Welcome to Meriam Library at Chico State

Meriam Library is the main library for the campus of California State University, Chico, serving over 15,000 students, more than 900 instructional faculty, and over 1,000 staff, as well as the communities of Chico and Northeastern California. Meriam Library was named in honor of Ted Meriam and the Meriam Family. It is the largest library in California north of Sacramento.

Meriam Library is a trusted partner and strategic asset for the University in the advancement of knowledge, providing intellectual leadership, vital collections, and essential expertise.

The Library supports the University’s education, research, and public service missions by providing access to and preservation of physical and digital materials; spaces and tools that allow collaborative and individual learning; and expertise to help the communities we serve connect to, engage with, and contribute to the world of knowledge and new ideas.
What Meriam Library Has to Offer on the First Floor

From book and technology checkouts, to research help and assistance, cross-cultural leadership and academic support. The first floor of the library has a lot to offer, but there’s still more to the library than what’s seen at first glance.

Newly added to the Meriam Library’s first floor is Research Commons! What is the Research Commons?? The Research Commons is a place where students, staff, and faculty can go to ask questions, engage in research, and get academic support. Come say hi and ask us for research support! Librarians are here to help!

Study, Support, Socialize

The first floor is divided into two parts east and west. On the westside you will find library services such as the Research Commons and the Circulation/Interlibrary Services desk. You’ll also find The Grove where you can study, connect to wi-fi, print, or take a short rest indoors between classes. Within The Grove is the Accessible Technology Center, a technology space for students registered with the Accessibility Resource Center.

On the east you will find: Cross-Cultural Leadership Center, PATH Scholars, Civic Engagement, Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology, and ITSS.
There is Plenty on Second, and Why you Should Visit!

The second floor has ample study space, support services, and student programs. You can study alone or in groups, in the open or in a quieter study room. There is a computer lab, Wildcat Computing Support, and The Copy Center just up the stairs from the entrance or just outside the elevators. Not far east from the computer lab on second is the Practice Presentation Room, which was made to allow students to practice their presentations in a classroom setting. Along the far east end of the floor you can find study rooms for private and quiet study. (libcal.csuchico.edu/reserve/librooms)

Going west from the computer lab you will find the Library Education Room, which is specifically for library instruction and education.

New to the second floor are the First Year Experience and Honors programs. These programs are located on the far west end.

More Than Services and Study Spaces...

Along with the services mentioned above, the second floor houses the Popular Collection, Periodicals Collection, Thesis Collection, High Performance Computers, Makerspace, lockers (can be reserved on first floor at the Circulation Desk), Index/Reference Collection, and the Law Reference Collection. Oh, and there is a collection of VHS tapes & DVDs all available for rent. (VHS players are available for check out at the Circulation Desk).

Websites of 2nd Floor Services:
Copy & Print Center: www.csuchico.edu/fye
Wildcat Computing Support: www.csuchico.edu/wcs
First Year Experience: www.csuchico.edu/fye
MakerSpace: library.csuchico.edu/makerspace
Study Rooms: libcal.csuchico.edu/reserve/librooms
So Special...

You’ll also find Special Collections & Archives on the 3rd floor. Here you will find a unique regional resource of written and pictorial materials which document the historical as well as the contemporary issues of the 12-county region known as “northeastern California” as well as the history of California State University, Chico. [library.csuchico.edu/special-collections](library.csuchico.edu/special-collections)

There’s a lot that goes on behind the scenes in Meriam Library that public generally doesn’t see. Also located on 3rd floor is the Information Resources Administration offices, Enterprise Application & Data Service, as well as the Aquisitions, Collection Management & Evaluation department (internally referred to as ACME, where the majority of library materials are processed)

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**Third Floor is Where You’ll Find the Books!**

Third floor isn’t just where the main collection of the library’s books are located. The Third Floor also has plenty of study space and study rooms available.

But remember it’s **THE SILENT STUDY** floor. You will get **shushed**, if you’re too loud.

**Big Books**

A different type of books are located on the third floor as well. They are different in that they are oversized books. The oversized books are called **Folios**. And the over-oversized books are called **X-Folios**. These books often, but not always, contain illustrations and art prints.
People work...

Just like every other floor of the library there are faculty, staff, & student employees who work in the library.

The Library Administration Offices are located on the fourth floor as is the Faculty Development Office and the Technology & Learning Program offices and lab.

*Overall, Meriam Library is quite the happening place to be!
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