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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

University Libraries facilitate access to extensive online and print collections. The **Dwight B. Waldo Library** (Main) built in 1958, expanded in 1967 and renovated and expanded in 1991, is named after the University's first president. Waldo Library houses materials that support learning in the humanities, social sciences, sciences, technology and business. Among the unique circulating collections are the Ann Kercher Memorial Collection of materials on Africa south of the Sahara; the history, religion, philosophy, and culture of the Medieval period; the Randall Frazier Memorial Collection of the history and culture of Black America; the Leslie H. Wood Memorial Collection of materials in the fields of geography and geology; an extensive collection of maps and atlases; and U.S. and Michigan government documents. The Department of Special Collections, located on the third floor of Waldo Library, houses over 140 medieval manuscripts and over 40,000 rare books, including medieval manuscript facsimiles, children's literature and American women's poetry.

The **Education Library**, located in Sangren Hall, offers more than 731,000 items, including the Education Resources Information Center documents. Located in the Dalton Center, the **Harper C. Maybee Music and Dance Library** houses over 53,000 books, periodicals and music scores. Its collection of more than 22,000 sound and video recordings includes concerts from the WMU School of Music. Listening and viewing facilities are available. The **Archives and Regional History Collections Library**, located in East Hall on East Campus, houses unique materials on southwest Michigan, including manuscripts of its early residents. This library serves as the Regional Depository of the State Archives for public records and collects, preserves, and makes accessible University records.

General Information for Fiscal Year	2008-2009	Library Usage	
Total Volumes, print and non-print	4,872,231	Total Number of Items Provided to Other Libraries	24,574
Total Titles, print and non-print	2,259,007	Total Number of Items Received from Other Libraries	23,880
Electronic Subscriptions	42,500	Total number of items Provided Through Document Delivery Services	3,554
Electronic Books	233,400	Number of items placed on Electronic Reserves	2,980
Sound Recordings	21,913	Print Items Circulated	121,573
Videos & DVD's	6,459	Research Help Transactions	21,280
Maps	227,433	Instructional Sessions (Group and Individual)	765

Employees of the Libraries

Full Time Equivalent Fiscal Year Employees (excluding students)	86
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