

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Carey S. Thomas Library and its staff serve the Denver Seminary community by providing and facilitating access to information in support of the Seminary's curriculum, research, and training.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact Information

Library direct phone line: 303-762-6962
Library email: library@denverseminary.edu

Reference Office email: libref@denverseminary.edu
Reference Office phone: 303-762-6961

Interlibrary Loan email: libill@denverseminary.edu
Interlibrary Loan Phone: 303-762-6956

Library hours for Fall and Spring Semesters

Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday closed
Closed major holidays. Other schedule changes will be posted.

Classification System

The books are classified according to the Library of Congress System of Classification.

Library / I.D. Cards

Denver Seminary Photo I.D. cards are issued during the general orientation session. Student IDs are required to check out books and other materials from the seminary library. In addition to providing access to the library holdings, student IDs can often be used to receive discounts at local businesses. If lost or stolen, replacement IDs may be obtained at the library circulation desk.

New Students: Student ID cards are processed at the beginning of the Fall and Spring Semesters during registration. Your library account will be set up at that time and your library account number (barcode) will be placed on the back of your student ID card. Students who do not yet have a patron record in the library database will complete a registration form during registration.

Returning Students: Present your Denver Seminary Photo I.D. to the library circulation desk staff to have your ID card validated and your library privileges renewed. Library staff will update your contact information.

A student's library card is for use by that student only. If a student allows another person to check out books on his/her library card, the student's library privileges may be suspended. Guests from the local community may purchase a library card in order to have check out privileges, or they may go to their local (Colorado) public library and request books from Denver Seminary library through Interlibrary Loan.

Checking Out Books

Books to be taken from the library may be checked out at the circulation desk by presenting a validated Denver Seminary I.D. card to the desk attendant. Books from the stacks may be checked out anytime during library hours and may usually be kept for four weeks with the possibility of one renewal for four additional weeks. **Exceptions:** If several students have placed holds on the same book, the check out period for the book will be reduced to two weeks. If a book is needed for Reserve, the library may recall the book immediately. Recalled books incur a fine of \$1.00 per day if not returned by the recall date.

Students may renew their books (one renewal) by accessing their library account through the My Account tab in the online catalog. **Exception:** If the book has a hold on it, the student will not be able to renew it.

Denver Seminary students may have up to 26 books checked out at any time. Because of Colorado "right to privacy" law, it is unlawful to disclose who has a particular book checked out.

Periodicals are not available for check out. They may be used within the library only. Please see the "Periodicals" section under "Special Collections" below for more information.

Library Fines

Late fees for overdue general collection books are 10 cents per book per day for Denver Seminary related patrons (students, faculty and staff). Fines for overdue Reserve items are \$1.00 per hour overdue per item.

Fines will be charged on any items not properly checked out from the library.

Fine notices will be sent via email or via U.S. Mail (if the email address is not on the person's patron record). Refusal to pay fines or habitual violation of library policies may result in suspension of library privileges as well as a delay in receiving your diploma at graduation.

REFERENCE SERVICES

Reference Desk and Reference Lab

The library page of the Seminary's website provides links to password protected academic research databases as well as links to many helpful websites. Additional databases on CD-ROM are also available in the library Reference Lab. The Reference Desk staff can provide assistance in the use of ATLA Religion Databases, Old & New Testament Abstracts, Religious and Theological Abstracts, PsycINFO & PsycARTICLES, Philosopher's Index and other research tools. The Library page of the Seminary's website provides links to the online catalogs of other local academic libraries. Please contact the Reference Desk staff for more information. Email: libref@denverseminary.edu

Online Catalog

The library's online catalog is available continuously (24/7), except for occasional system maintenance times. It may be accessed through the main library [webpage](#) and may be

used for searching for books, placing holds on checked out books, and personal library account access – such as renewing books, checking fines, etc. Appointments may be made with Reference Desk staff for a tutorial on the use of the online catalog.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICES

Interlibrary loan (ILL) is the process of requesting materials from and supplying materials to other libraries. ILL allows you to broaden the scope of your research by facilitating use of materials not owned by Carey S. Thomas Library.

Materials Offered

Books, theses and dissertations can be borrowed. Photocopies of noncirculating materials, primarily periodical articles, can be requested in accordance with the copyright law. Items missing from the Library can also be obtained.

