

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) has four libraries on its main campus. The libraries were established in 1957, although the first collection was housed at a local high school in 1955. Within this system, with its 325,600 square feet, 113 highly-trained individuals serve the campus community, including the 37 librarians with tenure-track faculty status. Thirteen liaison librarians offer subject-specific reference, course related instruction sessions, and collections and scholarly communications for faculty and students. Each year there are over 1.7 million person visits to the libraries.

Lied Library is the main library – it has been in its current location since 2001. It alone contains over 950,000 volumes (circa 30,000 added annually), nearly 300 electronic indexes, databases and reference sources, nearly 8,000 serial subscriptions, access to more than 500,000 electronic monographs, and access to more than 1 million state and federal government documents. Lied also provides 317 computer workstations, 800 data drops, four instructional rooms, 16 group study rooms, and four media viewing rooms.

The Libraries' Institutional Repository captures, preserves, and shares the intellectual output of UNLV faculty, staff, students and collaborations with other stakeholders.

Within the library system there are more than a dozen digital collections that feature a wide range of original source materials from UNLV Libraries Special Collections, the Nevada State Museum, the Historical Society of Las Vegas and the Clark County Heritage Museum. There are two specialized centers: the Center for Gaming Research and the Oral History Research Center.

University Libraries includes two online branches: the Shadow Lane Library, for faculty and students at UNLV's Dental School and Biotechnology Center, and the Singapore Campus Library, which provides research assistance to students and faculty at UNLV's William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration.

There are also three physical branch libraries: the Architecture Studies Library, Curriculum Materials Library, and the Music Library.

- Architecture Studies has been in operation since 1997, and provides access to resources and information about the professional fields of architecture, building and construction, urban planning, landscape architecture and interior design in support of the academic needs of the School of Architecture.
- The Music Library opened in 2001, and supports the curricular and research needs of Music and other departments within the College of Fine Arts.
- The Curriculum Materials Library, opened in 1973, provides resources and services specifically geared toward Education majors and PreK – 12 teachers in the local Clark County School District (CCSD).

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