



University of
Connecticut

LIBRARIES

Welcome to the Homer Babbidge Library

Library Tour

LIBRARY FACTS

Name: Named after Homer Daniels Babbidge, Jr., UConn's president from 1962-1972
Construction: Opened in October 1978
Renovation: August 1995 to October 1998
Square feet: 395,000 on seven floors **Seating Capacity:** 2,300
Collection: The largest public research collection in Connecticut containing 2.5 million volumes • 5,000 currently received journals • 2.8 million units of microtext • 35,000 reference sources • 180,000 maps

LEVEL 4 *Geography, History, Literature, Psychology, and Religion collections*

Map and Geographic Information Center (MAGIC): The largest public map collection in New England. MAGIC contains over 180,000 sheet maps; a comprehensive collection of state, national and thematic atlases; historical maps relating to the state of Connecticut; and over 50,000 aerial photographs of Connecticut from 1941 to 1996. The MAGIC Web site <magic.lib.uconn.edu> is a nationally acclaimed resource for geo-spatial data of Connecticut.

LEVEL 3 *Current and bound journal collections 1960-present, shelved in an alphabetical arrangement by journal title; newspapers and news magazines, both US and international*

Copier Room: The central location of the library's self-service photocopiers.

Culpeper Media Library: Extensive audio, video, and DVD collections covering a wide range of subjects in support of the university's teaching programs; microform journal collections. Self-service microform copiers and scanners

Microform Research Collections: Specialized research collections in areas of historical, social, political, and literary interest.

LEVEL 2 *Science and Social Studies collections*

Art & Design Library: This collection includes visual art resources relating to art history, studio arts, interior design, landscape architecture, garden history, graphic design, costume, and photography.

Class of 1950 Library Lecture Center: A multi-purpose room for meetings; library orientation and instruction; and state-of-the-art media presentations.

Class of 1952 Electronic Classroom 2: The heart of the library's educational program, which reaches 7000 students each year. This interactive, hands-on electronic teaching facility can host up to 36 students at a time, on 18 workstations.

Video Theater 1 & Class of 1951 Video Theater 2: Theaters for group video showings of up to 40 in Video Theater 1 and 90 in the Class of 1951 Video Theater 2.

LEVEL 1 *The Electronic Information Learning Center*

Class of 1948 Electronic Classroom 1: This 10 workstation electronic classroom is for small-group and hands-on learning.

Class of 1955 Undergraduate Research Classroom: This classroom, new in fall 2005, is a hands-on learning classroom with individual computer workstations for 23 students. It was designed for training undergraduate students in library research techniques.

Computer and Copy Services: Patrons receive assistance with electronic equipment, copying, VendaCards, scanning, printing; disks are for sale and change is available.

Computer Microlab: 40 networked PCs offering Internet access together with word processing, database, and spreadsheet software as well as statistical, mathematical, and geo-spatial softwares.

Document Delivery / Interlibrary Loan: Four times voted best in New England, this service obtains research materials not held in the University Libraries' collection.

HOMER: The University of Connecticut Libraries' (Storrs and Regional Campuses) online catalog contains more than 1.3 million records, including books, journals, maps, federal and state documents, audio tapes, videos and DVDs.

Information Café 1 and 2: Information retrieval workstations linked to the Internet and the Libraries' information servers. Through the UConn Libraries homepage <www.lib.uconn.edu>, users connect to a host of resources including over 20,000 full text journals, primary reference sources, hundreds of research databases, online encyclopedias, Electronic Course Reserves, the UConn Web, WebCT, and Internet search engines.

Learning Resource Center: New in fall 2005, the Learning Resource Center provides technical assistance for WebCT, PeopleSoft, HuskyMail, e-portfolios, standard computer software, or with any General Education (GenEd) computer competency requirements. The Center offers one-on-one training, group learning, a laptop lounge, as well as phone, e-mail, and online assistance for remote users.

Q Center Tutoring: A resource and service to students taking quantitative intensive (Q) courses.

Reference Collection: A print collection of 35,000 volumes including encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, directories, almanacs, bibliographies, technical standards, legal digests, and statutes.

Research & Instruction Services (Reference Desk): Open 72 hours per week during the academic year; the staff assist several thousand users each week.

Writing Center / Satellite Office: The University's Writing Center operates several evenings from its newly established library location.

PLAZA *The Entry Level*

Bookworms Café: Café service; seating for 120; 24 hour access to email and Internet stations, phones, fax machine, ATM, and cable television.

Circulation: Undergraduate students can charge out books for 30 days and have two 30-day renewal periods. Maximum number of books charged is 150. All Connecticut State residents over 18 are eligible to apply for a Library card.

Class of 1947 Meeting Room: Meeting for up to 75 people, state-of-the-art multimedia facilities.

Co-op Newstand: New in 2000, the UConn Co-op operates a satellite Newstand in the north entrance.

Gallery on the Plaza: This gallery is one of two spaces for art exhibitions. Exhibits change five times per year.

Library Administration: The University Libraries at Storrs and the five regional campuses employ a staff of 125 as well as some 250-300 students per semester.

Lost & Found: Items found in the library are turned in and held at the Security Desk.

Quiet Study Room: A quiet study area open 24 hours a day.

Reserve: Reserve offers 3 hour and overnight loans for high-demand course-related materials.

LEVEL B *Dewey Decimal collection, U.S. & Connecticut documents*

Federal Documents Reading Room: The Homer Babbidge Library is a depository for the United States and the State of Connecticut publications. The collections number more than 500,000 items.

Laura & Walter Broughton Leisure Reading Room: The Laura & Walter Broughton Leisure Reading Room of the Babbidge Library brings popular reading titles to the Storrs campus. Circulation is limited to four weeks.

Microlab Lite: This 18 workstation micro-computer lab offers Internet access as well as word processing, database, and spreadsheet software.

Norman D. Stevens Gallery: This gallery is one of two spaces for art exhibitions. New exhibits are mounted for fall, spring, and summer.

LEVEL A *Pre-1960 bound journals, bibliography, UConn theses and dissertations, foreign and international documents.*

EXTERIOR SPACES

The renovated Babbidge Library reopened in 1998 as a warmer, more inviting, student-centered environment. On the north side a glass-walled pavilion serves as the library's main entrance. Entering at street level, users move by stair or elevator into the Library proper. The Babbidge south plaza was redesigned as an outdoor community space offering a site for ceremonies, and for educational, social and cultural activities and offers casual seating from mid-spring through mid-autumn.

OTHER UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

On the Storrs Campus: Archives & Special Collections (Dodd Research Center), Pharmacy Library (Pharmacy/Biology Building), Music & Dramatic Arts Library (Fine Arts Complex)

At the Regional Campuses: Avery Point, Stamford, Torrington, Waterbury, West Hartford