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## David Adamany Undergraduate Library

The David Adamany Undergraduate Library (<https://library.wayne.edu/>) (UGL) is designed to enhance the learning experience of undergraduate students by offering open spaces for collaboration and silent study as well as hundreds of computers for student use. The library features instructional labs, open spaces with flexible furniture and technology, collaborative study rooms that can be reserved online, course reserves and the Tech Bunker, a technologically-rich immersive learning space that invites users to develop, design, dream and discover. The UGL also houses the Writing Center, Academic Success Services, the Irvin D. Reid Honors College, the Humanities Commons and other student-facing services throughout the building.

## Purdy/Kresge Library

The Purdy/Kresge Library (<https://library.wayne.edu/>) supports the research and instructional needs of faculty, graduate students and upper-level undergraduates. The library provides access to over sixty 60 computers as well as ample study space in a traditional library atmosphere. The Kresge side of the Purdy/Kresge Library is open for extended study Sunday through Thursday.

The Purdy/Kresge Library houses a book collection of over 1.5 million volumes, an extensive microform collection, a large document collection and a number of special collections including the Leonard Simons Collection of rare Michigan history texts, the Arthur L. Johnson Endowment collection, and the Ramsey Collection of Children's Literature. This library is also the home of the Teaching Commons, a collaborative effort of the Libraries, the Office for Teaching and Learning and Computing & Information Technology, which assists faculty and

instructors in designing and developing instructional experiences for the classroom and online teaching environments.

## Arthur Neef Law Library

Located at the north end of the University's main campus, Wayne State University's Arthur Neef Law Library (<https://library.wayne.edu/neef/>) offers researchers a comprehensive legal research center. Its collection of more than 620,000 print and microform equivalent volumes, plus an expansive collection of e-books, databases and other digital resources makes it a leading legal research facility in the State of Michigan. The Law Library is also a depository for U.S. government publications and for the records and briefs filed with the Michigan Supreme Court.

## Shiffman Medical Library and Learning Resources Centers

The Shiffman Medical Library (<https://library.wayne.edu/shiffman/>) supports the research, education and clinical and public health care information needs for the University, major hospitals within the Detroit Medical Center, and unaffiliated health care providers and trainees throughout Michigan. The library maintains access to all the major health sciences, bio-scientific and consumer health databases; a core collection of journals dating to the mid-19th century; and books in print and electronically reproduced. Health information learning programs and informatics workshops, listed on the Shiffman website, are open to all members of the University community. The Learning Resources Center focuses on the daily information and computing needs of students of the Applebaum College.

## Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs and University Archives

The Walter P. Reuther Library (<https://www.reuther.wayne.edu>) has an international reputation as the largest labor archives in the world and additionally holds significant collections relating to social and urban affairs in the metro Detroit area. It collects and preserves records of the American labor movement, related social, economic, and political reform groups, and twentieth century urban America. The archival collections held in the Reuther Library cover a variety of topics, organizations and individuals. In all, the Reuther Library has more than 95 million documents, 20,000 books, monographs, union publications and proceedings, 2 million photographic images; and 20,000 audio and moving image recordings. Due to issues of format, size, and security, the collection stacks are not open to the public and researchers work with these materials in the Reuther reading room during established hours of business.

The Reuther Library has become the official depository for the inactive files of several labor unions and organizations, including the United Auto Workers, the American Federation of Teachers, the National Association of Letter Carriers, The Newspaper Guild, the United Farm Workers, the Service Employees International Union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Air Line Pilots Association, the Association of Flight Attendants, the Industrial Workers of the World, the Society of Women Engineers, and many state and local organizations. Records have also been received from urban and civil rights groups as the Citizens Crusade Against Poverty, the Michigan Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Detroit Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the United Community Services of Detroit, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, and New Detroit, Inc. A unique portion of the holdings is a labor journal and newspaper collection, which has nearly 1,600 current and non-current titles dating from the late 1800s to the present. Many individuals who

played leading roles in labor and urban affairs have also placed their papers in the Reuther Library.

The Reuther Library also houses the Wayne State University Archives which provides historical information about WSU and its predecessor institutions that date to 1868. In addition to collecting the University's historical records, the WSU Archives holds the papers of presidents and administrative leaders, the papers of selected faculty members, and the papers of student and professional organizations that document the development of the University and higher education in Michigan. The WSU Archives also collects all publications created by and pertaining to the University, including the student newspaper from 1917 to present, as well as departmental newsletters.

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