Libraries

Libraries on both the Albany and Troy campuses serve all students. The collections, hours, services and policies reflect usage by a diverse student body of full-and part-time students enrolled in a range of programs from undergraduate through doctoral degree levels.

The two Libraries' combined holdings include more than 170,000 volumes of books, serials and microforms, and more than 4,300 media items. Electronic resources, which are available to both on campus and off-campus users include more than 64,000 unique journal titles, nearly 150,000 multidisciplinary e-books and more than a hundred research databases. Other collections include the College Archives and Special Collections (Troy), the Helen L. Verschoor Fine Arts Collection (Albany), and the Carol Ann Donohue Memorial Collection of 20th century English language poetry (Troy).

The Libraries actively collect materials to support all programs and maintain particular strengths in women's studies, fine art, nursing and allied health, education, and physical and occupational therapy. Direct loan of library materials is available to students, faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, and retirees, and to holders of valid library cards issued by the Capital District Library Council's Direct Access Program. The Russell Sage College Libraries are active in regional and national library resource-sharing networks, thereby expanding materials available to students and faculty working in virtually any discipline. Interlibrary loan traffic flows electronically through RSC's ILLiad system, dramatically shrinking turnaround time for requests.

The Libraries on both campuses are fully wireless and equipped with networked computer stations, providing access to various online library catalogs and an array of research databases. Librarians are available at the reference desk or through phone, e-mail or live "chat" to answer questions and provide assistance in the use of the varied information resources and services. The Libraries participate in a group of Upstate NY libraries that offer Ask Us 24/7, an online research/reference chat service. Through this service, RSC students have access to reference help any time of day or night with another RSC Librarian or an off-site librarian from the consortium.

Individual and group library orientations are arranged through the reference librarians. Information literacy sessions, tailored to specific disciplines, are available in-class, inside the Libraries, or online. Faculty may schedule these specialized classes with the librarian who serves as the liaison to their department.

For complete details on the services and resources of the Libraries, visit the Libraries web page https://library.sage.edu.