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The goal of "service to students" at the University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD) Library is reflected both in the day by day attitude of its staff and by the physical layout of the building.

"We have a bright, new building where the reader can share an intimacy with books," declares head librarian Rudolph Johnson.

"We have tried to make our operation as completely reader oriented as possible with easy access to all areas of the building."

The \$2,106,000 UMD Library now has a collection of 120,000 volumes with space to handle up to 250,000, plus 1,500 serial periodicals. Built in three stages starting in 1953, the Library now can accomodate 1,200 students, half of them in private study carrels of contemporary design.

The Library is one of the 14 major buildings on campus which are inner-connected for efficient traffic and all-weather comfort.

The first floor of the library has a reserve reading room, an auxiliary study hall, and a late-hour study room which is open until 1 a.m. each day and 24 hours during exam time. Also on the first floor is the Children's Library, a model school library of 9,000 volumes formerly housed in the UMD Laboratory School, and the Teaching Materials Library with 12,000 school texts, courses of study, teaching manuals and other instructional materials.

On the second or main floor are the card catalogs, circulation desk, reference and periodical collections, periodical abstracts and indexes, facilities for viewing microfilm and listening to recordings, and a Faculty lounge.

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The major book collection is located in open stacks on the third floor which also features student lounge areas, group study rooms, carrels and study tables interspersed throughout the stacks.

Branch libraries elsewhere on campus include departmental collections in biology, chemistry, geology and physics.

Mr. Johnson directs a staff of 16 full-time members and 35 part-time or work-study students.

Special services for UMD Library patrons, which include all University students and faculty from any campus, are coin-operated photocopiers and typewriters, and easy access, through intralibrary loans, to the 2,750,000 volume collection on the Minneapolis campus. The UMD Library also subscribes to all U.S. government depository documents, over 40,000 titles annually, on Readex microprint.

"We have plans for a teletype hookup with other campuses of the University, a telefacsimile facility as soon as it becomes economically feasible," Johnson says. "Of course, computerization is in our future plans."

While the UMD Library is still young in years, it already has a special collection of Utopian Literature, largely due to the courses and writings of Dr. Gerhard von Glahn, head of the UMD Department of Political Science and chairman of the Library Committee.

A new Voyageur Collection has been started which will feature books and other materials relating to the early history (1650-1850) of Northeastern Minnesota, Northern Wisconsin, Upper Michigan and parts of Canada. It will include materials about the voyageur, the Indian, the furtrader, the early missionary, the explorer and the settler---all of whom were part of the voyageur period. The 73 volume set "The Jesuit Relations" is an example of books in the collection, many of them given by donor friends.

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Johnson says the physical layout of the UMD Library should take care of student use up to 1980.

"We now have an active collection of scholarly books to support 53 undergraduate majors and 15 Master's programs," declares Johnson.

"However, we must plan to enrich our collection as future M.A., M.S. and Ph.D. programs are developed at UMD."

Assisting Johnson and his staff with this task will be the UMD Library Committee headed by Dr. von Glahn. The committee has nine faculty and two student members.