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The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dolph Briscoe Jr. Library is the central information resource for all six UT Health San Antonio schools: School of Medicine, School of Health Professions, School of Nursing, School of Dentistry, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and University of Texas School of Public Health San Antonio. Each school has been assigned its own Liaison Librarian, allowing the library to work more directly and more in-depth with students and faculty.

The mission of the UT Health San Antonio Library is to promote learning, inspire discovery, and connect with our communities. The library is well-positioned to offer a range of support for the university and its health care programs (either on site or distance) by providing comprehensive information services and access to diverse biomedical information.

UT HEALTH SA BRISCOE LIBRARY BUILDING:

The Briscoe Library is located near the center of Lozano Long Campus. The Briscoe Library is open 24/7 with health science center ID card access. Briscoe Library has an array of spaces on the third, fourth and fifth floors available for collaborative and individual study, meetings, relaxation and reflection, and more. Group study rooms and conference rooms may be reserved by current UT Health San Antonio students, faculty, and staff. Times and days may vary depending on the type of room. For more information, visit the Library Spaces (<https://library.uthscsa.edu/library-spaces/>) page. Use of library computers or Wi-Fi requires a campus network login. The library also has three virtual interview rooms located on the third floor that are reservable and available for use by students, faculty, and staff. Each room is equipped with a desktop computer, webcam, surface microphone and speaker. The computers have the necessary software (Zoom, Skype, Microsoft Team, Cisco Webex) installed for virtual meeting use. Photocopy and printing services are available on the third floor. For more information, please contact UT Print. (<https://libguides.uthscsa.edu/Print-Copy-Services/>)

P.I. NIXON MEDICAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY:

The P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library (<https://library.uthscsa.edu/resources/pi-nixon-library/>) is located on the fifth floor of the Briscoe Library and houses approximately 6,000 rare and classic texts in the history of medicine, nursing, dentistry, and other health care disciplines, dating from the 15th to early 20th centuries. The Nixon Library is also home to the University Archives, a small collection of local historical manuscripts, and various historical medical instruments. Tours, visits, and research consultations can be arranged by appointment Monday – Friday.

The Briscoe Library provides a complete range of services, including reference, research and clinical information, access to electronic databases and the internet, instructional programs, and interlibrary loan.

LIBRARY COLLECTION/RESOURCES:

Most of the library's collections are available online 24/7 and can be accessed through the library website (<https://library.uthscsa.edu/>). The library has access to over 83,000 ebooks and ejournals, 190 databases, and approximately 82,500 print books and journals. Discipline specific books and journals can be found through the library's United Search interface located on the library home page. E-resources (<https://library.uthscsa.edu/resources/>) are available remotely by logging in through the library home page or by using the UT Health SA VPN. Requests for print materials located off site or materials not owned by the library can be placed through interlibrary loan (<https://libguides.uthscsa.edu/ill/>).

Complete information on loan periods, rules and charges may be obtained when registering for interlibrary loan.

LIBRARY STAFF:

Professional librarians and library assistants provide informational support in person and via telephone, chat, and email during regular hours (<http://library.uthscsa.edu/2011/09/hours-locations/>). Liaison librarians (<https://library.uthscsa.edu/services/>) are the primary point of contact in the library for the faculty, staff, and students in their respective schools. Liaison librarians also provide a variety of curriculum-related services to each of the schools, including teaching, consultation, and resource guides. They are also able to consult with users to develop search strategies for literature reviews.

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

In keeping with the university's mission to engage our community to improve health, the library offers onsite community access to biomedical databases and clinical information. In addition, the library offers interlibrary loan services for licensed area health professionals. Librarians are available to collaborate with community organizations to develop programs with an emphasis on access to consumer health information and health information literacy.

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