Libraries

The UTSA Libraries (http://lib.utsa.edu) provide students and faculty with seamless, comprehensive access to information and learning resources as well as innovative spaces for active learning and interdisciplinary scholarship.

Locations

• John Peace Library (JPL) – Located on the Main Campus, JPL is UTSA’s largest library with three floors of resources, study spaces and academic support services. JPL is open 24-hours-a-day, five-days-a-week during the fall and spring semesters, as well as extended weekend hours.
• Downtown Library – located in the Buena Vista Street Building, featuring views of the San Antonio skyline, diverse study spaces and computing services. The Downtown Library serves UTSA’s Downtown Campus community and its multiple undergraduate and graduate professional programs.
• Applied Engineering and Technology (AET) Library – A bookless, satellite library located in the AET building on Main Campus.
• Special Collections – UTSA’s collection of rare books, manuscripts, photographs and archival materials are accessible through Special Collections Reading Rooms on JPL’s 4th floor and at the Institute of Texan Cultures on the HemisFair Campus.

Collections

UTSA students and faculty have access to millions of resources, including the latest scholarly journals, databases and over 3,000,000 e-books. In addition, the libraries offer a rich collection of multimedia resources, educational curriculum materials, maps, musical scores and more. Using Library Quick Search (http://lib.utsa.edu/find-information/quick-search), students have easy access to the library’s vast collections.

Students, faculty and staff can access library resources—such as full-text journal articles and e-books—from off-campus using their myUTSA ID and passphrase. The UTSA Libraries mobile website (http://m.lib.utsa.edu) provides smartphone access to the most popular resources and services.

Special Collections

UTSA Libraries Special Collections (http://lib.utsa.edu/SpecialCollections) brings national recognition to the university for distinctive research materials documenting the diverse histories and development of San Antonio and South Texas. Signature collections include the history of the African American and LGBTQ communities in our region, the history of women and gender in Texas, Mexican American activism and advertising, the Tex-Mex food industry, and urban planning.

Services

The UTSA Libraries offer:

• Research assistance via online chat (http://lib.utsa.edu/about/contact)
• In-person assistance at information desks throughout the libraries
• Desktop computers (http://lib.utsa.edu/services/use-a-computer)
• State-of-the-art workstations for small group collaboration (http://lib.utsa.edu/services/groupspot)

• Multimedia viewing and listening facilities
• Reservable group study rooms (http://lib.utsa.edu/services/get-a-study-room)
• Quiet study areas
• High-speed scanners, printers and copiers (http://lib.utsa.edu/services/print-copy-and-scan)
• Laptop computers, DVD players, headphones and other tech gear for check-out (http://lib.utsa.edu/services/tech-gear)
• Textbooks on reserve (http://lib.utsa.edu/find-information/course-reserves)
• “Get It For Me (http://lib.utsa.edu/services/get-it-for-me)” — items located, delivered or borrowed from other libraries

Visit the UTSA Libraries website (http://lib.utsa.edu) for complete information on the resources and services available.

Academic Support

Housed within the JPL are three of UTSA’s most popular academic support services:

• Supplemental Instruction (http://utsa.edu/trcss/si) (Tomás Rivera Center)
• Tutoring Services (http://utsa.edu/trcss/ts) (Tomás Rivera Center)
• The Judith G. Gardner Center for Writing Excellence (http://www.utsa.edu/twc)