ALBERT B. ALKEK LIBRARY

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 Library 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 Alkek 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/) feature unique Texas State collections, including scholarly works 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 its holdings.

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

The Alkek Library is currently being renovated to add new technology features such as a MakerSpace, Immersion Studio (for visual, mixed and augmented reality experiences), DesignSpace (for graphic design) and additional video and audio recording and editing studios. In addition, the renovations will add a new Graduate Commons space for graduate students along with other education, instruction, and research spaces and features. Renovations are scheduled for completion during the spring 2020 semester.

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.