

Like its prototype in ancient Alexandria, the University of Maryland's Health Sciences and Human Services Library is a place to store the physical containers of knowledge while it provides the space for contemplation and scholarly discourse.

Today, that means a high-tech building with networked access to resources worldwide—as well as the controlled atmosphere of a fifth-floor rare books room for volumes from as far back as the 15th century.

While it is tempting to let the Indiana limestone, brick, granite, and aluminum tell the Library's story, that would only scratch the surface. This \$32 million facility was built entirely with state funding and took eight years to plan and construct. Its opening on April 3, 1998 came nearly 200 years after the nation's first university medical center library was built on this campus.

As the second-largest medical library building on the East Coast, the Library must serve several functions. It is the physical symbol of the University's dedication to the search for knowledge; a focal point for the campus community; a haven for

study and collaboration; an access point and distribution center for print and electronic information; a teaching library; a workplace for library and computing staff who support it behind the scenes.

Its location opposite the University of Maryland Medical Center's expansive new entrance and the University's historic landmark, Davidge Hall, anchors the campus' 25-acre urban setting. And it solidifies a significant presence in a neighborhood that includes the

Baltimore
Convention
Center, Oriole
Park at Camden
Yards and the
new stadium of
the Ravens
National Football
League team.

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The Library's profile includes:

- 190,000 square feet of space for study in solitude or collaborative learning
- 360,000 volumes
- 8,000 to 10,000 volumes added annually
- 1,500 computer data connections, the most of any medical library in the country
- 2,300 periodicals
- Seating for 15 percent of the entire student body at any given time (900 seats)
- 40 study rooms
- 35 workstations
- Teaching space in three computer classrooms

- Headquarters for the Southeastern Atlantic Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine
- Historical Room
- Center for Innovations in Technology
- Distance Education Center
- 70 employees
- 104-step stairway, one of the longest in Baltimore



List of facilities by floor

LOWER LEVEL
Computer Classrooms
Center for Innovations in
Technology
Distance Education Center
Data Processing Service
Counter

FIRST FLOOR
Main Entrance
Circulation/Reserve Desk
Electronic Reserve
Reference Desk
Reference Collection
Indexes/Abstracts
Computers and Printing
Commons Computing
Assistance Desk
Graphics Room
Tower Cafe

SECOND FLOOR
Current Journals
Bound Journals (A-Cytogenet)

THIRD FLOOR
Bound Journals (Cytologia-Z)
Interlibrary Loan Drop-off

FOURTH FLOOR Books (A-RC565)

FIFTH FLOOR
Board Room
Historical Room
Books (RC566-Z)
Oversized Books
Dissertations/Theses





"Those who see our new library, from the outside and inside, will have no doubt as to the seriousness of our academic mission. This wonderful building puts us in a leadership position on an international scale."

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