

Allen Memorial Library

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The university's library is located at the heart of the VCSU campus, between McFarland Hall and the Student Center. Most of the eResources are accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In-person reference services, loan pick up and other physical resources and services are available when the library building is open, generally from 7:45 am to 9:00 pm, M-Th and 7:45 am to 4:00 pm on Friday. Hours may vary. Check the library website (<http://library.vcsu.edu/vp.htm?p=2105>) for the most current information.

To support the overall mission of Valley City State University, Allen Memorial Library personnel provide access to resources through expedited technical services procedures, in-person and eReference services, distance loans, and a patron-driven acquisitions system that fills over 90% of suggestions for purchase. Professional reference services are available in-person Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on some weekday evenings, and via email, online chat and phone.

The Library's website (<http://library.vcsu.edu>) provides customized access points to resources including an aggregated search of university and state-wide resources, state and federal government document collections, online eBooks, eReserves, and electronic journals. Access to all online resources is authenticated through an EZproxy server using the Blackboard portal, CampusConnection login or library card information. Distance students are encouraged to call or email if they need assistance in accessing online resources.

Students studying from a distance can obtain any physical resources owned by Allen Memorial Library by completing a Distance Loan Request form located at the Allen Memorial Library website/Online and Distance Students. These students can request resources owned by other libraries through the interlibrary loan process, but in order to reduce wait time and shipping costs, are encouraged to check local library holdings in their own community before submitting a request.

Allen Memorial Library houses several special collections including:

- The North Dakota/ND Documents Collection
- The Curriculum Library which supports the University's teacher and library education programs
- The Larry Woiwode Manuscript Collection
- The James D. Ployhar Score Collection
- The VCSU Archives