Social Work
Librarian’s Report

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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 microcomputers available 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.

The Library’s Special Collections contains an outstanding and prestigious collection housed in the Archives, Music Listening, and Camille Shade Collection. The Archives Department is a repository for the preservation of the official records and archival materials of Southern University by making these records and materials available to researchers. This collection contains the official records of the university president’s office from the past and present administrations; official records of the university dean’s office through 1961; theses and dissertations of university undergraduate and graduate school; official publications of Alumni and student groups; artifacts, photographs, university programs, manuscripts; Dr. Felton G. Clark’s private book collection; and, the Honorable C. C. Antoine’s Scrapbook of newspaper clippings and personal papers. The collection is an important resource for research on all academic levels.

The Shade Collection includes research materials on all aspects of the African American experience. The collection includes books, photographs, biographical information and other African American reference materials. Other prestigious collections in the Shade Collection are some of the holdings of the Schomberg Center for Research in Black Culture (on microfilm) as well as holdings on the African American experience in Louisiana. Displays in the reading room feature artifacts from Africa, original paintings by such renowned artists as Louisiana’s own Clementine Hunter, and the Southern University Sports Hall of Fame.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the library provides public facilities to meet the needs of the physically challenged.

**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 Public Social Work. 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 Social Work, publications and reference books.

The following acquisitions budget amounts represent the library’s allocation toward the purchase of Social Work resources for the past five years:

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<td>$50,068.00</td>
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<td>$19,971.00</td>
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<td>2010-2011</td>
<td>$20,756.00</td>
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<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>$21,400.00</td>
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**Library Holdings**

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<td>Total Volumes</td>
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<td>Book Volumes</td>
<td>364,235</td>
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<td>Current Subscriptions</td>
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**Holdings in Social Work**

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Titles</th>
<th>Serials</th>
<th>Videos</th>
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<tr>
<td>Social Work</td>
<td>759</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>50</td>
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**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 fields of Public Administration and Public Policy 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.

Subject online databases include: Accounting, African American Studies, Agriculture, Animal Science, Architecture, Art, Biological Sciences, Business, Chemistry, Clothing and Textiles, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Dictionaries and Encyclopedias, Dissertations, Economics,

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 Social Work program. The library subscribes to nearly numerous databases, which includes, Academic Search Complete which indexes, abstracts, and provides full text 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.

**Social Work Databases:**

Academic Search Complete—Multi-disciplinary full text of peer-reviewed publications.

CINAHL Plus with Full Text—Coverage includes journals from 17 allied health disciplines.

Dissertation Abstracts Online (ProQuest)—With more than 2.4 million full-text entries.

EBSCOHOST—Gateway to thousands of e-journals from hundreds of different publishers.
EBSCOhost Electronic Journals Service (EJS)—Gateway to thousands of e-journals.

ERIC (EBSCOhost)—This database provides extensive coverage.


Health Source: (EBSCOhost)—Provides scholarly full text, peer-reviewed journal articles.

JSTOR—Offers full-text journals in both multidisciplinary and discipline-specific collections.

LexisNexis—Provides full-text documents from multidisciplinary publications.

MEDLINE—This database provides authoritative medical information.

Mental Measurements Yearbook—A comprehensive guide to contemporary testing instruments.

National Criminal Justice Reference Center (NCJRS)—Abstracts Database 200,000 resources.


ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source (ProQuest)—Full-text information.

Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection (EBSCOhost)—A comprehensive link to full text.

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

WorldCat—This comprehensive database is a worldwide union catalog.

**Print Journal Subscriptions in Social Work**

- Children & Schools
- Affilia
- Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal: C & A
- Social Work in Education
- Social Work With Groups (Haworth Press)
- Administration in Social Work
- Social Work Research & Abstracts
- School Social Work Journal
- Social Work in Health Care
- Clinical Social Work Journal
- Social Work Today: Journal of the British Association of Social Workers
- Encyclopedia of Social Work
- Social Work
- Casework Papers Presented at the Annual Forum
- Social Work Year Book
- The Survey
- Community Care (Haywards Heath, England)

**Other Services for Graduate Students**

- Interlibrary loan
- LaLINC
- 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.