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Technical Services

The Technical Services Department is one of two academic units in the University Libraries; the other is Public Services.

Technical Services encompasses the following areas: [Collection Development](#), [E-Resources & Serials](#), [Cataloging](#), and [Information Technology & Web Services](#). Each of these areas supports the research and educational needs of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette community by selecting, purchasing, describing, and organizing library materials and by providing web and technology support services.

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Collection Development

Collection Development denotes the activities that ensure that the University Libraries include in their collections the books, periodicals, and other appropriate library materials to support the institutional and research programs of UL Lafayette and/or provide access to them. Funds are allocated by type of material (book, periodical, microforms, electronic resource, etc.), and by academic subject area. Collection Development also encompasses associated activities such as evaluation, location, weeding and preservation.

More information can be found in our [Collection Development Policies & Procedures](#).

E-Resources & Serials

The E-Resources & Serials Department coordinates the purchasing, licensing, and access of electronic resources and print serial publications, including trials, quotes, new orders, annual academic department subscriptions review, renewals, cancellations, collecting and analyzing usage data, and troubleshooting. The staff assists with the implementation and ongoing administration of the library's electronic resource management module; maintains catalog records, an A-Z list, an OpenURL link resolver, and other utilities; communicates with vendors regarding the library's print and electronic subscriptions; and assists with the continuing commitments portions of the library's acquisitions budget.

More information can be found in our [Electronic Resources Collection Development Policy](#).

Cataloging

The mission of the Catalog Department is to support the teaching, research, and service mission of Dupré Library and the University by providing bibliographic access to the collections housed in the library and its branches.

To accomplish this goal, the Department strives to:

- Create, organize and maintain accurate and comprehensive bibliographic data for all the material in the library's collections
- Follow recognized national and international standards for cataloging
- Remain current in bibliographic and technological advances
- Insure maintenance of quality through continuing education and training
- Insure efficiency by examining existing procedure and possessing a willingness to institute new procedures and technology when appropriate

Information Technology & Web Services

The mission of the Information Technology & Web Services Department is to support and promote the library's role in providing services through Internet technologies and electronic resources. The department works with related library divisions to investigate, acquire and facilitate access to the library's electronic resources, including labs, equipment and software, the library's catalog and its databases. Feedback is encouraged from the University community.

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More information can be found in our [Information Technology & Web Services Policy](#).

Special Collections

The Special Collections Department brings together a wide variety of materials representing the south and southwest Louisiana experience. Special Collections supports research for undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and other scholars whose work relies on archival records, rare books, manuscripts, media, digital files, and other primary sources.

Special Collections includes the [University Archives & Acadiana Manuscripts Collection](#), [Louisiana Room](#), [Digital Archives](#), [UL Lafayette Institutional Repository](#), [Cajun & Creole Music Collection](#), [U.S. Government Information](#), [Ernest J. Gaines Center](#) and future [Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center](#).

Visit our [Special Collections](#) section, [Special Collections Policy](#) and [Jefferson Caffery Reading Room Policy](#) for more information.

Cajun & Creole Music Collection

The [Cajun and Creole Music Collection](#) consists of commercial recordings, selected unpublished or field recordings, and related materials of the music of the Cajuns and Creoles of Louisiana. The collection presents the history, influences, development and diversity of the indigenous music.

Louisiana Room

The [Louisiana Room](#) contains the Library's collection of materials relating to Louisiana and the University. Resources include books, newspaper collections, graduate and undergraduate theses, genealogy, University yearbooks and course catalogs, maps, Louisiana state documents, and vertical files.

University Archives & Acadiana Manuscripts Collection

The [University Archives](#) houses the archival records of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette from its inception to the present. The [Acadiana Manuscripts Collection](#) contains collections of personal or family papers, business or organizational records, photograph collections, oral histories, and much more related to the Acadiana region and south and southwest Louisiana. Also included is the University's [Rare Books](#) and [Microfilm](#) collections.

U.S. Government Information

As a designated Federal Depository Library, Edith Garland Dupré Library provides free and equal access to government information. Government publications provide current and historical information on a wide range of subjects, and include primary and secondary research and information sources.

Blanco Public Policy Center

The [Blanco Policy Center](#) is an independent, interdisciplinary research center, bringing together experts from different academic departments to conduct research, analyze data, create white papers, and write grants. A partnership between the College of Liberal Arts and the Edith Garland Dupré Library, the Blanco Center will work primarily in the public policy areas championed by Governor Kathleen Babineaux during her 25-year career in state government. These issues included governmental ethics, criminal justice reform, poverty and economic opportunity, and education.

Ernest J. Gaines Center

The [Ernest J. Gaines Center](#) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is an international center for scholarship on Ernest Gaines and his work. The center honors the work of UL Lafayette's Writer-in-Residence Emeritus and provides a space for scholars and students to work with the Gaines papers and manuscripts.

Digital Archives

The [Digital Archives](#) includes digitized collections of the Acadiana Manuscripts Collection and those donated to Special Collections. These collections include digitized and born-digital materials.

For more information on the library's policies on digitization, please see the [Digitization and Photoduplication Policy](#).

UL Lafayette Institutional Repository

UL Lafayette's [institutional repository](#) is an online space that brings together and provides open access to the University's scholarship and intellectual content. The repository accepts scholarship in a wide variety of formats, including PDF documents, audio/video, and images. Scholarship includes research articles, class projects, presentations, digital collections, and much more.

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