Cost

The library will seek to find items at no cost to students. Students should note on the request form the maximum amount they are willing to pay in case the lending library does charge fees.

How It Works

Make sure that the item is not located at our library before submitting a request. Also check the holdings at University of Denver, Iliff School of Theology, and the Cardinal Stafford Library of the St. John Vianney Theological Seminary since it is faster to retrieve items directly from them. (You will need a Referral form from our library in order to enter DU's library).

Plan to allow two to three weeks for in-state requests to arrive at the library. Loan periods are set by the lending library. In some cases, conditions of use may be imposed by a lending library and must be strictly observed. The requester can keep photocopies.

Submit online requests via the interlibrary loan [webpage](#) (A link to the ILL webpage is located on the main library webpage.)

Please provide complete bibliographic information in order to insure the fastest service. Patrons will be notified by phone or email when requested items are received. Questions can be directed to the Interlibrary Loan Department at 303-762-6956 or by email: libill@denverseminary.edu

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Archives

The library maintains the Denver Seminary archives which contains information about Denver Seminary including historical documents, photographs and slides. For more information, contact the Library Director.

Audiocassette Tapes

The library has a collection of messages and lectures on audiocassette, including many Denver Seminary chapel messages. Copies may be requested for check out by anyone who has a Denver Seminary library card. Tape copies may only be purchased if the library has written copyright permission from the speaker. Unauthorized taping of chapels (or classes) is not permitted.

Grounds Collection

Books from the Vernon Grounds library are indicated as "Grounds Collection" in the Copy/Holding Information in the online catalog. Grounds Collection books are located in the Vernon Grounds Reading Room at the west end of the library. This collection is being cataloged as staff time permits. The "Grounds Collection" books which have been cataloged are available for checkout. The uncataloged volumes may be used in the library only.

M.A. Theses and D.Min. Projects

Denver Seminary Master of Arts Theses and Doctor of Ministry Projects are available in hard copy in the library's Reference Lab and on microfiche. The print copies may be checked out. Denver Seminary M.A. Theses and D.Min. Projects and Theses are available for purchase through [TREN](#) (Theological Research Exchange Network). A limited number of downloads are available each year at no cost.

Microforms

Microfilm and Microfiche resources are available along with a microform scanner/reader/printer. Prints are 10 cents each. For access to these resources, check with the circulation desk attendant.

Oversize Books

Books that are too large to fit in the regular stacks are designated "Oversize" in the online catalog. These books are shelved in the stacks on either side of the entrance to the Vernon Grounds Reading Room.

Periodicals

Current periodical issues are arranged in alphabetical order by publication title on the periodical display shelves. Recent back issues may also be found under the display shelves by lifting the bottom front of the display shelves. Periodical issues may not be taken from the library. Please leave periodical issues on the tables after using them. Library staff will reshelve the issues after logging use statistics for them.

Bound periodical volumes are located in the open room on the north side of the library between the Student Lab and the Archives. Bound periodicals are available for use in the library and may not be checked out. Periodical titles are listed on the library webpage and in the online catalog. Bound periodicals are arranged by Library of Congress call number. Title listings in alphabetical order may be found at the OPAC station near the circulation desk as well as on the blue book return cart located near the bound periodicals.

Incomplete volumes of periodicals (not ready for binding) are kept in a storage room. The circulation desk attendant will procure these issues upon request for use in the library. After use, students should return the issue(s) to the circulation desk attendant.

Reference Books

Reference books are designated by the letters "Ref" above the spine call number, and by "Reference" in the Collection field in the online catalog. The Reference books are shelved in the open room to the left of the circulation desk. These books may be used in the library and may not be checked out. As with current and bound periodicals, Reference books should not be reshelved by users. Place them on the "Reshelving Carts" so library staff can log usage statistics before reshelving them.

Reserve Materials

Reserve materials are those which have been withdrawn from regular circulation at the request of professors for students' special collateral assignments. These materials, including books, periodical volumes, sample papers, and media are available at the circulation desk. A student may present his/her Denver Seminary Photo I.D. card to the circulation desk attendant and request the needed Reserve item. The desk attendant will check the item out to the student and will print a checkout receipt showing the day the item is due. Materials are due within two hours of the exact checkout time. Reserve items must be used in the library during library hours. No more than two Reserve items at a time may be checked out by a student. (After returning two Reserve items, two more may be checked out). The user is responsible for Reserve books until they are returned to the circulation desk attendant and checked in. A fine of \$1.00/per hour is incurred for Reserve materials that are not returned on time. A student may check out up to two Reserve items overnight (within two hours of closing time). The items are then due back within 1 hour of opening on the next day the library is open. Fines for late overnight Reserve items are the same as for Reserve items that are not returned on time during library hours. There is no overdue grace period on reserve materials

HELPFUL TIPS

Carrels with Lockers

Lockers are available for use (by semester) upon submission and approval of an application form and payment of a \$20.00 deposit. Any remaining lockers may be rented on a daily or weekly basis upon payment of a \$5.00 or 10.00 deposit. The deposit will be refunded when the locker key is returned to the library circulation desk on time.

Cell Phones

In order not to disturb other students' study, please set cell phones to vibrate rather than to ring while in the library. If a call is received, please ask the caller to hold in order to exit the library before conversing. Your student colleagues will appreciate it.

Conference Rooms

Conference rooms are available in the library by reservation. Please see the circulation desk attendant to make a reservation for a meeting. These rooms are not for private study use, but may be used by students meeting together for study, media viewing, mentor meetings, etc. for up to two hours at a time. Fifteen minutes after the reservation start time, a reservation may be cancelled if the reserving parties have not picked up the room key at the circulation desk.

Copy Machines

Photocopiers are available for use in the library. Students access copy machines by keying in their Student I.D. number on the Equitrac pad next to each machine. At the "Billing Code" prompt, press ENTER. Money may be added to a student's copy account in the Business Office in the Graber Administration Building during weekday Business Office hours or at the library circulation desk. Copies are charged at 10 cents per page.

Please make sure the copier lid is down while copying and after finishing copying. Leaving the copier lids open can cause damage to the machines resulting in more 'down time' for the copiers and inconvenience for students. Ask staff for assistance with copier problems/questions. All users are responsible to abide by copyright laws.

Copyright

Denver Seminary intends to be in full compliance with copyright laws. All students, staff and faculty are to stay informed of current copyright statutes and abide by them.

Food and Drink Policy

For the preservation of books and computers, please do not bring food into the main library. A beverage in a covered container is allowed.

Internet Access

Wired and wireless internet access is available throughout the library along with power receptacles.

Loss or Damage

Report any loss or damage of library materials to library staff promptly so that the matter can be resolved in a timely manner.

Other Large Seminary Library Collections in Denver

Denver Seminary students have free checkout privileges at the Ira J. Taylor Library of the Iliff School of Theology and at the Cardinal Stafford Library of the St. John Vianney Theological Seminary. Please present your validated Denver Seminary Photo I.D. card in order to obtain a free library card at these libraries.

Iliff's Ira J. Taylor [Library](#):

St. John Vianney's Cardinal Stafford [Library](#):

Other Local Libraries

Arapahoe Community College, our neighbor across Santa Fe, permits checkout of 2 books when guest users present their Colorado public library card and their Colorado Driver's license. Check their [website](#) for library hours.

The [Auraria Library](#) is located at 1100 Lawrence St., Denver. Auraria Library is the shared library for the Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State College of Denver and the University of Colorado at Denver.

[Bemis Public Library](#) is located at 6014 S. Datura Street, Littleton.

[Denver Public Library](#) has a number of branch locations in addition to the central library which is located at 10 W. Fourteenth Ave. Pkwy., Denver.

University of Denver's [Penrose Library](#) is located at 2150 E. Evans Ave., Denver.

Note: Access to this library is restricted. Ask Denver Seminary Library Reference Desk staff for a DU Referral form in order to enter DU's Penrose Library.

Security

A student may request a Campus Security Escort to his/her campus apartment or car in the evening. A request form is available at the library circulation desk.

Do not leave wallets, purses, laptops, or other valuables unattended in the library. The library cannot guarantee security for unattended items.

Study Environment

In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to study, prolonged conversations should not be carried on in the library. Please keep brief conversations as quiet as possible. Students who wish to study together may reserve one of the library conference rooms for group study.

Telephone

A public phone is available on the wall in the Student Center.

We are here to help

Please do not hesitate to ask the library staff for assistance. The library can provide access to a multitude of materials and resources for your research. Library staff members want to help students connect with the resources they need. The Lord has blessed Denver Seminary with an excellent library. We trust that students will enjoy using it and benefit from it.