KEY STRENGTHS
- ACU has a large collection including significant holdings in microforms, audiovisual, manuscripts and archives, and government documents. Subject strengths are in biblical studies, social sciences and education.
- Comparison studies of statistics published in Academic Library Survey in 2012 by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) show ACU's standing relative to 51 other private four-year institutions in Texas:
  - sixth in total print collections
  - fifth in microforms held
  - fifth in audiovisual materials held
  - sixteenth in volumes held per student
- Brown Library has a staff of 11 librarians and 10 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
- Copies 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
- 558,000 volumes including government documents and bound periodicals
- 40,000 E-Journal 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 100 research databases including: EBSCOHost, ATLAS Religion Database, PsycInfo, MLA International Bibliography, SocIndex with Full-Text, SciFinder, Biological Abstracts, Credo, LEXIS-NEXIS, Lynda.com, Nursing and Allied Health Resource, Digital Dissertations, and many others.
- 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 Howard Payne in Brownwood, greatly expands the reach of ACU researchers. As an example in book holdings alone, ACU owns 158,000 titles that are unique to the database but has access to another 313,000 unique titles not at ACU but held by the ALC libraries. Reciprocal borrowing agreements and a daily courier service facilitate borrowing and returning books.

INTERLIBRARY NETWORKING
- 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.
- TexShare Consortium composed of academic and public libraries in Texas, offers free or low-cost access to full-text databases, a library card program for borrowing books, and access to a statewide courier service for interlibrary loan.
- Heart of Texas Documents Consortium (HOT DOCS) provides for free exchange of materials and information among U.S. Government Depository Libraries in Central Texas
FACILITIES
- 120,000-square-foot building
- Learning Commons on Entry Floor
- Team55 providing assistance with technology
- AT&T Learning Studio providing assistance with media production and audiovisual materials
- Snack and beverage area serving Starbucks Coffee
- Writing Center providing assistance with writing tasks and assignments
- Speaking Center providing assistance with speeches and presentations
- Rooms for meetings or group study; assigned research rooms for individual scholars
- Core Classroom seats 50-75
- CopyCat Photocopy and Printing Center
- Computer lab for use by classes or individuals
- Wireless network available throughout the library for access to electronic resources by laptop computers and PDAs

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