

Contact Us

Archives & Special Collections
404-471-6090

Circulation Desk and Information
404-471-6094

Interlibrary Loan
404-471-5342

Research Guidance
404-471-6096

E-mail a question or comment
library@agnesscott.edu

For additional contacts, see our
website at <http://www.agnesscott.edu/library>
under Staff Directory.



Item Return

- During library hours please return borrowed items to the Circulation Desk.
- When the library is closed, please put library items in the brown book drop to the left of the front doors outside.
- Books from ARCHE libraries may be returned to McCain. Ask circulation staff about the ARCHE van route that can save you a trip.

Cell Phones

Please set your cell phone to off or vibrate when in McCain. Take calls outside or on the terrace.

Copy Services

Photocopiers are located on the first and ground floors. Each page costs 10 cents unless you have a departmental code. Scanners are available too.

Computers and Media Equipment

- 45 PCs for library research and Microsoft Office applications
- Color printer on ground floor
- 1 PC & large monitor for small group work
- 10 in-library-use laptops (4-hour loans)
- USB drives, audio and video recorders, iPads, Kindles, cell phone chargers, digital cameras, Mac adapters, projectors, tripods, etc.
- DVD and record (LP) players, boom boxes
- 3 group film viewing rooms (Ground Floor)

Food and Drink

All beverages must have lids. Crumbly, messy, smelly, or sticky food is prohibited - especially at public, multiuser computers. Please take any meal/snack remnants to trash bins outside of McCain Library, and do not mix landfill items with recycling bins. Please also report spills to staff.

McCain Library
141 East College Avenue
Decatur, GA 30030-3770

<https://www.agnesscott.edu/library>

<http://libguides.agnesscott.edu>

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ACADEMIC YEAR HOURS

Monday- Thursday 8:00 am - 2:00 am*

Friday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm - 2:00 am*

*Research support *until 9:00 pm* (Mon. -Wed. nights);

*Circulation & Reserves service + Visitors permitted *until 10:30 pm*

*Study in G11 after 2am & holidays

Hours vary during summer and semester breaks. For current hours, visit the web site:

<https://www.agnesscott.edu/library>

About the Library

The mission of McCain Library is to support and enrich the educational program of Agnes Scott College, contributing to graduating students capable of finding, evaluating, and synthesizing information.

Our aim is to provide students and faculty with the close individual attention possible at a small liberal arts college, as well as wider access to larger collections and specialized research materials available at university libraries and archives in Atlanta and beyond.



Built in 1936, McCain Library reopened in 2001 after a substantial renovation and expansion across 7 floors. The facility provides varied and appealing spaces for group collaboration, individual study, research, and reflection. The third floor is a silent study area; laptops, conversations, and cell phones should not be audible on that floor.



A wireless network is available for current students; connect to WoofWoof WiFi. Guests may use GuestNet .

Most of the group study rooms overlook the Science Quad. Carrels are scattered throughout.

Take a look around at the building's art for a study break.

For library news, like us on Facebook or read our blog: <http://asclibrary.wordpress.com>.

Collections (as of 7/1/2017) include:

- 239,851 print volumes
- 119,862 e-journals and print periodicals available
- 27,469 media materials
- 57,182 electronic books
- 373 databases and primary source collections
- 1,136 ASC independent study titles

Access to Collections

The library web site links to **SOPHIA**, our catalog, and to 373 electronic databases through ASC subscriptions or our **GALILEO** Discover tool. Search SOPHIA for physical library holdings, including print books and DVDs in McCain. Search **Discover** for full-text articles, e-books, images, newspapers, primary sources, and reference material.



The **Full Text Finder** tool provides links to journals for which we provide electronic or print access. Have a specific citation? Use the **Find Journals** tab on the library web site.

Collection Locations

First Floor - Main Reading Room

- Browsing (Popular) Books
- Current journals and daily newspapers
- DVDs and New Items
- Faculty Publications
- Reference Books (in Ref.)



Ground Floor

- Bound (older) Periodicals
- Microfilm and Microfiche
- Media Collections (CDs, LPs, VHS, etc.)

Stacks floors (1-3) hold the general collection in open shelving. For **additional locations**, see the Floor Plans posted in the library.

Special Collections and Archives

ASC catalogs, yearbooks, and student newspapers are online. Click Archives & Special Collections on the left side of the home page. The Noble Heritage Center and Robert Frost exhibit are on Floor 2. Archival records of the College require permission to use. For an appointment, please contact Marianne Bradley at 404-471-6090 or mbradley@agnesscott.edu.

Course Reserves

The Course Reserves collection, including *some expensive required textbooks*, is housed at the Circulation Desk and includes books and DVDs for use by students in specific courses. The SOPHIA catalog lists Reserves by course or instructor. Most have a **2-hour loan period** and are **to be used in the library**, unless the professor permits overnight borrowing.

Services

Circulation (Borrowing)

- Check out and return library materials at the Circulation Desk located on Floor 1 near the library entrance.
- The loan period on most books is 3 weeks; DVDs - 7 days; laptops - 4 hours; equipment - 1 day; Reserves - 2 hours.
- A current ASC ID is needed to borrow items.
- Online renewal is available through SOPHIA. Log in with My Account (name, ASC ID #).
- SOPHIA also provides details on any fines due or ILL status, and allows purchase suggestions.



Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Students, faculty and staff may request a loan of books or journal articles unavailable within McCain's holdings. Place requests through the web site under ILL. Delivery may take 1-2 weeks. ILL books must be returned by their due date; one renewal request is allowed before the first due date, subject to the lending library's approval.

Using Other Atlanta Libraries (ILU)

If McCain Library does not provide a book or journal article you seek, you may request short-term interlibrary use privileges *before* traveling to an ARCHE library (19 nearby). Students may also borrow from the Decatur/DeKalb County Public Library. See our web site or ask for details.

Reference/Research Assistance

Got a question? Save time - visit the Scottie Reference Desk! Librarians are glad to assist with selecting or searching databases, tracking down a citation, etc. On-the-spot help and consultations are offered. Not in McCain? Chat online, email library@agnesscott.edu, or call 404-471-6096.