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## Welcome! Northeastern University Libraries brochure

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## Library Catalog

NuCat is the web-based, state-of-the-art Library catalog.

The system allows for:

- seamless searching of the Libraries' book, journal, media and government document holdings
- ability to renew material
- set up e-mail alerts
- linking to electronic resources

## Research Resources

The libraries' web-based research resources may be accessed at:

<http://www.lib.neu.edu/gateway/>.

These resources include journal databases, e-journals, reference resources and recommended web-sites. Most of the databases are licensed and restricted to the NU community.

## Distance Learners

A range of selected resources are available for distance learners including access to e-journals, research databases, subject guides, tutorials and more. Go to <http://www.lib.neu.edu/distance/>.

## Collections

965,833 volumes  
 2,291,913 microforms  
 7,636 serials subscriptions  
 160,542 government documents  
 21,957 audio, video, and software items  
 19,600 licensed-access digital information sources (including e-journals)  
 (holdings as of 2004)

Snell Library is a member of the Boston Library Consortium, an association of academic and research libraries.

### Snell Library Stacks and Circulation

Monday-Thursday: 7:45am - 12am  
 Friday: 7:45am - 9pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 10pm  
 Sunday: 10am - 12am

### Media Center

Monday-Thursday: 8am - 10pm  
 Friday: 8am - 8pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 5pm  
 Sunday: 12pm-10pm

### University Archives and Special Collections

Monday - Friday: 9am - 4pm

### Burlington Campus

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am - 9pm  
 Friday: 8:30am - 5pm  
 Saturday: 8:30am - 2pm

### 24-hour services:

- 24 hour online Reference Chat  
<http://www.lib.neu.edu/gateway/ask.html>
- InfoCommons
- CyberCafé

Visitors must have a valid NU ID after midnight

Northeastern University Libraries serve a diverse student body of 18,700 undergraduates and 4,300 graduate students. Snell Library, the heart of Northeastern's academic life, holds 965,000 volumes and welcomes over one million visitors a year. Through award winning Research and Instruction and Peer Tutoring programs, Meet the Author talks and innovative technologies, the Libraries play an integral role in the intellectual life of the campus.

# Welcome!



Northeastern University  
**LIBRARIES**

[www.lib.neu.edu](http://www.lib.neu.edu)  
**617.373.2354 (information)**  
**617.373.3395 (TTY)**

## *The NU Libraries include:*

**Snell Library**, the primary Library for the University, opened in the fall of 1990. It has shelving for 1.2 million volumes and seats 2,800 users. The Library houses about 330 computers.

**Burlington Library** Burlington Campus  
(781.238.8410)

**Marine Science Library** Nahant Research Facility (617.581.7370)

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**The African-American Institute** (617.373.4921) & the **School of Law** (617.373.3332) have separate libraries at Northeastern University.  
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### **Alumni Borrowing Card**

Available to alumni with Alumni Card from the NU office of Alumni Relations (617.373.3186).

### **Library Supporters**

Join our Alumni and Friends group and keep abreast with Library news by making an annual gift in support of the Library.

Send your gift to:

NU Libraries  
320 Snell Library  
360 Huntington Ave.  
Boston, MA 02115  
Attn: Pat Murphy

## *Northeastern Libraries' Mission*

To advance academic excellence, enrich the research environment and promote information literacy within the Northeastern University community by anticipating, providing for and fostering the effective use of information resources.

## *Departments and Services*

**Reference Desk** (Level 1): Librarians are available on a drop-in basis at the reference desk for immediate reference and research assistance.

### **Circulation/Reserve/Interlibrary Loan**

**Services Desk** (Level 1): Here you can check out and return borrowed Library materials, request study rooms and lockers, pick up materials on reserve by faculty for class assignments. Additionally, materials requested online and borrowed via other Libraries, can be picked up here. Materials generally take about 3 - 5 days to arrive.

**Assistive Technologies** (119 SL - Level 1 and Burlington): An assistive technology room is available in the reference area for those who have a need for adaptive equipment, e.g. Jaws. In addition, TTY telephones are available. Please inquire at the reference desk.

### **Research Instruction** (120 SL - Level 1):

Librarians hold regularly scheduled workshops and faculty requested class presentations on resources and strategies used in library research. Most workshops and presentations are held in a hands-on, computerized instruction room.

**Research Consultation:** Research Librarians are available by appointment for one-on-one consultation with students and faculty. For an appointment, please contact the reference desk, or go to:

<http://www.lib.neu.edu/gateway/ask.html>.

**Favat Center** (295 SL-Level 2): The Favat Center provides a current collection of children's literature and K-12 curriculum resources, instructional materials and related information in a variety of formats to support the courses offered by the School of Education for the practice of teaching.

## *More Departments and Services*

**Media Center** (200 SL - Level 2): The Media Center provides equipment and facilities for on-site individual and group viewing and listening. The collection includes videotapes, laser discs, DVDs, audiotapes, CDs and 16 mm film. Numerous classrooms on campus are wired for electronic delivery of many media materials. The Media Center also has a computer lab with 32 PCs and 8 Macs for general use as well as NUCat only and research-use work stations.

**Peer Tutoring Center** (242 SL - Level 2): The Peer Tutoring Center provides tutoring and study skill instruction to NU students in a broad range of courses and programs. Peer Tutors work with students on an individual or small group basis to help improve their understanding of course materials through intensive review and practice. Tutors integrate study-skill instruction and applied learning-style theory into their sessions to teach students effective, practical strategies that foster academic excellence and persistence to graduation.

**Government Documents** (SL - Level 2): Snell Library is an official U.S. Government Depository, housing over 160,542 documents and providing electronic access to additional government resources. See the Information Desk on Level 2 if you have the call number of a document and need assistance, or for more detailed assistance, see the Reference Desk on Level 1.

**Archives/Special Collections** (92 SL - Lower Level): The University Archives houses the University's historical records and publications. Special Collections include rare books, manuscript collections and faculty publications. The archives represent an important center of collecting in the area of social justice, especially relating to Boston's African American, Chinese, Latino, and gay and lesbian communities.