The Sandor Teszler Library

Wofford’s library opened in 1969 and was named for Sandor Teszler, a Holocaust survivor who became a respected leader in the textile industry and a beloved presence in the campus community. The library was renovated in 2019-2020 to add new spaces for individual and group study, collaborative research, and flexible learning and teaching. Renovation expanded the Academic Commons to include new partners such as the Center for Innovation and Learning, peer tutoring, and the Office of Accessibility Services. The Writing Center and the Martha Cloud Chapman Gallery are also located in the library.

The library is known as a welcoming place for all students where they can study and 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. Students can record themselves on video in the Trey Kannaday Presentation Practice Room to develop their communication skills. The library’s staff 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. The discovery service Wofford OneSearch enables students to search the library’s print collections, e-books, e-journals, streaming video, and musical recordings from anywhere in the world. Additionally, the library offers over numerous databases focused on disciplines that span 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 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, librarians are digitizing these resources to allow everyone in the world to access them freely through Digital Commons at Wofford (https://digitalcommons.wofford.edu/).

The library’s website (https://www.wofford.edu/academics/library/) provides information on circulation policies, group study room reservation, hours, images of the latest and past gallery exhibits, research databases, and all library services.