University Libraries Facts at a Glance

Mission:
• Develop collections and provide access to resources that support research, discovery, and learning;
• Provide services responsive to the increasingly diverse information needs of the University community;
• Cultivate effective research skills among students;
• Support the multimedia needs of the University.

Developing collections serving both teaching and research:
• Books and microforms: over 2.8 million items
• Maps: nearly 300,000
• Research databases: more than 200
• Electronic journal access to over 48,000 titles
• Unique research collections, including May 4 and Borowitz True Crime

Serving information needs:
• Individualized assistance provided in-person, by appointment, through e-mail, or instant messaging.
• Access to collections in Ohio and beyond.
• Multimedia production facilities and support for both students and faculty.
• Video production support for classes, University events, and the broader community.

Organization:
• Kent Campus: Main Library and 6 branch libraries
• Regional Campuses: all 7 libraries professionally staffed
• Audio Visual Services
• Design Solutions
• Student Multimedia Studio

Staff:
• Eight-campus library staff of over 105 including librarians, classified, and unclassified staff
• 200 student employees working about 80,000 hours per year

Technology:
• More than 200 public workstations
• 3 multimedia classrooms
• Student Multimedia Studio and Faculty Editing Suites
• Web site with full-text, audio, video receives over 450,000 visits per month

Key Memberships
• Association of Research Libraries
• Center for Research Libraries
• Consortium of College and University Media Centers
• OhioLINK (statewide information system for higher education) system

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