Libraries

Lehigh University has two major library facilities, the Linderman Library and the Fairchild-Martindale Library.

The historic Linderman Library is a showcase for humanities programs and collections, as well as an intellectual center for the campus at large. The 1878 high Victorian rotunda and the 1929 grand reading room were retained in all their magnificence. Among the new features are: seminar rooms, a computer classroom, exhibition space, group studies, a cafe, and wireless throughout. Linderman houses books and journals in the humanities and Lehigh’s impressive collection of rare books including Darwin’s Origin of Species and John James Audubon’s four-volume elephant folio edition of Birds of America. The library has an extensive digitization program and supports an open access repository.

The Fairchild-Martindale Library provides the campus with electronic and print books and journals in all branches of science, engineering, mathematics, and the social sciences, including business and education. It contains collaborative learning spaces, wireless connectivity, experimental classrooms, a small cafe, and comfortable lounge areas. The Center for Innovation and Teaching and Learning offers a variety of programs.

The Libraries offer students, faculty, and staff a full range of electronic journals, full text and image databases easily accessible from on and off campus. Staff at the Help Desk, Access Services, and subject librarians provide personalized service in person and online. Interlibrary loan allows for rapid and easy borrowing and document delivery from collections in other libraries. Students and faculty may also borrow books directly from other academic libraries in the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC).