Location 1 – library lobby

Hello, everyone! My name is Debbie Malone and I am the Library Director here at DeSales University’s Trexler Library. In this video, I want to give you an overview of the many library resources and services available to you as a student at DeSales.

Location 2 – circ desk

I am standing in front of the circulation desk and I want to give you some general information about the library. There is no limit to the number of books that you can check out at one time, and if we don’t have the books you need, we can get them for you from other libraries. Books check out for four weeks, but you can renew a book as many times as you need to as long as another patron has not placed a hold on it. Your DeSales ID card is also your library card, very convenient.

We also have a large collection of DVDs, and these can be checked out for one week at a time. We provide 14 laptops that we circulate for use in the building. The library hours are always posted on the library home page at desales.edu/library. [Shot of library home hours side bar]

Regular hours during the semester are Sunday through Thursday until 1 a.m., Friday until 9 pm, and Saturday until 5 pm. We open at 7:30am during the weekday. Hours vary on holidays and semester breaks, so be sure to check the website if you are making a special trip.

This desk is also where you can come to get help with your research or using any of our resources. Librarians are happy to help and answer any of your questions.
Location 3 – Glass study rooms

Do you need a place to work with a group? The Library was renovated in 2013, and we created these four glass rooms equipped with white boards, and you can project your laptop screen on a monitor as well. There are five other study rooms scattered throughout the building too. They can all be booked online for two hours at a time.

Location 4 – Ref area

I am standing in our reference area. The nooks around the windows here a very popular study areas, and we have 18 computers her with over 80 other computers located throughout the library available for your use, including 12 Macs. All of them have the full Microsoft Office suite of software products, Wireless Internet is also available in the library, so you can bring your own laptop if you prefer, and even print wirelessly. Better yet, printing is free! We have 6 printers scattered through out the library.

Location 5 – study carrels on 1st floor

In addition, we have 18 of these large study carrels scattered over both floors. They are popular spots to study because they are roomy, have electronic outlets and are close to windows. You don’t get that “closed in” feeling while you’re studying here.

Location 6 – One Button

I’m standing in our “One Button” studio, which provides space for you to easily practice your oral presentations for your classes. You bring a flash drive, or purchase one at or circulation desk, put it in the slot on the desktop, push the one button, and the lights go on and the camera is ready to tape your speech. You walk out with your oral presentation on your flash drive! Very easy to do!
Location 7 – PCLab2

This is the smaller of our two computer labs on the second floor. We call it PC Lab2. It has 18 computers including four MACs. This is a good place to tell you a little bit more about our resources. (Screen shot of WMS Discovery box) Our Discovery service allows you to search multiple databases and the library catalog at once. Most of these resources are available online anytime and anywhere. All you need is your MyDSU login in order to access thousands of online journals and electronic books from off campus. These resources will provide you with the information sources that you will need when writing research papers and doing other assignments.

The sources you use to support your writing can make a big difference in the quality of that writing. If you tend use Google as the place to start your search that’s fine, but you’ll be amazed at how quickly you can find relevant, authoritative information using the library databases.

Our collections also include over 120,000 full-text electronic books that can be located with our Discovery box. [Screen shot of climate change ebook]. You can read these eBooks online, or download chapter to a mobile device. Many of the electronic books are recent publications and thus provide some of the most current information in our collections.

Location 8 – in front of computers near Kerr Collection – 2nd floor

I’m still on the second floor, standing in front of our Kerr Collection of theater books, which is a good place to tell you about the variety of resources available in our database.

In addition to articles, the library also has databases that provide access to videos, art, music, statistics, company and industry information, online encyclopedias, dictionaries, and more!
This is our Films on Demand resource that gives you immediate access to over 15,000 films from producers such as PBS, Films for the Humanities, HBO, Scientific American and more, and they are all relevant to your courses.

If you’re not sure where to start your research, librarians have created research guides to help you. These guides list the best databases and websites to use for different subjects, and include the contact information for a librarian if you have a question or wish to schedule an appointment for assistance with your research. Don’t forget: Librarians are resources too! We can save you time by helping you learn how to search the databases efficiently as well as evaluate the quality of what you find.

Trexler Library has all of this and so much more. If you would like more information about any of these resources and services, give us a call, or email a librarian at reference@desales.edu.

Explore our website and come on in. We encourage you to get to know your library!

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