Introduction

The John B. Cade Library is a modern 4-floor facility built in 1984 with a total square footage of 154,240 square feet and a seating capacity of 1,400. It contains a collection of approximately 1,494,982 volumes, which includes books, journals, manuscripts, musical recordings, audiovisual materials, government documents and computer software. The library currently subscribes to approximately 38 periodical titles. The Cade Library is open 93 hours per week.

Mission Statement

The John B. Cade Library is committed to supporting undergraduate and graduate work and research in all subject areas included in the university curricula and to support the university’s instructional and research objectives by making available the most up-to-date information and materials resulting from educational and technological advances. Therefore, the primary mission of the University Library is that of an instructional and supportive role in relation to the university’s overall objectives.

Pursuant to that mission, the library strives to acquire, organize, and provide physical access to and preservation of those collections that support the university’s purposes and programs. The library also provides bibliographic access to these collections through print and computerized indexes.

Library Support

In further support of the university’s programs, the library provides a full range of reference and bibliographic services such as computerized literature search services and direct user access to bibliographic and other information through various databases and the internet. Assistance in the use of these databases is available at the Ask Here Desk. The Interlibrary Loan Department can procure materials for faculty, staff, and graduate students not found in the John B. Cade Library. A document delivery service, Ingenta, is also available for graduate students, faculty and staff research.

Users of the library have direct access to an online catalog (SIRSI), which enables one to locate materials, by author, title, subject, and keyword. An “open stack” arrangement of the collection allows free access to all materials except those in Special Collections in Archives and Camille Shade Collection for African American Studies. Materials are available for use in the reading rooms in each of these units.

An up-to-date Library Learning Resource Center (LLRC) and Information Technology Center (ITC) are equipped with IBM and MacIntosh desk top computers available with Assistive Technology to students and faculty for class and research related use. The centers were established to make available the full resources of the institution by helping researchers develop their full potential through the use of computer assisted instruction and video curricula together
with interactive video disc learning activities. Audiovisual materials, Laptops, Kindle Fire and media equipment are also available for checkout for students with appropriate credentials. Important to the institution’s research status of the Cade Library is its designation as a selective depository for the publications of the United States Government. The library is also a selected depository for Louisiana State Documents and receives publications from the state agriculture experiment stations and extension services as well as United Nations.

Book Collection

The book collection in the John B. Cade Library totals over 409,346 titles with 1,494,982 volumes. Among these are the holdings in Rehabilitation. The holdings figures are based on a shelf list measure. A shelf list measure yields an approximate number of titles which are then multiplied by the factor of 2.5 to arrive at an estimated volume count. A more accurate count of the number of volumes would entail a physical shelf count or using the computer’s holdings. The latter method was used to calculate reports of this type as our computer holdings have become more complete and easier to access.

Although journal prices continue to increase, the library has maintained an up-to-date collection of rehabilitation journals, publications and reference books.

Serials Collection

The serials collection consists of both historical and current holdings in print and computerized formats. The John B. Cade Library serials collection provides strong support for the field of Rehabilitation graduate and undergraduate programs. The library subscribes to 1,946 periodical titles in paper format. The serials collection is supported by nine print subject indexes, four newspaper indexes, 14 databases which provide direct access to related information in support of the sciences curricula.

Additionally, access is provided to fulltext research articles via our EBSCOHOST Academic Search Complete, E-journals, Oxford University Press, ScienceDirect webeditions online, LexisNexis, and Proquest Academic Universe via the library’s website.


Unique Features

Among all the Louisiana institutions of higher learning, Southern University, alone, subscribes to Ethnic Newswatch, a fulltext database that indexes newspapers, magazines, and journals of the ethnic and minority press. This database is a valuable resource for research on all topics.

Computer Database Support

LOUIS (Louisiana Online University Information System) is a statewide network that links academic libraries. It provides access to the online catalogs of the member libraries as well as selected libraries and special collections outside of Louisiana. Computer databases make up an important part of the services offered by the library to the Public Administration program. The library subscribes to nearly numerous databases, which includes, Academic Search Complete which indexes, abstracts, and provides fulltext articles from general reference and subject periodicals. and Dissertation Abstracts, a comprehensive database abstracting dissertations from 1896 to the current year, which provides access to the full document covers all fields. It is a

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LexisNexis—Provides full-text documents from multidisciplinary publications

Newspaper Source—Provides selected full text for nearly 30 national newspapers

PsycINFO—A database of citations and summaries of journal articles and dissertations

Regional Business News—This database business journals, newspapers and newswires

SocINDEX—This database is the world's most comprehensive social sciences index

WorldCat—This comprehensive database is a worldwide union catalog

Print Journal Subscriptions in Rehabilitation

- IEEE transactions on neural systems and rehabilitation engineering: a publication of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society
- Health professions education directory
- Psychiatric rehabilitation journal
- Journal of vocation rehabilitation
- Journal of American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association: JADARA
- Advances in clinical rehabilitation
- Journal of rehabilitation research and development
- Rehabilitation nursing
- Annual review of rehabilitation
- Rehabilitation & handicapped literature…update: a bibliographic guide to the microfiche collection
- International journal of rehabilitation research=Internationale Zeitschrift fur Rehabilitationforschung
- Journal of rehabilitation admiration
- Psychosocial rehabilitation journal
- American rehabilitation: AR
- Rehabilitation psychology
- Journal of applied rehabilitation counseling
- Rehabilitation digest
- American corrective therapy journal
- International rehabilitation review
- Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation
- Journal of rehabilitation
- Contemporary rehab: the magazine of the National Rehabilitation Association
- Membership directory-National Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
- Rehabilitation literature

Other Services for Graduate Students
- Interlibrary loan
- Group study rooms
- Individual study rooms
- Ingenta

**Closing Statement**

The John B. Cade Library staff under the direction of Dean Emma Bradford Perry is committed to excellence in library service to the students, faculty and staff, and surrounding community of Southern University. There are 12 professional librarians and 12 support staff, along with graduate assistants and well trained student workers that can ably assist undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff and community researchers in locating the information and resources needed.