The University Library has a collection of more than 650,000 bound volumes, with approximately 8,000 new titles added each year. Current periodical subscriptions number more than 12,000 in both print and electronic formats. The regional collection contains many current and historical materials and local documents relating to the North Bay, including a growing collection of wine-related materials. The University Library’s special collections include the Carl Bernatovech collection of Jack London materials and the papers of well-known Press Democrat columnist Gaye LeBaron. The microform collection has more than 1.3 million items. The Library maintains a collection of more than 65,000 federal and state government documents. The Library also enjoys extensive borrowing agreements which provide speedy access to the materials held by institutions throughout the state and the country.

The Information Commons on the first floor is a multifunctional location providing students a unique gathering space to research, study, write, and pursue other academic tasks. The Information Commons provides extensive access to the types of technology needed by today’s students, including wired and wireless Internet access and productivity software.

The Reference and Instruction Department is located on the second floor. Reference services range from quick answers to simple questions to advanced research consultations to librarian office hours. Instruction services include workshops and training in library research and resources, specialized sessions for specific classes at the request of instructors, and targeted sessions for entering freshmen.

The Multimedia Center, also on the second floor, houses the non-print collection, such as sound recordings, videocassettes, DVDs, and an interactive multimedia development lab. The curriculum collection for teacher education and juvenile books are also located on the second floor.

The third floor houses most of the University Library’s circulating collection, SSU theses, the regional collection, and the University Archives. Within the special collections area is the Waring Jones Reading Room, which houses the Jack London materials among other unique, one-of-a-kind materials.

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