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. Its 1878 high Victorian rotunda and 1929 grand reading room have been retained in all their magnificence. A 2005 renovation transformed the library to include 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 double elephant folio edition of Birds of America. The library has an extensive digitization program and supports an open access repository, readily available for the deposit of faculty and student research.

The Fairchild-Martindale Library offers a mix of immersive and collaborative learning spaces, experimental classrooms, areas for individual or group work or study, and a cafe. The 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. The Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning offers an extensive variety of programs and training opportunities for the campus community.

The Lehigh Libraries offer students, faculty, and staff a full range of electronic journals, electronic books, full text and image databases easily accessible from on and off campus. Help Desk staff and subject librarians provide personalized service in person and online, and offer research seminars and classes. Consortial partnerships allow the Libraries rapid and easy borrowing and document delivery from collections located in other libraries in the Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia, as well as nationally and internationally.