We welcome graduate students to explore our collections for anything from your first paper through (and after) your dissertation.

If you’re developing a syllabus, contact us to learn how we can support you through our Teaching with Collections initiative. Each year more than 300 University classes utilize Special Collections, providing students with the opportunity to study first-hand historical documents, books, and other items seldom encountered. Our curators and specialists provide knowledgeable guidance across disciplines and subjects.

With the Center for Digital Humanities based in Firestone Library, a new horizon of research possibilities using special collections for digital scholarship is open. We invite you to call upon us to assist you on your educational journey.

“Arts of the Medieval Book” class with Beatrice Kitzinger (right), associate professor of art and archaeology


Toni Morrison’s handwritten manuscript of Beloved

Elisabeth Bloom, PhD Candidate, Program in French
In support of our strategic priority to “develop and deploy programs that place Library Services where users work and interact,” PUL has nine locations across campus, serving every discipline, including the humanities, architecture, East Asian studies, music and the performing arts, art and archaeology, science, engineering, political science, public policy papers, and University archives.

Each location offers unique spaces that support both individual study and collaborative work. Grad student carrels, lockers, and study rooms are available at most locations.

“The African American reading room in Firestone became an intellectual home I needed. The resources of the Library proved to be invaluable.” — Danielle K. Taylor-Guthrie (former graduate student)

Become a DPUL curator!
Digital PUL houses 60 digitized collections held or hosted by PUL. The site is constantly expanding and includes a user guide with an introduction to the application for building a digital collection. The guide teaches curators how to create a collection with content drawn from our digital repository (Figgy) by utilizing a variety of features to customize metadata display, highlight and organize specific items, and build rich informational pages. Interested in becoming a digital curator?

Learn more:
Firestone Library

Considered one of the largest open-stack libraries in existence, Harvey S. Firestone Memorial Library serves as the main campus library at Princeton and assumes primary responsibility for Princeton’s humanities and social sciences collections as well as a number of specialized research support services. Home to Special Collections, it also houses treasures such as the autographed manuscript of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “The Great Gatsby” and the papers of Nobel laureates Toni Morrison and Mario Vargas Llosa.

Other services within Firestone include Data and Statistical Services, which provides data and statistical consulting for students of all disciplines, and Video Services, which supports use of video technology in teaching and research. A Discovery Hub space on the first floor is designed to support group activities and collaborative work.

Located in the Firestone lobby and open to the public, the Ellen and Leonard Milberg Gallery highlights PUL’s collections while also drawing upon complementary collections from our campus partners and institutions. Also open to the public and located in the lobby is the Cotsen Children’s Library, which holds an extensive research collection of illustrated children’s books and hosts children’s programming.

library.princeton.edu/firestone

Architecture Library

The Architecture Library supports the research and teaching needs of the School of Architecture. Its holdings specialize in modern and contemporary architecture and design, the history and theory of architecture, urban studies, landscape architecture, preservation, and city planning.

The collection constitutes approximately 35,000 volumes on-site with thousands more housed off-site. The library subscribes to more than 300 domestic and international periodicals, and has a growing collection of rare materials as well as a video collection focusing broadly on productions relating to the built environment. The library also offers a growing collection of e-books on the topics of material science and computer-aided design and fabrication, and houses the Material Samples Collection, an extensive array of materials available for research and design.

Well versed in the particular needs of architectural research and instruction, library specialists are readily available to work with students, faculty and staff to provide multiple levels of assistance to assist with everything from the basics of searching the catalog and navigating the library’s borrowing and lending services, to providing in-depth scholarly research consultations.

library.princeton.edu/architecture
East Asian Library

The East Asian Library collects materials in all subjects in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean, supporting both the research undertaken in the Department of East Asian Studies and any research on East Asia in any other department. The collections cover comprehensively traditional literature, history, religion, and civilization, but modern and contemporary studies are also extensively represented. In Western languages, the East Asian Library holds works on East Asian literature, linguistics, and book history. Works on other subjects are held in other libraries, such as Firestone or Marquand.

Expert subject specialists on China, Japan, and Korea are available to provide help with all levels of research, whether primarily using English or East Asian languages, from traditional classic subjects to contemporary statistics. A wide variety of databases is available. The reference room in the East Asian Library is the primary place for starting any kind of research. Library specialists are available for research and instructional consultations via one-on-one consultations, emails, and calls.

library.princeton.edu/eastasian

Marquand Library

Marquand Library of Art and Archaeology holds over half a million print volumes, nearly 13,000 rare books, and some 1,400 current serial subscriptions. The library supports research in scholarly art history from antiquity to present with coverage in fine and decorative arts, media and performance art, architecture, garden design, and archaeology. Concentrations of note are classical art and archaeology, art of the ancient Near East and pre-Columbian Americas, and early Christian, Byzantine, medieval, and renaissance art. There are extensive resources on baroque through contemporary art, photography, and the arts of China and Japan.

Marquand acquires nearly 20,000 new and antiquarian items annually, including books, exhibition catalogs, journals, indexes, and reference materials in print and electronic form, as well as image databases and videos. Nearly half of annual expenditures are directed towards special collections. Marquand is considered a library of record, preserving historic editions and buying retrospectively as well as supporting emerging areas of interest.

Please note: These photos are from the McCormick Hall location. Marquand is temporarily located in Firestone Library due to the renovation of the Princeton University Art Museum.

library.princeton.edu/marquand
Lewis Science Library


The library houses an extraordinary collection of science research content, including print and electronic versions of books and journals, maps, online resources, and databases. Included in the Lewis Science Library is the Fine Hall wing which houses print volumes and other extensive collections, course reserves, and the Map and GIS Center.

Throughout the library, researchers will find group study rooms, classrooms, lockers, a 20-PC e-classroom with specialized software, computer clusters, network printers, and a makerspace. The PUL Makerspace opened in 2021 as an informal learning place for creative making.

Librarians with deep expertise in science research methods are available at Lewis for consultations.

library.princeton.edu/lewis

Engineering Library

The Engineering Library sets a national standard for the integration of print and electronic resources. Through a physical layout that flows from Lewis Science Library into Fine Hall and the resources it offers, the library fosters the perfect environment for collaborative work.

It provides research and instructional services to faculty and students in support of the research and education mission of the School of Engineering and Applied Science and its affiliated programs and centers.

The Engineering Library houses the Material Samples Collection (bottom left image), a resource created to provide inspiration, inform design thinking, and foster innovation. The Architecture and the Engineering Libraries worked collaboratively to acquire this extraordinary array of materials which is available for research and design at both locations.

Located near the Engineering Library information desk, the Fine Collaboration Hub serves as a community gathering space that can be reserved for presentations, workshops, collaborative work, club meetings, study groups, and more. (For reservations: libcal.princeton.edu/reserve/fine)

library.princeton.edu/engineering
Mendel Music Library

Mendel is a vital resource for students, researchers, and scholars of music, dance, musical theater, and related disciplines. Extraordinary collections include over 90,000 monographs, 65,000 scores, 87,000 sound recordings (58,000+ are CDs), 5,800 video recordings, 18,000 microfilm titles, 2,500 online and print periodical titles, and outstanding and growing collection of rare books and scores in its “Locked Collection” available for use in house.

Mendel's collections support the complex and varied research and performance needs of Princeton’s preeminent music faculty, some 50 graduate students in musicology, music theory, and composition, undergraduate music majors and non-majors participating in the various performance ensembles, and Princeton students, faculty, and staff from all subject areas who include music as part of their interdisciplinary study or personal interest. The Mendel Music Library also houses collections in musical theater and dance, and supports the Lewis Center for the Arts curriculum for the programs in theater, dance, and music theater. Since we are open to the public, our collections are also widely consulted by researchers from all over the Northeast and beyond.

library.princeton.edu/music

Mudd Manuscript Library

The Seeley G. Mudd Library, part of Princeton University Library’s Special Collections, is a repository constructed in 1976 to house the Princeton University Archives and a highly regarded collection of 20th-century public policy papers. Mudd offers instructional services in support of the University’s mission to advance learning through scholarship, research, and teaching.

The archival and manuscript material in Mudd Library’s possession are widely used by local, national, and international researchers. They include manuscript collections/archives, correspondence, publications, phonograph recordings, audio and video tapes, films, photographs, and born-digital files. Mudd Library staff are available to answer reference questions in person and by phone or email during our regular operating hours.

library.princeton.edu/special-collections/mudd
Stokes Library

Stokes Library is the primary point-of-contact for Library Services for the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) and the Office of Population Research (OPR). In addition to housing the SPIA Reserve Collection and the Ansley J. Coale Population Research Collection, it houses the Stokes Viz Hub, a space and service that responds to the evolving digital research, data visualization, and qualitative analysis needs of the Princeton University community. The Stokes librarians and staff work closely with faculty and students to provide:

- Classroom instruction
- In-depth, one-on-one research consultations
- Qualitative and quantitative data analysis and data visualization support
- Bibliographic management software guidance
- Assistance with NIH Public Access Policy compliance for OPR affiliates
- Reserve materials processing
- Document delivery
- Virtual reality support and borrowing

The comfortable, well-lit library offers quiet study space, stand-up desks, collaborative study rooms, an electronic classroom, and book scanning facilities, along with work stations for specialized quantitative research. If you would like assistance, please contact a Stokes librarian.

library.princeton.edu/stokes
Our mission
We enrich teaching and learning, facilitate world-class research, and preserve cultural heritage by providing dynamic services and diverse collections.

Our vision
We aspire to be an active and creative partner within Princeton University and across the global community by curating pertinent resources and engaging in emerging forms of teaching, learning, and research in ways that explicitly support diversity, equity, and inclusion.

PUL’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement can be found at library.princeton.edu/about