

Academic Support Services

DeTamble Library

Mission Statement

The mission of DeTamble Library is to support the educational programs of St. Andrews Presbyterian College by providing access to information and training in its use.

The Library demonstrates service to the community by sharing its resources with local patrons, service to the College by maintaining the College Archives, and service to its heritage by coordinating with the Scottish Heritage Center on materials on the Scottish and Presbyterian heritage of the region. In addition, DeTamble Library plays an important role in encouraging student retention.

Services and Resources

DeTamble Library provides a full range of library services and resources that support our students' education.

Three professional librarians provide students, faculty and staff with reference and information services, including library orientation, assistance to patrons in locating, retrieving and evaluating information in various formats. They also provide the Personal Librarian program, in which each student is paired with a librarian for one-to-one assistance in learning about and using the Library and all its resources. The librarians work closely with faculty to provide library instruction sessions, both in the classroom and in the Library, and to identify and purchase materials supporting the curriculum. DeTamble Library provides interlibrary loan services to extend access to information. DeTamble Library houses over 111,000 books, 300 active periodical subscriptions, and 15,500 resources in such formats as microfilm, audiocassettes, videos, and maps. Electronic resources include more than 1,200 eAudiobooks, 43,000 e-books and access to over 100 online databases and websites via NC LIVE, all accessible through the Library's catalog and its website, whether on or off campus. These databases feature indexes to journals, many of them with the complete text, and to business, state government, and consumer health information, as well as reference resources such as encyclopedias and directories. The Library also is a selective depository for United States Government Documents, providing access to a vital source of government-authored information on a variety of subject areas. Through cooperative agreements and consortia, DeTamble Library has access to a wide range of other resources as well.

The Library's catalog, made possible by a grant from the R. J. Reynolds III and Marie Malouk Reynolds Foundation, allows students to search for print, electronic and audio books, for reserve items and for the most recently received issue of a journal or periodical, as well as to check their individual patron records and to renew materials online. The catalog is available to students in all computer labs on campus and from the residence halls, as well as from any computer accessing the Internet, thus extending the availability of library resources for commuters, distance learners and faculty and staff when off-campus. The Library has eleven computers for research, two of which are adapted for use by students with disabilities, plus computers on each floor for searching the Library catalog. The Library also houses an Optelec CCTV for print magnification for low vision students.

The Library's three-floor building has seating space for almost 200 students to gather, study and read. It houses the R.J. Reynolds III Reading Room, which has study tables and comfortable chairs available for small groups, classes or meetings as well as for reading and study. It also houses a student lounge with hot drinks available. The Library provides wireless Internet access on all floors. DeTamble Library contains the St. Andrews

Collection and the Scottish Book Collection; the St. Andrews College Archives, a collection of materials pertinent to the history of this institution; and the Hal and Delores Sieber Collection of Ezra Pound Materials. It also houses the Scottish Heritage Center, which provides materials and artifacts on the Scottish heritage and traditions of the region. The Library is open 77 hours each week during the semester and provides extended hours during exam weeks. General Library policies are available in the Library. Additional information about the Library, the staff, hours and services can be found on the Library's web pages, as can helpful information on searching the Internet and the web, and directories of highly-rated, subject-specific web sites. The Library's website is found at www.sapc.edu/library.