



Quick Facts and Features

Built on the vision of Charles Odegaard, former president of the University of Washington (1958-1973), the undergraduate library was completed in 1972 as the primary center on campus for undergraduate learning and research. The library was built around a central stairwell, designed as a welcoming visual index to services on all floors of the library.

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| Architects: | Kirk, Wallace, McKinley and Associates |
| Contractor: | Sellen Construction Company |
| Construction Dates: | August 1969 – January 1972 |
| Location: | Central Plaza facing Suzzallo Library; Kane Hall to the left; Meany Performing Arts Building and the Gerberding Administration Building to the right |
| Library levels: | 3 floors plus a mezzanine level, contemporary style designed for compatibility with other structures on Central Plaza, open core stairway, skylights. |
| Library space: | 117,000 gross sq. ft. approx. 71,435 assignable sq. ft. when built 94,722 sq. ft. utilized as of September 2002 |
| Materials: | Reinforced concrete with a veneer of brick and pre-cast concrete; interior finished with red brick and white oak, carpeted throughout |
| Costs: | \$6.3 million total including interior finishing and furnishings (Library of 3 floors and Food Services on ground level) |
| Funding: | State and Federal funds |
| Seating capacity | 1972 – 1,700; over 80 percent in carrel seating 2002 – 1,419; study and computer seating: Individual or group study tables (909); Group study rooms (83); Silent study room (22); Computing Commons (356); Laptop Alcove (21); Public terminals (28) |
| Shelving Capacity: | Capacity 180,000. Current collection is 165,000 and 15,000 media items |
| Linear footage: | All formats of library materials, including media, microfilm, periodicals and reserves: 21,346 linear feet 17,107 linear feet are currently occupied = 80.14% |

Features:

- Only 24-hour student learning center & library on campus
- Largest general access computing lab on campus with 356 seats
- Circulation of materials 2nd highest in library system
- Wireless network throughout library
- 13 Group Study Rooms and 100-seat presentation and meeting room
- 24 STF-funded e-mail terminals and 28 public stations for research
- 2 Computer Classrooms (Collaboratories) – 24 and 27 seating capacity
- Digital Audio Workstation Lab

Collection:

High interest collection supporting curricular and research needs

Course reserve materials supporting 400 classes per quarter

Career Materials, Study Abroad, and English Language Programs Collection

Media Center:

Digital and analog multimedia viewing and listening stations. 30,000 titles for checkout in a variety of formats including VHS videotapes, DVD, videodiscs, compact discs, and audiotapes.

Collaboration:

- Combined Reference and Technical Help Desk in Learning Commons
- Q&A Live Reference Service and Consultation & Instruction Program
- UWill (Customizable templates for information and technology learning)
- Copy Center Services
- Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT, Catalyst Tools)
- Classroom Support Services/Media Center – Classroom Lecture Podcasting Collaboration
- Student Art on Loan

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