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 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. In June 2020, the library opened Alkek One, a suite of technology spaces designed to give students from all disciplines access to resources that will help them; Explore. Create. Discover. These new spaces include: an Immersion Studio, for exploring virtual, augmented and mixed realities; a MakerSpace, for creating physical innovations; a GeoSpace, for GIS and data story telling exploration; a 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 new 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, holdings from most academic libraries not available through Texas State can be requested through Interlibrary Loan sharing agreements.