

# ALBERT S. COOK LIBRARY

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Albert S. Cook Library is the central place on campus to get assistance with research, find a variety of spaces to study, and access books, journals, and media resources.

Individualized research help is available virtually via text messaging, instant messaging, email, and telephone. Research and Instruction Librarians also teach classes on finding, obtaining, using and analyzing information, and provide one-on-one research consultations by appointment.

Cook Library serves as an information hub with computer work stations available to connect users to the library catalog, electronic databases, electronic books, online journals, and the internet. The main floor is home to TU's Academic Commons, an academic support center where students can meet with an advisor or tutor, learn more about disability accommodations, as well as get help with research, writing, and technology. Our 24/7 study space is also located on the main and second floors. The Data Studio contains four individual workstations and one group station to support you in mapping, data analysis, and data visualization projects. There is a dedicated study space for graduate students on the second floor. Room 200C on the second floor is dedicated to quiet study and there are study cubicles and rooms located on the second floor as well. Wireless internet, cloud printers and scanner machines are conveniently located in the building. In addition, the library provides a leisure reading collection on the second floor and hosts events throughout the year, such as book discussions and noontime jazz concerts. Starbucks is also located in the lobby.

Cook Library's online catalog and electronic resources are accessible to Towson University students anytime, anywhere through the library's website. The library's collection includes more than 380,000 books and 860,000 electronic books. Students also have access to over 390 electronic databases and approximately 135,000 electronic and print journals. Special Collections & University Archives gives students an opportunity to experience history at their fingertips through digital collections, rare books, and historical TU documents and photographs.

In addition, TU students can utilize other area library collections. They may request books from the University System of Maryland and Affiliated institutions (USMAI) libraries and they may have access to many private college and university libraries in the Baltimore area. Materials needed for academic research may be obtained from around the world via inter-library loan as well.

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