The Sandor Teszler Library

Wofford’s Sandor Teszler Library, built in 1969 and named for a respected leader in the textile industry, seats 400 people and is open until 1 a.m. most nights, with extended hours during final exams. 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 Google-like discovery service, called Wofford OneSearch (http://wofford.summon.serialssolutions.com), enables students to search over 600,000,000 resources, including e-books and e-journals, from anywhere in the world. Additionally, the library offers dozens of 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.

Also housed in the library are the Wofford College Archives and the records and historical materials of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. The library’s Special Collections houses approximately 6,000 volumes of books, manuscripts, ephemera, and artifacts dating from the 16th through the 21st centuries. Classes frequently visit the Archives and Special Collections to use unique primary sources available only at Wofford. Increasingly, many of these rare resources are being made accessible online through our “Digital Commons (https://digitalcommons.wofford.edu).”

The 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, is now transforming into a student-centered academic commons. Wofford’s evolving library features flexible research, study, and 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. The library’s web site (http://www.wofford.edu/library) provides access to our full range of services and resources.