The Albert B. Alkek Library, located in the heart of the San Marcos campus, is where students and researchers come to find abundant information resources, cutting-edge technology, and diverse work and study spaces that support successful research and academic endeavors. The Alkek is the architectural centerpiece and intellectual hub of the campus and is open year-round with early morning and late night hours during the fall and spring semesters, including continuous 24-hour access during mid-terms and finals. In addition, the library’s online services and resources can be accessed 24/7 through the website (http://library.txstate.edu/).

Special holdings of the Library include The Wittliff Collections (comprised of the Southwestern Writers Collection, the Southwestern and Mexican Photography Collection and the new Texas Music Collection) and the University Archives. The Library is also a selective depository for federal government documents. As a member of the Texas Digital Library, the Library’s Digital Collections (http://digital.library.txstate.edu/) provide access to unique Texas State collections, including scholarship authored by university faculty, students, and staff and selected materials from The Wittliff Collections and the University Archives.

The Library’s online catalog (http://catalog.library.txstate.edu) provides information on the Library’s holdings.

Wireless access to the university network is available within the Library. Laptop computers may be checked out for building use and there are multiple workstations, laser printers and scanners located throughout the library. Alkek also has a self-service video recording studio, 3D printing technology, video conferencing and video-editing technology, presentation and Geographic Information Systems technology support, and adaptive equipment for individuals with disabilities.

The Library maintains cooperative borrowing agreements with other libraries in the region. Through TexShare, a statewide resource sharing program, students and faculty may borrow materials held by most public and private university libraries in the state.