

VST's Library

VST's H.R. MacMillan Theological Library is one of the major theological libraries in Canada. It was built from the joint resources of the libraries of Union College and the Anglican Theological College. Students have open access to most of the collection, which includes over 100,000 items. The library subscribes to over 250 current periodicals and has long runs of many theological journals. About 2,000 rare books are available for use only in the library.

Library staff offer a variety of services to all users, including providing instruction to individuals and groups in the use of library resources, compiling new acquisitions lists and arranging regular book displays. Individual inquiries are always welcome and the librarian is available by appointment for research questions.

An attractive browsing area, individual study desks in the stacks, and a Reference reading area give students ample opportunity for personal study and research. The Thomas Merton Reading Room is located on the library's main floor and provides a silent space to read or study. There is now a media room devoted to the storage and use of our media collection. This room is located on the lower level and includes comfortable seating for group video watching. There are small seminar rooms in the lower level and all public areas of the library are wheelchair accessible. A Media room on the library's lower level is dedicated to the use and storage of media resources and provides comfortable seating for group viewing. Our lower level also features small seminar rooms and many individual study spaces. All public areas of the library are wheelchair accessible.

In addition to VST faculty, students and staff, borrowing privileges are given to lay persons and clergy in VST's supporting denominations and to current UBC, Regent, SFU and TWU students and faculty.

Online and Electronic Resources

The online library catalogue is shared with Regent College, allowing online searching of both libraries' catalogues. collections.

Other features of our new facility in the renovated Iona Building include online public access catalogues, and access to online journal indices and databases. For students with laptops, a wireless network and hard wired



connections are available in library study areas through the UBC Campus-Wide Login.

Associated Libraries

VST students are able to borrow from the collections of the UBC, Regent-Carey Library, and St. Mark's Library, which are nearby and provide an important resource for theological and religious studies on campus. Trinity Western University (TWU) and Simon Fraser University (SFU) are also now available to VST Students and faculty. You must present a COPPUL card (available through UBC) to use the SFU libraries, and a VST card at the TWU library.

Archives

VST Archives, the Archives of the British Columbia Provincial Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada and of the British Columbia Conference of The United Church of Canada are housed in the new Archives space, attached to VST. The collections are open to the school's faculty, staff and students, members of denominations exploring their own history and to interested scholars. Use is by appointment with the archivists.

The Library staff looks forward to meeting you and answering your questions. Please know that we are committed to supporting your educational experience at VST, no matter your information need.