Centrally located on campus, the Albert S. Cook Library supports student scholarship by providing a wide array of resources, services and learning opportunities.

Cook Library serves as an information hub with more than 300 computer workstations available to connect users to library catalogs, electronic databases, electronic books, online journals and the Internet. The library has three electronic classrooms and assistive technology is located on the second floor. Wireless Internet, cloud printers and photocopy machines are located throughout the building as well. Students have access to individual quiet study areas and group study space across the library: Room 200C on the second floor is dedicated to quiet study and there are study cubicles and rooms located on the second and third floors for group work. 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 in the lobby. Starbucks™ also is located conveniently in the library lobby.

Individualized research help is available to students in person and virtually via text messaging, instant messaging, email and telephone. Reference librarians also teach students how to find, obtain, use and analyze print and digital information through scheduled classes and research consultations by appointment.

Cook Library’s online catalog and electronic resources are accessible to TU students any time, anywhere through the library’s web page: http://libraries.towson.edu. The library’s collection contains almost 500,000 books, including 240,000-plus electronic books. Students also have access to more than 150 electronic databases and about 20,000 electronic and print journals. The University Archives and Special Collections give students an opportunity to experience history at their fingertips through collections of rare books and historical Towson University documents and photographs. In addition, Towson students can utilize other area library collections. They may request books from the University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions (USMAI) libraries, and they 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 interlibrary loan as well.

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