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Our policy is to provide access to all depository resources for our primary clientele and the general public at all hours the library is open. During the academic year library hours are 8 am - 8 pm Monday through Friday and 12 pm - 8 pm on weekends. In summer session library hours are 8 am - 4 pm Monday through Friday. Hours for holidays and during academic recess are posted in the library and on the library website.

Reference assistance by librarians with an MLS degree is available 8:00 am- 4pm Monday through Friday. The library's Circulation Desk is located within view of the entrance to the library on the first floor of the Educational Resources Center. The depository emblem is posted on all public entrances to the building. This area of the library is handicapped accessible and handicapped parking spaces are available near the building.

The library provides reference service to all users with regard to depository information. Services include: help in identifying and locating resources in the collection, including specific titles; assistance in locating wanted information in the library; answers to reference questions or a referral to a source or place where the answers can be found; guidance on the use of the collection, including the principal available reference sources, catalogs, abstracts, indexes, and other aids including electronic products; pointing out the availability of other resources in the region; and assistance in borrowing documents from regional or other libraries through interlibrary loan.

Interlibrary Loan service is provided to the University community. For the general public outside this area reference librarians will assist them in finding the necessary information to enable them to obtain depository materials on interlibrary loan through their local library.

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