

The Library and Librarians at StFX



The **Angus L. Macdonald Library** is the main library serving the students, faculty, and staff of StFX, as well as members of the greater community.

We belong to a consortium of 11 academic libraries in Nova Scotia called **Novanet**, as well as the **Council of Atlantic University Libraries**. These consortia facilitate collaboration and exchange of services between our academic institutions to further support research and teaching.

For up-to-date details on services and support for faculty at the Library, please visit:

sites.stfx.ca/library/faculty_resources

Liaison Librarians

Your department's Liaison Librarian is your main point of contact at the Library. A Liaison Librarian is appointed to each department in order to oversee the acquisition of materials in that area, to collaborate with faculty members on providing information literacy instruction to students, and more generally, to support faculty and students in all their teaching, learning, and research needs. We can help you navigate the Library's print and electronic collection (and beyond!) and work directly with you to ensure your students develop critical skills related to information retrieval and use.

Each department assigns an in-house Library Representative: a faculty member from the department who communicates regularly with the Liaison Librarian and collaborates with them in developing and managing the collection.

Liaison Librarians and Library Representatives are listed at: sites.stfx.ca/library/library_representatives

The Collection

The Library's collection contains print and electronic books, CDs and DVDs, a primarily electronic collection of journal subscriptions, and subscriptions to a large number of online databases of articles, audio, video, data, primary sources, government documents and statistics, reports, and handbooks. In addition to the main collection, the Angus L. Macdonald Library also hosts the StFX Archives, the Father Charles Brewer Celtic Collection, a Rare Books Room, the StFX Digital Collections (online), and an ESL Collection.

Subject Research Guides

StFX's librarians have created department-specific research guides to assist students when looking for sources in a particular discipline. These guides direct students to the most useful and authoritative databases, reference books, statistics sources, and websites for their field. We welcome suggestions for these guides and encourage you to share them with your students.

You can view the full list of Subject Research Guides at stfx.libguides.com

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Library Cards

All StFX faculty must obtain a university-issued photo ID from the Security Office prior to setting up a library account. We will enable your ID card as a library card the first time you visit the Library. A library account is required for signing out books and for ordering items by Document Delivery.

Loan Periods

Faculty members may borrow books on term loans and print periodicals for brief periods. Faculty members are also welcome to borrow CDs and DVDs on a 3-day loan from the Library's collection.

Library Hours

During the academic year, the Library is open 7 days/week. Extended hours are available during exams. Limited hours are in effect May-August. Up-to-date hours (for the main library, the Celtic Collection, Archives, Reference Desk, Music/AV/Microform Room, and Document Delivery services) are available at sites.stfx.ca/library/hours

Course Reserves

Course Instructors may leave hard copies of required or recommended course readings at the Reserve Desk in the Library. The loan period for print copies of articles is 3 hours, while the loan periods for books on Course Reserves can be set for 3 hours, 1 day, or 3 days. For more information, please see sites.stfx.ca/library/faculty_course_reserves

Document Delivery / Interlibrary Loan

Current students, faculty, and staff at StFX can request items without charge from other institutions in Canada via Document Delivery service. In the event that an item cannot be located within Canada, charges may occur. Please note that the duration of loans varies from one institution to another, and many institutions will charge overdue fines.

Desktop Delivery

Faculty may request, using the Document Delivery form, an electronic copy of articles that are only available in print in the Library's collection. The requested item will be scanned and emailed as a PDF within 24 hours.

Using Other Academic Libraries

Since university libraries across Canada have negotiated reciprocal borrowing privileges for the faculty, staff, and graduate students of their institutions, you can now walk into most university libraries in Canada and borrow materials.

Borrow Anywhere, Return Anywhere

StFX participates in a province-wide program that allows Nova Scotia residents access to any public or academic library, and to return materials at any participating library, regardless of where these were borrowed.

sites.stfx.ca/library

- 867-2228 General Info/Circulation Desk
- 867-2421 Document Delivery
- 867-2242 Reference Desk
- 867-2216 Music/AV Room
- 867-2267 Administration

