
Alkek Library

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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. In addition, the library's online services and resources can be accessed through the University Libraries website (library.txst.edu (<http://library.txst.edu/>)).

Special holdings of the library include The Wittliff Collections (comprised of the Southwestern Writers Collection, the Southwestern and Mexican Photography Collection and the 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 University Scholarship collections (digital.library.txstate.edu/ (<http://digital.library.txstate.edu/>)) features unique Texas State collections, including scholarly works authored by university faculty, students and staff. A separate repository houses Digital Collections from The Wittliff and University Archives (dc.library.txstate.edu (<https://dc.library.txstate.edu/>)).

The library's online catalog (catalog.library.txstate.edu (<http://catalog.library.txstate.edu/>)) provides information on its vast resources.

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.

The first floor of the library known as Alkek One, includes a suite of creative technology spaces designed to give students from all disciplines access to resources that will help them explore, create, and discover. These spaces include: the Immersion Studio, for exploring virtual, augmented and mixed realities; MakerSpace, for creating physical innovations; GeoSpace, for GIS and data story telling exploration; DesignSpace for discovering 2D and 3D design possibilities; and the YouStar Studios, for recording audio and video projects and editing polished productions.

The Alkek Library also boasts a Graduate Commons space for graduate students and other education, instruction, and research spaces and features within its seven stories.

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. In addition, books and articles not available through Texas State can be requested through Interlibrary Loan and they will be borrowed from libraries across the country and sometimes even internationally.