

PAUL AND ROSEMARY TRIBLE LIBRARY

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The Paul and Rosemary Tribble Library is the intellectual center of Christopher Newport University. The library staff helps students develop research skills relating to their curriculum and builds a collection which supports and enhances the essential elements of the university curriculum and our students' personal development. Students find collections geared to their areas of study, as well as broader collections supporting the intellectual and personal growth so essential to a core of liberal arts studies.

Opened in spring 2008, the Tribble Library doubles the size of the previous Smith Library. The Tribble Library combines the best of a traditional library with a state-of-the-art technology center to create an interactive learning experience for the 21st century. Significantly enhanced and enlarged study areas offer students a wide variety of environments for study and intellectual activity. Students can choose from group study rooms, two large quiet study rooms, wireless café, and a 24/7 secured study environment to meet their academic needs. Access to the Internet and the electronic collection is available throughout the building through wireless connections, and books and media are readily available through an open stacks arrangement. Tribble Library houses 207,932 volumes and over 46,400 periodical titles in hard copy and electronic format. Eight professional librarians and ten library assistants provide students and faculty easy access to its resources and services. The Library's web page: (<http://library.cnu.edu/>) connects students to the library's electronic and Internet resources and services as well as keeps them informed on events happening in the library.

Reference

Tribble Library offers professional reference services to provide aid with student information needs. It houses a reference collection of over 5,400 volumes, plus an extensive online collection. Special services are offered through reference, including individualized consultation on term papers and research projects.

Library Instruction

Through its instruction programs, Tribble Library seeks to provide basic orientation in the use of the library and to teach students to deal critically with information. As students increasingly use the Internet to find research information, an ability to analyze information becomes a vital skill in the development of an informed citizen.

Internet Services

Tribble Library provides access to numerous Internet services, including ProQuest, EBSCOHost, and JSTOR. It has access to over many bibliographic and full-text databases in the areas of science, business, law, economics, the social sciences, and the humanities. The library is one of the founding members of VIVA, the Virtual Library of Virginia. VIVA is a consortium of 39 academic libraries which facilitates the sharing of library collections and electronic resources throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Interlibrary Loan

If materials needed for research are not located in Tribble Library, they may be requested through Interlibrary Loan. The library uses one of the major library networks, OCLC, to process interlibrary loans efficiently. Christopher Newport is located in an area rich in library resources as well. The Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education allows students to access [academic] library collections from Williamsburg to Virginia Beach. Through these arrangements the library resources of the nation are available to Christopher Newport University students.

Special Collections

The University's archives and special collections house institutional and historical documents back to the 1960's, student and faculty publications, and a Virginia Authors collection of autographed books. Several music collections comprising original and published scores are cataloged and maintained as well.

In January 2009 the library of Mariners' Museum was moved to the Tribble Library. One of the top five nautical research collections in the world, the collection of over a million items enhances the Tribble Library collection across a number of subject areas. It also offers students internships in manuscript and archival work.