The Sandor Teszler Library

Wofford's Sandor Teszler Library, opened in 1969 and named for a respected leader in the textile industry and a beloved presence in the campus community, was renovated in 2019-2020 to add new spaces for individual and group study, collaborative research, instruction, and for other academic partners as it evolves into the campus's academic commons. The library is known as a welcoming place to study and to work on projects, and where students have space to spread out alone or to collaborate with others. The library is equipped with computers, printers, scanners, large screen TVs that connect to laptops for group work, and group study rooms that can be reserved online. The library’s staff of 16 provides many services, including research assistance and instruction in using the library’s rich holdings. Every subject taught on campus has a subject librarian who can be consulted for specialized assistance.

Wofford's library offers students numerous print and electronic resources and other media to support their work in all academic areas. Its discovery service, called Wofford OneSearch (http://wofford.summon.serialssolutions.com/), enables students to search over 600,000,000 resources, including e-books, e-journals, streaming video, and musical recordings, from anywhere in the world. Additionally, the library offers over 225 databases focused on disciplines across the curriculum. The library is a member of PASCAL, South Carolina’s academic library consortium, which provides shared access to print and electronic collections among all the state’s institutions of higher education.

The recent renovation created a new Archives and Special Collections space, with a new reading room for classes and individuals to visit and use unique primary sources available only at Wofford. These resources include the Wofford College Archives, the records and historical materials of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, and the library’s Special Collections, which includes approximately 6,000 volumes of books, manuscripts, ephemera, and artifacts dating from the 16th through the 21st centuries. Increasingly, many of these resources are being made accessible online through Digital Commons at Wofford (https://digitalcommons.wofford.edu/)

The evolving library, which was named as one of the “Outstanding Buildings of the Year” by the South Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects when it was built, features collaborative spaces, wireless access everywhere, conference areas with media facilities, the Writing Center, a gallery with exhibitions that change throughout the year, and the Trey Kannaday Presentation Practice Room, in which students can record themselves on video to improve their communication and presentation skills. Peer tutoring and Wofford’s Center for Innovation and Learning also make use of space in the library. The library’s web site (http://www.wofford.edu/library/) provides access to our full range of services and resources.