The NC State University Libraries

The Libraries: NC State's competitive advantage. The NC State University Libraries enriches the educational experience, research productivity, and student and faculty life at NC State by anticipating and meeting user needs, creating accessible, equitable, and welcoming virtual and physical environments and services that inspire, connect, and benefit our users.

OUR SERVICES AND EXPERTISE—ENABLING SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS

- Librarians consult and collaborate with faculty and students in all areas of teaching, learning, and research

- Reference, research support, interlibrary loan, and collection access services for the NC State community

- Course reserve service with all required textbooks and 24-hour access to electronic reserves

- "Course Tools" for students—a guide to library resources for every course at the university

- Technology Lending: laptops, iPads, cameras, calculators, gaming, virtual reality tools, and more

- Data science, visualization, digital media, and Geographic Information System services

- Workshops and events complementing curricula and research in all disciplines

- Copyright and Digital Scholarship Center, collaborating with scholars on open knowledge, intellectual property, and copyright issues

- Only full U.S. patent and trademark depository in the region

- Host for NC LIVE, offering a wide array of digital resources to all North Carolina residents

OUR SPACES—THE MOST USED RESOURCE ON CAMPUS

Two main libraries—the D. H. Hill Jr. Library and the James B. Hunt Jr. Library—as well as the Harrye B. Lyons Design Library, the Natural Resources Library, and the William Rand Kenan Jr. Library of Veterinary Medicine, with more than 2.5 million total user visits per year.
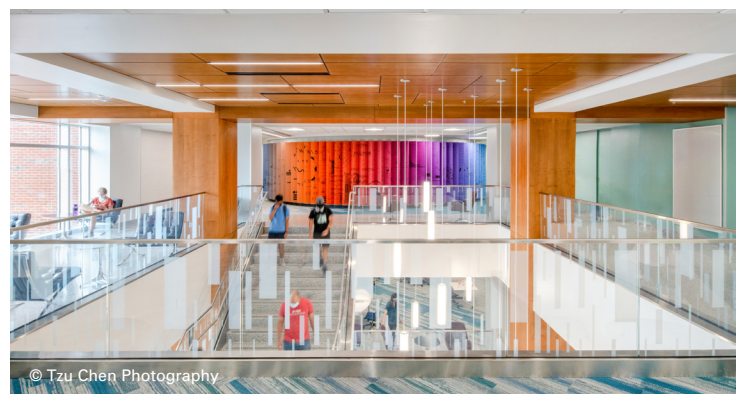
Key spaces include:

- Learning Commons, Faculty Research Commons, Graduate Student Commons

- Large-scale, immersive visualization spaces at the Hill and Hunt Libraries

- Digital media creation facilities

- Dataspace (Hunt) and Data Experience Lab (Hill) with advanced computing, software, training, and consultation

- A Game Lab for the scholarly study and enjoyment of games and for interactive workshops and demonstrations

- iPearl Immersion Theater for panoramic display of faculty and student work (Hunt)

- Innovation Studio features unique, interactive displays and emerging technologies (Hill)

- Makerspaces offering 3D printing and scanning and other specialized tools

- VR Studio for creating and experimenting with virtual worlds (Hill)

- Special Collections Reading Room and Exhibit Gallery (Hill)

OUR COLLECTION—AN ENGINE FOR RESEARCH AND LEARNING

Strengths in agriculture, architecture, biological sciences, design, engineering, entomology, forest resources, mathematics, physical sciences, statistics, textiles, and veterinary medicine.

- More than 3.4 million titles, and 100,473 print and electronic serial subscriptions (99,872 of them electronic)

- 681 bibliographic databases and many electronic full-text and image collections

- Over 15.7 million total uses of the collection in 2020/21

- More than 3.9 million full-text journal article downloads per year

- Access to over 1.4 million electronic books

- Cross-searching capabilities and Tripsaver delivery service with the Triangle Research Libraries Network (NC State, Duke, NC Central, and UNC–Chapel Hill)

- Rare and unique materials in all formats and documentation of university history. Highlights include premier archives in architecture, entomology, simulation, and zoological health.

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OUR HONORS—RECOGNITION FOR AN ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT

- Staff winners of 13 "Movers and Shakers" awards from Library Journal (2002-2022)

- 2020 ALA/ProQuest "Award for Innovation" for significant contributions to electronic collections management

- 2019 LITA/LIbrary Hi Tech Award for Outstanding Communication for Continuing Education in Library and Information Science for the "Data Science and Visualization Institute for Librarians"

- 2018 ALA "Information Today Library of the Future Award" for innovative information technology training programs

- 2016 National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS)

- 2014 American Institute of Architects (AIA) "Education Facility Design Award" for the Hunt Library

- 2014 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award for the Hunt Library communications campaign

- 2014 Stanford Prize for Innovation in Research Libraries for the Hunt Library as high-technology research platform

- 2014 ALA "Cutting-Edge Technology" award for My #HuntLibrary social media site

- James B. Hunt Jr. Library recognized in American Libraries' 2013 Library Design Showcase

- 2013 AIA/ALA Building Award for the James B. Hunt Jr. Library

- 2000 "ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award"— first university library to win this award

NC State University

THE FACTS

- Public, land-grant institution founded in 1887

- More than 36,000 students from 139 countries, including over 9,200 graduate students

- More than 300 undergraduate and graduate degree programs offered through 65 departments.

- Total campus area covers 2,100 acres, plus more than 100,000 acres in farms, forests, and other research facilities

- $373 million in new sponsored research awards in 2018/19

RANKINGS

- #1 Best public college in North Carolina (Money)

- #4 (tie) veterinary medicine program nationally (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

- #6 Best value among public universities nationally (U.S. News & World Report)

- #7 Online graduate engineering program nationally (U.S. News & World Report, 2020)

- #7 Online MBA nationally (Princeton Review)

- #11 in undergraduate entrepreneurship nationally (Princeton Review, 2020 and Entrepreneur)

- #16 graduate statistics program nationally (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

- #17 green college nationally (Princeton Review, 2020)

- Among the top 0.9% of universities worldwide (Center for World University Rankings)

LOCATION—NORTH CAROLINA'S INNOVATIVE RESEARCH TRIANGLE

- North Carolina ranked as the #1 state for business and Raleigh ranked #3 for best places for business and careers by Forbes in 2019

- Raleigh ranked as 2nd best-performing large metro area in the nation by Milken Institute in 2018

- Cary named the #5 "Best Places to Live In America" by Money Magazine in 2018

COLLEGES

- Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Design
- Education
- Engineering
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Management
- Natural Resources
- Sciences
- Textiles
- Veterinary Medicine
- University College
- Graduate School

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