

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.

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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