



### **King University Libraries**

The King University Libraries serve the institution through the acquisition and provision of a wide variety of information resources to support the curriculum, research needs, and interests of students, faculty, and staff.

King University Libraries house a comprehensive physical and electronic collection housed in three campus libraries: Bristol, Kingsport, and Knoxville. The collection is comprised of the following: 70,609 print books; 125,161 electronic books; 178 current print journal titles; 17 online databases for e-books, 5 of which are reference resources; 70 additional databases housing over 38,000 electronic journal titles; 22,000 streaming videos, 3,700 CDs; and 1,900 DVDs. The Libraries also have projectors, cameras, CD players, and other A/V equipment for checkout.

The Tadlock Collection and King University Archives contain the John Doak Tadlock Collection of items related to King, Presbyterianism, and regional history. Special and rare books are also housed in these collections.

The King University Libraries are a founding member of the Holston Associated Libraries (HAL) which includes the libraries of King University, Emory & Henry College, and the public libraries of Tazewell and Washington counties in Virginia. The web-based shared catalog is online and provides access to the over 1.5 million items in this consortium. Most of these resources can be checked out by King students in person, at another HAL library, via courier, or through the mail.

King University Libraries make a number of provisions for students to obtain needed library resources that may not be immediately available in the library collection. In addition to borrowing and sharing resources with the other HAL libraries, the King Libraries participate in an international network that permits students to obtain virtually any book or journal article that the King University Libraries do not own through a service called Interlibrary Loan. In addition to Interlibrary Loan, King students have access to libraries throughout the Appalachian region through reciprocal agreements with other universities.

All students have 24-hour access to electronic databases that provide full text access to thousands of journal titles, streaming videos, and reference materials covering a wide variety of academic disciplines. Regardless of location, King students have unfettered access to all areas of research in which they might engage.

The full array of electronic resources available to students 24-hours a day serves to support all programs, on campus and off, whether classes and research take place online or in a face-to-face setting. In addition, the library website serves as a pathfinder for students to locate and utilize vetted resources on the Internet.

The **King University Libraries** operate two libraries in addition to the main campus library. The Libraries are open year round; however, hours are modified during academic recess,

summer terms and holidays. During academic terms, the E. W. King Library in Bristol is open 92.5 hours per week, and the Kingsport and Knoxville Campus Libraries are open when the respective campus is open and are staffed 40-50 hours per week.

The **Kingsport Campus Library** houses books, periodicals, and audiovisual materials to support the degree programs offered in Kingsport. Students have access to interlibrary loan, course reserves, and reference and instructional services on site. The Kingsport Campus Library also houses computers, printer, and photocopier for use by students and faculty. There is study space available for student use for collaboration and study. Faculty and student support offices are housed at the Kingsport Campus and a full-time Librarian with an M.L.I.S. degree is accessible in person daily.

The **Knoxville Campus Library** houses books, periodicals, and audiovisual materials to support the degree programs offered in Knoxville. Students have access to interlibrary loan, course reserves, and reference and instructional services on site. The Knoxville Campus Library also houses a computer lab, printer, and photocopier for use by students and faculty. There is study space for student use for collaboration and study. Faculty and student support offices are housed at the Knoxville Campus and a full-time Librarian with an M.L.I.S. degree is accessible in person daily.

Beyond mere provision of resources, the Libraries seek to provide an environment that is conducive to inquiry, exploration and discovery, leading ultimately to intellectual and spiritual growth. This is accomplished in the following manners:

1. The provision of professional reference and information literacy instruction services that teach skills necessary for information gathering and evaluation
2. The development of a collection of resources that represent a broad spectrum of perspectives in scholarly exploration and cultural discourse selected with objectivity, equity, and sensitivity to the educational and social context of the institution
3. Utilization of the latest technological innovations in information access and delivery to both provide students with the highest possible level of service and equip them for lifelong learning.

For more information about the King University Libraries, please visit the Library's web site at <http://www.king.edu/library> or call 1-855-KINGLIB.