



# Library

## **Margaret and Herman Brown Library**

ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT

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### **KEY STRENGTHS**

- ACU has a large collection including significant holdings in microforms, audiovisuals, manuscripts and archives, and government documents. Subject strengths are in biblical studies, social sciences and education.
- Comparison studies of statistics published in *Texas Academic Library Survey* in 2003 by the Texas State Library show ACU's standing relative to 41 other private four-year institutions:
  - sixth in total print collections
  - fifth in microfilms held
  - sixth in audiovisual materials held
  - eighth in volumes held per student
- Brown Library has a staff of 10 librarians and 14 support staff; all are strongly committed to service.

### **SERVICES**

- Reference assistance for individuals
- Library orientation/instruction for classes and groups (all levels)
- Interlibrary loan (ILL) with libraries across town and around the world
- Copiers for print materials and microforms
- Two courier services for pick-up and delivery of materials. One operates in Abilene, the other is statewide
- Audiovisual equipment and services

### **HOLDINGS**

- 500,000 volumes including government documents and bound periodicals
- 2,425 periodical subscriptions
- 1,200,000 microform units
- 60,000 audiovisual items
- U.S. Government publications in all formats as a Depository Library

### **ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

- Brown Library provides the full text of journals, newspapers and books in more than 60 research databases including: Lexis-Nexis, Business and Company Resource Center, EBSCOHost, Wilson Select, CQ Researcher, Elsevier Science, Project Muse, Wiley Interscience, NetLibrary, Health Reference Center and others.

- Other online full-text resources include Encyclopedia Britannica, ATLAS Digital Dissertations and Gale Group's Literature Resource Center.
- Religion Database
- Traditional citation indexes are well-represented in electronic formats. Examples are WorldCat (the OCLC union catalog), MLA Bibliography, ERIC, PsycInfo and the collection of FirstSearch indexes/abstracts.
- Restoration Serials Index covers materials produced by members of the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement.
- ALCON, the online catalog of holding in all four Abilene libraries plus one in Brownwood, greatly expands the reach of ACU researchers. As an example in book holdings alone, ACU owns 125,000 titles that are unique to the database but has access to another 275,000 unique titles not at ACU but held by the other ALC libraries. Reciprocal borrowing agreements and a daily courier service facilitate borrowing and returning books.

### **INTERLIBRARY NETWORKING**

Brown Library has formed alliances with libraries on a local, regional and national basis.

ACU is a charter member of the Abilene Library Consortium (ALC), along with the Abilene Public Library and the libraries of Hardin-Simmons and McMurry universities. Howard Payne University library is an affiliate. The Consortium received grants of more than \$1 million to install an automation system (in 1991) and to upgrade its telecommunications network (1998).

Other consortia to which the library belongs offer different services for library patrons:

- Llano Estacado Information Access Network (LEIAN) offers resource sharing and special rates on databases to libraries in West Texas and New Mexico.
- Heart of Texas Documents Consortium (HOT DOCS) provides for free exchange of materials and information among U.S. Government Depository Libraries in Central Texas.
- Restoration Archives group seeks to preserve materials relating to churches and individuals in the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement.
- TexShare Consortium, composed of academic and public libraries in Texas, offers free or low-cost access to

full-text periodical databases, a library card program for borrowing books, and access to a statewide courier service for interlibrary loan.

## FACILITIES

- 120,000-square-foot building
- Rooms for meetings or group study; assigned research rooms for individual scholars
- Small auditorium seats 100
- Special facilities for use of video and other audiovisual materials
- Photocopy center
- Microform readers and reader-printers
- Computer lab for use by classes or individuals
- Wireless network available throughout the library for access to electronic resources by laptop computers and PDAs

## FACULTY

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