

James C. Jernigan Library

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The James C. Jernigan Library's mission is to enable individuals to seek information and use it effectively to enrich their lives. The Library advances the University's mission of teaching, research and service by ensuring quality service to all patrons; teaching information skills that lead to academic success and life-long learning; building collections of distinction that support academic programs; and providing leading technologies that enhance access to information resources.

The Jernigan Library website (<https://lib.tamuk.edu>) serves as the primary gateway to a wide selection of resources including OASIS, the on-line library catalog. Library holdings (books, periodicals and microforms) number well over one million items. Additionally, the website links Texas A&M-Kingsville students, faculty and staff to over 100 subscription databases, as well as online journals, E-books, government information and other useful websites.

Reference and Instruction Services provides individual assistance in identifying and locating pertinent resources, as well as group services such as library tours, basic library skills instruction, course-integrated instruction and special topics workshops. For assistance in finding library materials or with help in conducting research, library users may contact the Reference Department in person, by telephone (593-3319), by linking directly from the website to an e-mail form, or by means of an online chat widget. Faculty may request library instruction by calling 2893 or by using an online form.

LibGuides (<http://libguides.tamuk.edu/home>) provide information concerning library services as well as online research help for a variety of subjects and individual classes.

Access Services (Circulation and Reserves) are adjacent to the main exit. See the Jernigan Library website for information on renewing, recalling and placing library items on hold. Details for requesting a TexShare Library card are also found on the website.

Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services provides access to materials not owned by the library. Requests for books, journals and other items can be made via an on-line form linked on the website. Allow at least two weeks for materials to arrive.

The South Texas Archives and Special Collections were established to preserve and to make available to the public documentary materials about the history and natural history of South Texas. The Archives are located on the third floor of the library.

The Library participates in several resource-sharing programs including the AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, TexShare and The Texas A&M University System Libraries Council. Additionally, the Jernigan Library is a Selective Federal Depository Library.