

## Ryan-Matura Library

### Highlights

Originally established as a one-room facility in what is now the Hawley Lounge, the library moved into its own three-story building in 1968. At a special convocation in 1993, the library was named after Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matura in recognition of their long association with the University. The development and expansion begun in 1968 continues to the present day.

From basically a book and journal collection, the library has developed over the years into a facility that includes materials in all formats and on-line access to external databases, including the Internet. Access to external resources has become as important as ownership or lease of collections in the building. The library continually works to keep up to date on rapidly developing electronic resources and technology.

The library provides the traditional services for research, reading and study through its reference, instruction, circulation, document delivery, and copying functions. Its collections are carefully selected by librarians and faculty with some recommendations from students.

The library is open 86 hours over a seven-day week. It is staffed by 6.3 FTE librarians, 9 support staff, and 8 FTE student assistants.

Highlights of the library's collections and services are listed on the next page. Statistics on library activities are provided in the following tables. Included is information on the number of books and other library materials owned or leased, number of people using the building, number of materials taken out or used inside the building, kind and frequency of services provided, number of staff, and the amount of money spent on materials for collection (acquisitions budgets).

SOURCE: University Librarian's Office



**Ryan-Matura Library**  
**Special Library Collections and Services**

**Services**

Professional reference and research assistance available all hours the library is open.  
Instruction in library research for all Freshman English classes; instruction for other subject oriented classes on request.  
Special on-line searching performed by librarians.  
Interlibrary loan and document delivery via OCLC, CARL UnCover, UMI Article Clearinghouse, and British Documentation Center.

**Special Collections**

Audiovisual Materials.  
College Catalogs on Microfiche.  
Curriculum collection of elementary and secondary school materials to support Education Department programs.  
Archives.  
Miscellaneous special books received from various donors and other sources.  
Art books purchased with a gift from the Carlson Fund of the Bridgeport Area Foundation.  
Books on human rights purchased with a gift from Leo Nevas.  
The Rycenga Collection of literature and other materials donated by Dolores Rycenga



## Special Library Collections and Services

### Electronic Resources

On-line catalog of library holdings, with access to holdings of some other libraries and to a database of 15,000 journal titles. The catalog is accessible from outside the library via Internet.

#### On-line databases:

First Search, a user-friendly database providing on-line access to the collections of 15,000 libraries worldwide, commercial databases, and journal, statistical, and directory databases.

EPIC, the sophisticated researcher's version of First Search.

Dialog, 450 databases with millions of documents on all subjects, but primarily used for business information

BRS, 112 databases primarily in medicine, science, health, and related interdisciplinary areas.

Westlaw, a database of almost all U.S. legal resources.

#### Journal indexes on CD-ROM:

CINAHL (Nursing)

ERIC (Education)

SEC Reports (Business)

National Trade Data Bank (Business)

#### Journal indexes with full text of articles, all on CD-ROM:

UMI Pro-Quest International Business Ondisc

UMI Pro-Quest Social Sciences Ondisc

UMI Pro-Quest General Periodicals Ondisc

UMI Pro-Quest Newspapers Ondisc

#### Reference Materials on CD-ROM:

Grolier's Multimedia Encyclopedia

The National Gallery of Art, Washington

The National Gallery, London

Grainger's World of Poetry

Magill's Survey of Science

National Telephone Directories

Casebase

West's Federal Reporter

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**Ryan-Matura Library**  
**Statistical Information**

**Collections**

	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95
Books	152,388	156,508	159,511	160,507	164,000
Periodicals/Subsc	717	705	1,143	1,311	1,600
Microfilm Reels	12,925	13,333	13,580	13,845	14,000
Microcards	770	770	770	770	770
Microfiche	38,650	41,150	48,148	50,050	52,783
Audiovisual	10,928	11,015	11,060	11,073	11,122
CD-ROM databases	—	4	8	16	17
On-line databases ,	2	3	5	6	6

**Collection Use**

Circulation, External	18,503	17,800	18,157	14,462	16,115
Circulation, Reserves	1,953	1,438	2,000	976	1,226
In-house Random Use	28,158	28,925	22,287	22,429	25,011
CD-ROM Usage	NA	NA	NA	NA	10,507
Online Searches:End User	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,032

<b>Patron Count</b>	71,779	74,588	100,533	93,990	116,443
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**Services**

Ref. & Research					
Questions	11,450	10,700	19,519	18,515	18,707
On-line Searches:Mediated	190	115	189	93	59
Interlibrary Loan	3,031	3,249	3,679	2,846	3,636
Library Research Classes	61	83	114	105	86

<b>Materials Budget</b>	\$181,000	\$245,000	\$253,000	\$290,000	\$310,000
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**Library Budget %**

<b>of University Budget</b>	3.0%	2.8%	2.5%	2.0%	2.0%
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**Staff (FTE)**

Librarians	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3
Support Staff	9	9	9	9	9
Student Assistants	8	8	8	8	8

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