



“Agile and responsive to sustaining disruptive innovation, user needs and global trends, UCT Libraries – a network of libraries in contemporary and historical settings – seamlessly connects you to the spaces, resources and tools required for a successful academic/research journey and intellectual experience. We are proud to be your partner.”


**UJALA SATGOOR**

**Executive Director: UCT Libraries**

## UCT Libraries by numbers

 **220 000+**  
e-books

 **92 000**  
e-journal titles

 **174**  
high-quality  
electronic  
databases

### UCT LIBRARIES

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## DIGITAL SERVICES

The Digital Library Services (DLS) department offers a variety of research data management (RDM), open scholarship and digitisation services to students and staff at UCT.

### Research Data Management

Our research data services address the entire data life cycle, from data management planning to archiving and publishing data according to the FAIR principles (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable). It also provides support to postgraduate students and researchers in setting up their Data Management Plans through UCT DMP.

 <http://dmp.lib.uct.ac.za/>

### Geographic Information Systems

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) support is available through DLS. The goal is to help UCT staff and postgraduate users develop their GIS skills to perform sound data capture, geospatial analysis and map production.

 [www.gis.uct.ac.za](http://www.gis.uct.ac.za)

### Digitisation

Specialist digitisation of physical, legacy media formats serves to preserve the library's unique collections and to make them accessible and reusable for future research.

 <http://www.digitalservices.lib.uct.ac.za/dls/services/digitisation>

### Open repositories

**ZivaHub** is an online repository that allows you to make your research citable, shareable, discoverable and reusable.

 <https://zivahub.uct.ac.za/>

**UCT Open Science Framework**

 <https://osf.io/institutions/uct/>

**UCT Zenodo community**

 <https://zenodo.org/communities/university-of-cape-town/>

## Open access

Open access content can be freely accessed by anyone in the world and is free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.

UCT Libraries are advocates for open access publishing, providing resources for researchers to make their work freely accessible in various ways.

 [www.openaccess.lib.uct.ac.za](http://www.openaccess.lib.uct.ac.za)



### Open repositories

**OpenUCT** <http://open.uct.ac.za/>

### Open access publishing

**Open Journals** <https://journals.uct.ac.za>

**Open Monographs and Open Textbooks**

<https://openbooks.uct.ac.za/uct/catalog/>



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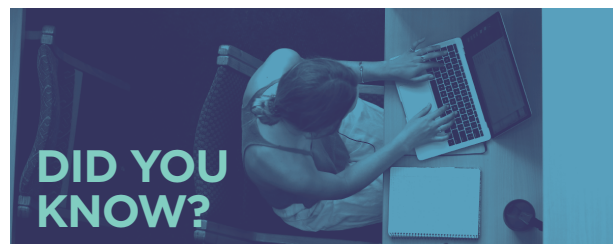
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## Welcome to UCT Libraries

UCT Libraries are a world-class networked repository of knowledge and innovative research. UCT's main library, the Chancellor Oppenheimer Library, and its seven branch libraries offer a diverse array of study and research materials, as well as professional and expert assistance for finding information and conducting research.

UCT Libraries are aligned to the UCT faculties and have several areas of specialisation including African Studies, Centre for Higher Education Development, Government Publications, Commerce, Engineering & the Built Environment, Health Sciences, Humanities, Law and Science.



- 1 This giant repository of books and journals is stored on 53 km of shelf space.
- 2 UCT Libraries is a cashless environment.
- 3 You can access library resources off campus 24/7 via the UCT Libraries website.
- 4 Library Tours are available on request.
- 5 Leganto is a simple and flexible tool to easily create, maintain, evaluate and share course reading lists and also expands access to UCT Libraries resources and beyond.

## SEARCH AND DISCOVER

Primo, UCT Libraries' multi-platform cloud-based search tool, offers staff and students a world-class information-finding solution. Primo provides simple, one-stop searching for books, e-books, videos, articles, digital media and more - from any device, from any location. Primo also helps you manage your research. Sign in to get more functionality like renewing books, saving records, exporting citations, and more. Access Primo at [www.lib.uct.ac.za](http://www.lib.uct.ac.za)

## 7 branch libraries

**Bolus Herbarium Library** contains a great wealth of early botanical works, including the writings of early 17th century travellers who visited southern Africa and explored its flora.

