Dalhousie University Archives & Special Collections is located on the 5th floor. The University Archives is the official repository of all university records and publications, including records of the Board of Governors, President’s Office, Senate, Registrar’s Office and Faculties. Documents from the Nova Scotia Technical College and Technical University of Nova Scotia are also housed here. Other important collections include Waldren Studios photographs, the Theatre Archives, the Business Archives, the Nova Scotia Labour History Archives and shipping registers from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Special Collections features twenty major collections. In addition to significant individual books, maps and prints, there are major author collections of Kipling, Francis Bacon, T.C. Haliburton, Oscar Wilde and Thomas Raddall. Strong subject collections in Canadian small press creative writing, Australian literature, the 18th century, pre-1900 Maritime studies and Cockerell fine bindings are also featured.

MAP COLLECTION

The Dalhousie University Map Collection, housed on the second floor of the library, is one of the largest in the Maritimes. It contains 100,000 sheet maps, 14,000 aerial photographs and nearly 2,000 books and atlases. Located on the 2nd floor, the collection includes topographical world maps, road maps and city plans, atlases, nautical charts, and geographic information systems (GIS) resources. Book a tour online and see the world at your fingertips!
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The Killam Library is the administrative centre for the Dalhousie Libraries. It houses print and online collections in the humanities, sciences, social sciences, computer science and management.

FIND RESOURCES

ONLINE

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Search our collection and the collections of many other libraries worldwide using WorldCat Local, which has an easy-to-use interface and is compatible for mobiles. It includes holdings in Novanet, the online catalogue of the 10 Nova Scotia universities and colleges in the Novanet consortium.

- Search many libraries at once for an item and then locate it in a library nearby. Find books, music, and videos that you can pick up at your library.
- Find research articles and ebooks that can be directly viewed or downloaded.
- Quickly link to “Ask a Librarian” and other online services at your library.
- Create a personal profile that tells others about your interests. Build lists of library materials you can share with others. Post your review of an item, or contribute factual information about it such as historical context.

ON THE SHELF

Books and journals in management/business, the humanities, sciences and social sciences are shelved according to Library of Congress call numbers on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors beginning with the A on the 4th floor and ending with the Zs on the 2nd floor. Government documents and oversize books are on the 2nd floor. See floor plans and directories near the elevators for details.

LEARN TO USE THE LIBRARY

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The Killam Library offers Dalhousie faculty, staff, and students a variety of opportunities to learn about the Killam Library and its resources, including:
- one-on-one instruction at the Reference Desk
- web tutorials and podcasts
- assignment-related in-class instruction
- instructional guides online and in print
- library tours during fall orientation & a virtual tour

GET REMOTE ACCESS

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Databases, ejournals and ebooks can be accessed from off campus. However, access to these resources is restricted to current Dalhousie and University of King's College students, faculty and staff.

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Distance education faculty and students must be registered at Dalhousie in order to take advantage of our services, which include live online help, Document Delivery, and a wide variety of electronic resources.

DALHOUSSIE LEARNING COMMONS

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The Killam's state-of-the-art Learning Commons is housed in two areas on the main floor and in a quiet annex on the Second Floor. It offers:
- 196 workstations, including specialized computers incorporating graphic design, web development, and GIS software
- an adaptive workstation for persons with disabilities
- black & white and colour printers
- six bookable group study rooms
- 13-station learning centre with data projector
- reference and research services
- statistical computing and data management consulting
- technical assistance, Computer Help Desk, Hardware Services

The Writing Centre Q & A Office, the Mathematics & Statistics Learning Centre, Imhotep’s Legacy After-School Project, and the Centre for Learning & Teaching are also located in the Learning Commons.

REFERENCE & RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

library.dal.ca/Services/Reference/

Reference staff are pleased to answer your questions or help you conduct research in the sciences, social sciences, humanities, and management/business. Personal assistance is available at the Reference and Research Desk in the Learning Commons, or by phone, email, or Live Help chat service. Assistance in accessing archival and special collections is available at the DUASC Information Desk, 5th floor.

CIRCULATION (LOAN & RESERVE)

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Come to the Circulation Desk in the Killam lobby to check out, renew and return books, pay fines, place recalls, and pick up Novanet Express and Document Delivery items. This is also where we hold Reserve items which have been set aside for courses by faculty. Your Dal ID is your library borrower’s card, but you must register it at the Circulation Desk for borrowing privileges. You can also put money on your DalCard here for printing and photocopying.

DOCUMENT DELIVERY

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The Document Delivery service supports teaching, learning and research needs of Dalhousie students, staff and faculty by obtaining the loan of books and copies of articles and other research material not available from any Novanet member library. There is no charge to Dalhousie faculty, staff and students for this service. Requests may be submitted using our online request form.

ACCESSIBILITY

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All floors of the Killam are accessible to persons with mobility impairment. Wheelchair-accessible washrooms are available on the main floor next to the MacMechan Room and on the 2nd floor. Circulation staff will page materials from the stacks and photocopy materials for those unable to do so. Reference staff will conduct or assist with searches of electronic library materials at no charge to the user.

An Adaptive workstation in the Learning Commons features special equipment for people with disabilities, such as screen magnifiers, a screen reader, and a variety of specialized software.

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Live Help live chat reference service
Computer workstations in the Learning Commons and throughout the building
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Digital collections unique resources on the history of Dalhousie, visual arts, Nova Scotia history and more
Collaborative study spaces bookable group study rooms