

## **Libraries**

The University Library and the Law Library hold over 2 million items. The libraries receive 56,000 serials in nearly 220 databases and add over 25,000 items annually. There are subscriptions to 150 newspapers, including all Idaho newspapers and representative papers from around the U.S. The library is a regional depository for U.S. and Idaho state government documents and U.S. patents, and is a designated Earth Science Information Center.

The libraries' collections emphasize the land-grant traditions of the basic sciences, agriculture, and the natural resources while maintaining supporting collections in the humanities and social sciences. Special Collections and Archives is rich in collections of Pacific Northwest and Idaho state history, including books, photographs, and historical maps. The archives contain personal papers and records of families, politicians, educators, authors, and business records of lumber companies, mines, and railroads. It is also home to the International Jazz Collections which contains papers, photos, and recordings of jazz musicians and critics. The law library's special collections include records and briefs submitted to the Idaho Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, an historical collection of Idaho legislative and administrative legal materials, and the Clagett Collection, which consists of materials collected by Fred and Dorothy Clagett to support their research on the life and times of William H. Clagett, the president of Idaho's Constitutional Convention in 1889.

The library building was expanded and remodeled in 1993, resulting in essentially a new library facility. The library is air-conditioned and is open 8 a.m. to midnight daily during the school terms.

Library services are fully computerized, and the two libraries have subscriptions to numerous electronic indexes, services, journals, and books. There are 180 public-access computers within the library, and all library computer resources are fully accessible to students, faculty and staff in all campus computing labs and off-campus .

There is a reciprocal use agreement between the University of Idaho Libraries and the Washington State University Libraries located in Pullman, eight miles away, giving students immediate access to the equivalent of library resources in many urban areas. Similar agreements exist with the Lewis Clark State College Library, located in Lewiston, and North Idaho College Library, located in Coeur d'Alene. The library cooperates with institutions throughout the Pacific Northwest. Overnight delivery services ensure rapid delivery of items held throughout the area.