**Brand van Zyl Law Library** has one of the best legal collections in Africa, with holdings of more than 85 000 volumes, including a rare antiquarian collection.

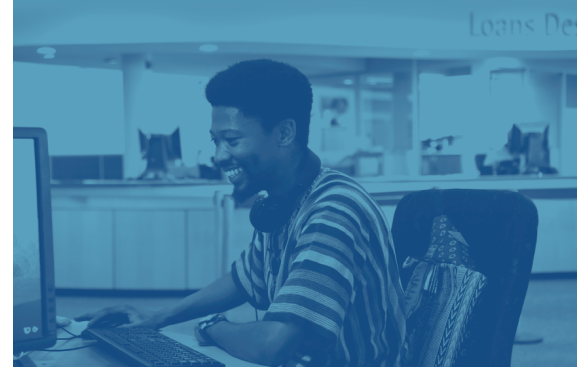
**Built Environment Library**, which first occupied two wooden huts, now serves the School of Architecture, Planning & Geomatics and the Department of Construction Economics & Management.

**Bongani Mayosi Health Sciences Library**, founded in 1912, was the first university medical library in South Africa. It's also now home to the Impilo Junction, a 24/7 study space for students that was added in 2017/18.

**Institute of Child Health Library**, based at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, was established in 1974 and caters primarily for the academic staff, researchers and students of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health and the hospital staff.

**Hiddingh Hall Library** is the university's first purpose-built library and serves the Centre for Theatre, Dance & Performance Studies and the departments of History of Art and Fine Art, as well as the Centre for Curating the Archive.

**WH Bell Music Library** is the first completely self-contained, functionally-designed music library in Africa and serves the South African College of Music and the Centre for Theatre, Dance & Performance Studies.



## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Special Collections is the conservation and preservation library and archive of UCT Libraries, with an array of rare holdings in a range of formats.

### Published Collections

- **African Studies Collection** - published collections of books, films, maps, posters, with a strong southern African focus
- **Government Publications** - historical and current publications from Southern African countries and current publications of most African countries, including French- and Portuguese-speaking countries.
- **Rare and Antiquarian Books** - modern and antiquarian, rare and specialised book collections

### Primary Collections

- **Manuscripts and Archives** - personal and professional archival collections in a range of formats
- **Audio Visual Archives** - documentary footage from a range of 20th century organisations and filmmakers
- **Modern Photographic Archives** - prints and negatives of influential South African photographers

[www.specialcollections.uct.ac.za](http://www.specialcollections.uct.ac.za)

### The Jagger Library and Reading Room Fire

Special Collections had been housed in the Jagger Library until 18 April 2021, when the Reading Room and offices were gutted by a fire that also destroyed collections. Assessing the extent of the losses is a priority project. While the Salvage efforts retrieved a significant amount of material, these are in various stages of remedial conservation and preservation such as digitisation of the AV collection.

[www.lib.uct.ac.za/jagger-recovery](http://www.lib.uct.ac.za/jagger-recovery)

## SPACES

There are a variety of spaces available that cater to the needs of students at each step of their academic journey.

**The Library Learning Lounge** and the new Chris Hani Library Learning Lounge are bring-your-own-device, and collaborative learning spaces. The venues are Wi-Fi enabled, with plug points for electronic devices. Study rooms are available for group discussions..

**The Vincent Kolbe Knowledge Commons** is a fully equipped and staff-supported undergraduate learning facility, including nine study rooms and access to computer/printing facilities for research, writing and printing assignments.

**The Research Commons** caters for the information and workspace needs of master's and PhD postgraduates, postdoctoral research fellows and academic staff.

**The Hlanganani 24/7 study space** offers a safe and comfortable environment for about 140 students and staff, where they can access all the library's electronic resources. The space is accessible via the Hlanganani Plaza after hours and over weekends.

**Hlanganani Junction** is a research engagement space.

**Impilo Junction** is a 24/7 study space and training venue at the Bongani Mayosi Health Sciences Library, seating up to 60 students.

**Brand van Zyl Law Library** is a 24/7 study space that provides seating for more than 100 students.

## Facilities

