

LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES

At all locations of Piedmont Technical College, traditional library services are blended with academic computing resources to provide centralized support centers where students can read, study, conduct research and complete assignments. Whether working in the library and computer lab on the Lex Walters Campus-Greenwood or at a Learning Resource Center at the county campuses, or online, students will find access to high-quality information and technology as well as staff members who want to help them succeed.

Marion P. Carnell Library

The bright and spacious Marion P. Carnell Library on the Lex Walters Campus-Greenwood offers comfortable, well-equipped spaces for students to work individually or in groups. Wireless Internet access and equipment such as computers, laser printer, TV/DVD/VHS unit, coin-operated color photocopier, and fax machine help students access and use information. The six county campuses also offer Learning Resource Centers (Abbeville, Laurens, Newberry, McCormick and Saluda) and a Learning Resource Room (Edgefield) that are suitable for study, research and computing.

Resources

Together, the Marion P. Carnell Library and the County Campus Learning Resource Centers house approximately 30,000 books, 4,000 audiovisual items and more than 370 magazine, journal and newspaper titles. Information about these physical items may be accessed using the online library catalog, and with the college's courier system, resources may be quickly moved from one location to another to serve the needs of students and faculty. Through the Internet, students have 24/7 access to 340,000 full-text electronic books, approximately 45,000 educational videos, and 104 electronic databases of articles and other resources pulled from thousands of respected sources. Computers in each facility provide broadband access to the Internet, Microsoft Office applications, and other software that supports college courses and programs.

Services

Staff members at the main library and in the Learning Resource Centers are always happy to help students. To borrow library materials, students must present their college identification cards. Furthermore, via the PASCAL Delivers courier service, students, faculty, and staff have borrowing privileges at academic libraries across South Carolina.

Other services performed by staff members include teaching research and information literacy skills, hosting workshops and special events, assisting students in finding materials and using equipment, placing reserves on borrowed items, submitting requests to other libraries for materials, and sending materials to other PTC locations. For the added benefit of both traditional and distance learning students, some services and library guides are also offered in an online format via the library's website at www.ptc.edu/library (<http://www.ptc.edu/library/>).