



University of KwaZulu-Natal Libraries, Howard College

VISITOR'S GUIDE

Library guide

<http://library.ukzn.ac.za>

Excellent collections, up-to-date technology and dedicated, enthusiastic staff mean that the UKZN Libraries are able to support University students, researchers and staff in their education and research endeavours. The libraries are open to the local community and to visitors for reference purposes. Visitors and postgraduate students from other tertiary institutions in South Africa are entitled to membership and borrowing privileges. Private companies may access library services by subscribing to InfoFind, a fee-based information service based in the EG Malherbe Library.

Howard College Libraries

The library was started in 1931 when the Engineering Department of Natal University College was established in the newly built Howard College. Currently, the Howard College Libraries consist of four libraries:

▪ EG Malherbe Library

This is the main library on the campus and was named the EG Malherbe Library in 1988 after the university principal who guided the University College to full University status in 1949. It serves the needs of staff and students in the Faculties of Engineering and Human, Social and Development Sciences.

The collection consists of over 350 000 volumes of books, journals and other items in various formats, and a growing collection of electronic books and journals with access via the worldwide web. Various special collections include collections of medieval manuscripts, South African government publications, early scientific and engineering books, an African studies collection focusing on local content, an important audio-visual collection supporting the teaching programmes, and a small collection of South African art works some of which were commissioned for the building, including ceramics, tapestries, pottery, paintings, woven materials and sculptures.

Barrie Biermann Architecture Library

Established in 1969, this branch library was named after an influential teacher and architect. The Library is located in the Shepstone Building and serves the needs of the staff and students of the School of Architecture, Planning and Housing. The collection consists of 30 000 volumes of books, journals, plans, models, and rare early architectural books. Housed in the Architecture Library is a Technical Reference Library of trade literature, box literature, drawings (including local drawings of historic value, and some excellent student work) and slides.

▪ **Eleanor Bonnar Music Library**

Named after the donor of the core collection, this library was established in 1972. It is one of the largest music libraries in Africa and one of the finest in the Southern Hemisphere. The Library is housed in the School of Music and serves the Music Programme in the Faculty of Human Sciences and the provincial orchestra. The collection consists of over 30 000 items covering a wide range of cultures. The Music Library houses books, journals, scores (including a valuable collection of historical sets and complete editions), microfilms, tapes, LPs, compact discs, CD-ROMs and video cassettes. Of special interest are five collections:

- a rare archival collection of black South African popular music,
- the Malcolm Hunter Collection of recordings of early jazz and swing from 1895-1980,
- the Wilf Lowe Collection of bebop and other post-World War 2 styles,
- A large ethnographic record collection.
- The Ronald Crichton / Juan Soriano Opera Collection is housed in the Opera Studio and Choral Academy in Jubilee Hall.

▪ **GMJ Sweeney Law Library**

This library was established in 1972, and is named after a distinguished professor of law. It is located in the historic Howard College Building and serves the needs of the staff and students of the Faculty of Law, as well as the legal fraternity of greater Durban. The collection consists of over 25 000 volumes of books, journals, and law reports, including good collections of early law books and environmental law. Emphasis is placed on electronic retrieval of local law resources which are available through a student computer LAN in the Library.

Services at UKZN Libraries

Library staff members assist users in locating information sources and searching databases. A wide range of orientation and user education programmes introduce students to:

- the physical layout of the buildings
- the rules and regulations of the Libraries
- effective and efficient usage of Library services
- a culture of independent library usage by equipping users with appropriate information skills

Issue Desks

Information sources may be issued, reserved and renewed at these desks. Inter-Library Loan facilities are also available.

Photocopying

Self-service, fee-based photocopying machines are available in all UKZN Libraries.

Bindery

The University Bindery provides a service to libraries, staff and students on all campuses, and also to visitors from the community and further afield.

Staff

UKZN Libraries' staff, under the leadership of the Library Director, Ms Nora Buchanan and the Campus Librarian Ms Joyce Myeza, is dedicated to providing a library and information service to the University community.

Library Hours

Library hours vary, especially during examination periods and vacations.

During term time, most libraries are open during the following hours

Mondays to Fridays: 8:00 – 23:00

Saturdays: 8:30 - 17:00

For further details, please check the Library website.

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