

Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library

Fact Sheet

Facilities

1999 principal architect – Frank Ferguson, FFKR
Architecture, Salt Lake City

Building size:

1961 original building	205,000 sq. ft.
1976 addition	225,000 sq. ft.
1999 addition	235,000 sq. ft.
Total	665,000 sq. ft.

The granite floor tiles are from Minnesota and the wood panels all come from the same cherry wood grove in West Virginia. Fetzers, Inc. of Salt Lake City did the woodworking and the study tables. The study table chairs were made in Italy.

Shelving capacity: 5.2 million volumes
(98 miles of single shelves)

Seating capacity: 4,600

Instructional facilities: 200 seat Auditorium
9 electronic classrooms

Study and research: 41 group study rooms
130 faculty study stations

Collections

The library's current collections of 4 ½ million items includes books, periodicals, government documents, microforms, recordings and other non-print items. Collection strengths include Mormonism, Utah and the West, and foreign language materials primarily from Europe and Latin America.

The library is a depository for United States, United Nations, Canadian, and selected state and local government documents.

The Special Collections and Manuscripts Division houses valuable books and manuscripts related to Mormonism, West-Americana, incunabula, Victorian and Edwardian literature, historical manuscripts, motion pictures, and many other items. The one million photographic images are housed in a refrigerated vault kept at 40 degrees. The manuscript boxes placed side by side, would spread over three miles.

The library also houses the official University Archives for BYU records.

The Utah Valley Regional Family History Center supports family history research through extensive microform holdings.

Electronic Resources

BYLINE, the library's web-based computer system, includes the on-line catalog, approximately 275 databases, and a connection to the world wide web. The databases include bibliographies, dictionaries, encyclopedias, connections to other library catalogs, and journal indexes many of which provide full text of the articles. We also subscribe separately to over 1,400 electronic full-text journals. Electronic text can be read on site or at remote locations and can be printed, saved to computer disc, or delivered to e-mail locations.

Personnel

Library services are provided by approximately 180 full-time personnel and over 400 student employees.

Use

Items circulated annually	600,000
Items used in the building annually	800,000
Patrons entering the building daily	10,000

Services

Information Desk and General Reference Desk.

Nine subject reference desks.

Remote reference service via e-mail.

Circulation, Reserve Reading, and Interlibrary loan desks.

Learning Resource Center with audio, visual, and digital media.

Many self-service copy machines.

Computer labs for student use.

Study table equipped with electrical and data connections for laptop computers.

Information commons.

Library users include BYU students, staff and faculty, CES members, members of the Church and members of local communities and academic consortia partners.

The building is open 101 hours per week.