

Libraries

The libraries of Wake Forest University support instruction and research at the undergraduate level and in the disciplines awarding graduate degrees. The libraries of the University hold membership in the Association of College and Research Libraries, and in the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries. They rank among the top libraries in the Southeast in expenditures per student.

The Wake Forest libraries include the Z. Smith Reynolds Library, the Worrell Professional Center Library (serving the Law School and the Babcock Graduate School of Management), and the Coy C. Carpenter Medical School Library. The library collections total over 1.5 million volumes. The Z. Smith Reynolds Library holds over 1.2 million volumes in the general collection, 991,422 reels of microfilm and other microtext, 170,193 titles of United States government documents, and growing media collections. The Worrell Professional Center Library holds 189,795 volumes and the Carpenter Library of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine holds 138,874 volumes. Subscriptions to 16,389 periodicals and serials, largely of scholarly content, are maintained at the three libraries. The three libraries share an online catalog, which may be consulted at stations in the buildings, from the campus network, and remotely through a modem.

The Reference Department of the Z. Smith Reynolds Library provides a complete range of reference services including online searching, tours, first-year student orientation, presentations to individual classes, and assistance with directed and independent studies. Reference tools are available in electronic and print formats. An ever-increasing collection of electronic journals may be consulted. Interlibrary loan service is available for Wake Forest students, faculty, and staff. Books, photocopies, and other materials may be borrowed from other libraries at no charge. Special collections in the Reynolds Library include the Rare Books Collection, which emphasizes American and British authors of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Ethel Taylor Crittenden Baptist Historical Collection and the Wake Forest College/University Archive are maintained in this area as well.

Facilities in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library include the Information Technology Center with multimedia viewing, editing, and scanning, and a computer lab for student use. All-night study rooms are available to students with a key-card. Group study rooms may be reserved.

Within the Carpenter Library specific collections deal with the written and oral history of the School of Medicine, the history of neurology, and the Suzanne Meads Art in Medicine collection. The Dorothy Carpenter Medical Archives also contain the papers of the American Neurological Association, the American Society of Neuroimaging, and the Association of Medical Illustrators.