ABOUT THE UC BERKELEY LIBRARY

We help current and future users find, evaluate, use, and create knowledge to better the world.

MISSION

The UC Berkeley Library will be a leader and partner in creating and implementing ideas and services that advance research, teaching, and learning.

VISION

THE LIBRARY

Considered the crown jewel of higher education in the entire state, UC Berkeley relies on the Library every day to support its world-class teaching and its cutting-edge research, and to enrich the experience of the thousands of students who study here. Comprising 24 libraries, the UC Berkeley Library has something for everyone, from the trove of primary documents chronicling the West at Bancroft, to the collaborative and innovative spaces at Moffitt, to the vast and unparalleled collections at Doe — a beacon of information standing in the shadow of the iconic Campanile. Together, these libraries help sustain UC Berkeley as a leading producer of knowledge, and support an institution that’s often considered one of the best universities in the world.

THE LIBRARY’S COLLECTIONS

The Library’s world-renowned collections comprise nearly 13 million volumes. Materials include paintings, lithographs, papyri, audio and video recordings, and ephemera such as leaflets from the Free Speech Movement, a note from Helen Keller to Mark Twain in honor of his 70th birthday, and vintage costumes worn by Berkeley’s beloved mascot, Oski.
24 libraries

400-plus languages represented in the collections

6,023,217 e-journal articles downloaded in 2019

13,475,065 volumes in the Library’s collections

4,485,656 pageviews on the Library’s website

422,818 e-books downloaded in 2019

14,249 participants in Library instruction

128,907 items on the Library’s Digital Collections website

1,322,850 images scanned as part of the Library’s digitization efforts
The University Library includes 24 libraries:

1. Anthropology
2. Art History + Classics
3. Bancroft
4. Bioscience, Natural Resources + Public Health
5. Business
6. Chemistry
7. Doe
8. Earth Sciences + Map
9. East Asian
10. Engineering
11. Environmental Design
12. Graduate Services
13. Main (Gardner) Stacks
14. Mathematics Statistics
15. Media Resources Center
16. Moffitt
17. Morrison
18. Music
19. Newspapers + Microforms
20. NRLF
21. Optometry
22. Physics + Astronomy
23. Social Research
24. South + Southeast Asia

UC Berkeley also has eight affiliated libraries:

1. BAMPFA Film
2. CED Visual Resources Center
3. Environmental Design Archives
4. Ethnic Studies
5. Governmental Studies
6. Law
7. Transportation Studies
8. Earthquake Engineering