

Hoffman Family Library Resources

Facility and Staff

The Hoffman Family Library, located in Goodwin College's main campus building, is an area designed to provide support for all student, faculty and curricular needs. The two-story library is open 85 1/2 hours per week, available seven days per week. During exam weeks the library offers extended hours. To address individual study and research needs, there are 45 computer workstations, 40 laptops available for in-house use, and Wi-Fi throughout. The library offers leisure seating, study carrels, research tables, group study rooms, a computer classroom, a collaboration station, book stacks, and an area of periodicals and newspapers.

Professional librarians and library support staff are available to provide assistance during all times the library is open. The Hoffman Family Librarians are actively engaged in teaching information literacy and research skills. The librarians offer real-time reference assistance with a "Text-a-Librarian" mobile platform. The library staff participates in a Library Liaison program: professional librarians are integrated within each department, assisting and training students with locating, retrieving and evaluating information; working with instructors to develop specialized lectures; assisting with the use of information management tools; linking library resources to the course by creating subject-specific research guides; and working with faculty to identify and recommend new library materials and resources for the collection.

Collections and Services

In-house, the library holds over 9,000 books, more than 50 periodical subscriptions and a wide variety of audio visual resources. The reference collection, in keeping with current best practices in academic libraries, is entirely electronic which allows 24/7 access. The library director, in collaboration with faculty and professional library staff, provides ongoing collection development with both print and electronic resources to fully support the requirements of the curriculum. Selection is based upon professional reviews, relevance to the curriculums, and faculty and staff recommendations.

The library has substantial online collections. The library web page is accessible from multiple devices and provides essential information on services and collections, giving an integrated research experience with access to resources and research guides. The library subscribes to over 80 research databases, provides access to over 150,000 eBooks, and includes a wealth of full-text online journals and periodicals.

Through the library's participation on the Council of Connecticut Academic Library Directors, Goodwin students have borrowing privileges from an additional 14 private academic institutions in the state including all of the libraries at Yale University. The library supplements these services with interlibrary loans through OCLC's "WorldShare ILL" service which allows it to request materials from hundreds of libraries across the country, and through membership in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) which provides access to DOCLINE interlibrary loan of biomedical journals.