

# About WEIS LIBRARY

Weis Library is the main library on the campus of Washington Adventist University. Built in 1942, it is named after Theofield G. Weis (1901-1971) who held the positions of library director from 1931 to 1967 and Librarian Emeritus from 1967 to 1971. Through Weis Library, students, faculty, staff, and visitors can gain access to over 820,000 print and electronic information resources to meet their research needs. These resources are neatly organized into several distinct and unique collections.

## General Collections

- **Reference Collection** contains more than 6,500 volumes and includes almanacs, encyclopedias, handbooks, and other reference works that answer questions and guide research.
- **Circulating Collection** is the largest section of the library, and consists of the books that can be borrowed by students and others. There are nearly 78,000 books to choose from.
- **Periodical Collection** holds the journals and magazines to which the library subscribes or once subscribed. It contains more than 11,00 bound volumes of various periodicals.

## Special Collections

- **Adventist Heritage Room** contains books and journals by and about Seventh-day Adventists. With nearly 8,000 items, it documents the beliefs and history of the Adventist Church.
- **Curriculum Library** includes textbooks, guidebooks, story books, and other items that support the studies of education majors. It holds over 6,500 volumes that can be borrowed.
- **Music Collection** is housed in the reference area and holds more than 2,400 resources to support the education of music majors, including books, music scores, and compact discs.

## Electronic Resources

- **WorldCat Discovery** is on the library's website and can be searched to locate books, journals, videos, and other print and electronic information resources available in the library.
- **Online Databases** listed on the library's website provide access to e-books, periodicals, and streaming media. Over 50 databases are available within Weis Library and remotely.
- **Journal Finder** is a research tool on the library's website that provides full-text access to the electronic journals and magazines that are available through the library's databases.

## Information Services

Weis Library provides several essential information services:

**Information Desk.** Library staff are available at the Information Desk to help students and others satisfy their research goals. Assistance is provided in person, by phone, or through email. Please see the library's contact information below.

**Internet Access.** The library has computers that students and others can use to work on papers and projects that require productivity software and Internet access. Also, there are study spaces and Wi-Fi throughout the library building.

**Interlibrary Loans.** When certain resources are not available in Weis Library, they may be obtained by interlibrary loans. This service enables students, faculty, and staff to borrow items from other libraries within the United States.

**Course Reserves.** Faculty can place books and other items related to the courses they are teaching on reserve for their students at the library's Circulation Desk. This service permits students to borrow the items for limited time periods.

**Library Instruction.** Instruction in using Weis Library and print and electronic resources is available for faculty and classes. Faculty can schedule instruction sessions with librarians that emphasize the information resources for certain disciplines.

## Library Access

There are four ways to access Weis Library's resources:

- 1 Visit.** The library is open to visitors during the fall and spring semesters according to the following weekly schedule:
  - Sunday – 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm
  - Monday thru Thursday – 8:30 am to 10:00 pm
  - Friday – 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
  - Saturday – Closed
- 2 Telephone.** Call the Information Desk at 301-891-4217 to receive help finding information or using library resources.
- 3 Email.** Contact the library's staff at [library@wau.edu](mailto:library@wau.edu) to obtain personalized help with research needs and materials.
- 4 Internet.** The library's research tools and databases are available on the Internet at [www.wau.edu/academics/library](http://www.wau.edu/academics/library).

Weis Library supports the learning community of Washington Adventist University by providing information resources and services for students, faculty, and staff that sustain excellence in education and service.