Hours of Operation

Monday—Thursday

8:00am—10:00pm

Friday

8:00am—4:00pm

Saturday

10:00am—4:00pm

Sunday

2:00pm—10:00pm

Contact Information

662-254-3494 Director's Office

662-254-3498 Cataloging

662-254-3498 Serials

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662-254-3500 Circulation

662-254-3501 Interlibrary Loan

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662-254-6710 Computer Lab

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Electronic Databases

MAGNOLIA which includes EBSCO-host, FirstSearch, and Mississippi Consortium. Other online databases include ACM Digital Collection, National Library of Medicine, Academic Universe Lexis-Nexis, NetLibrary, Journal Storage (JSOTR) and MVSU's online public access catalog "*HERBIE*". All of these databases are accessible to students enrolled at Mississippi Valley State University's main campus and at the Greenwood and Greenville centers remotely by logging on to http://www.mvsu.edu click on Library. Students at the Greenwood and Greenville centers should contact either the Reference or Circulation Librarian at MVSU's main campus to borrow books or media resources.

Memberships:

MAGNOLIA, OCLC, Lyrasis, MLA, Dancing Rabbit and ALA.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the James H. White Library is to enhance access, collect, organize and maintain a scholarly print and non print collection that supports the university's mission of research, teaching and learning, and service through the development of collections, access services and effective delivery of services.

The library has as its goals the following:

- To collect and provide access to scholarly print and non print research materials
- To provide instruction in the use of traditional library collections and new technological information resources through an innovative user access education program
- To provide optimal efficient delivery of service

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History

The Library began in 1952 in a 9'X12' room with mostly gift books. Later it was moved to a larger classroom and eventually to the space which is now the Academic Skills Parlor.

The James Herbert White Library, occupied in 1973, is named in honor of the university's first president. The facility encompasses 56,192 square feet, a seating capacity of 450 students, 17 research carrels, 2 group study rooms, computer lab with 28 workstations, a Foreign Language lab with 34 workstations and media center. The 1990's found the library installing the state-of-the-art computer equipment needed for the automation of circulation, the card catalog and interlibrary loan.

The design of the building and the layout of its equipment and the services is based upon the objective of providing an attractive, comfortable, inviting, but simple organized library to students. The aim is to provide a maximum provision of inviting study areas with technological capabilities for a large proportion of the student body and to assure the presence of a carefully selected up-to-date collection. The basic principle is one of a user center library...complete access with direction available but not force.

Services

Circulation: located on the second floor of the library, is the only location for checking out and returning library items, paying fines, accessing the print Reserve collection, returning and receiving Interlibrary Loan items and general information.

Reference: located on the first floor of the library, is the location for direct personal assistance with an element of teaching that empowers the library patron to become independent users of information resources.

Interlibrary Loan: located on the second floor of the library, is the location for obtaining resources not owned by J. H. White Library. All requests are submitted electronically via the software ILLiad.

Media: located on the second floor of the library, the media center is a media repository and support facility that houses media materials and technology consistent with the goals of the library. Media offers lamination and transparency services.

Computer Lab: located on the second floor of the library, contributes to the lifelong learning process by providing access to software applications, technology, online databases and internet resources.

Serials: located on the first floor of the library, houses the print journal, magazine, and newspaper collection of the library.