**Boston College Libraries**

- **Bapst Library**
  Middie Campus

- **The John J. Burns Library of Rare Books and Special Collections**
  Burns Library, Middie Campus

- **Geophysics Library**
  Weston Observatory, Weston, MA

- **Law Library**
  Newton Campus
  **Newton Resource Center** (Undergraduate) Chapel Basement, Newton Campus

- **School of Social Work Library**
  Middie Campus

- **O’Neil Library**
  Central Library, Middie Campus

**Expenditures for Library Materials**

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*Includes general expenditures recorded as "University Librarian."

**Holdings by Individual Libraries 1997**

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*Media units for Burns Library include the University Archives Photograph Collection.

Source: University Librarian

**Library Use Statistics 1996-1997**

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Source: University Librarian
Special Library Services

Quest – Library Information System
The Quest Computer system of the Boston College Libraries provides access to over 1.6 million volumes including books, media materials, microforms, newspapers, and periodicals. Quest may be searched by author, title, call number, subject, or keyword from workstations in the libraries or by dialing into the system from other locations either on or off campus. A separate file (NEWT) offers access to books recently added to the library collections. This is also searchable by author, title, subject, and call number. Over 25 major periodical indexes in the humanities, social sciences, law, and the sciences may be searched through Quest.

Computer Searching
CD-ROM networks in the O’Neill Library and the Law Library give patrons immediate on-site access to many databases in history, religion, and other areas of the humanities; the social sciences; government documents; nursing and medicine; law; and public affairs. Dial-in access to the network is available from other campus libraries and faculty offices. Additional CD-ROM databases are available on individual workstations in O’Neill Library and other campus libraries. New databases are added regularly and patrons should check with the Reference Department for a list of current titles or consult the Boston College Libraries web page (http://www.bc.edu/libraries.html). The FirstSearch service, which provides access to the OCLC bibliographic files containing over 30 million records, is available through Quest as the database Worldcat (WCL). In addition to the search capabilities noted above, the Libraries offer patrons and researchers access to several hundred on-line databases that may be used for the retrieval of bibliographic information, full text, or statistical information. Many of these are accessible from the Libraries’ home page. To use these databases, a researcher may plan a search strategy with a reference librarian and have the librarian perform the search. If appropriate, the researcher may choose from a smaller number of on-line services, such as Dow Jones or NEXIS/LEXIS, and perform the search after some initial training by a Library staff member. The Law School Library has on-line access to LEXIS and WESTLAW, as well as other databases. Access to LEXIS and WESTLAW is restricted by contract to members of the Law School community. Dow Jones may be accessed by members of the BC community and NEXIS/LEXIS at O’Neill Library may only be used by members of the BC community on the Chestnut Hill campus.

The Libraries facilitate access to many computerized databases in business, economics, and the social sciences on magnetic tape. Contact the Reference Department for more information, and to arrange for demonstrations, workshops, or presentations to classes or departments.

Interlibrary Loan
The Interlibrary Loan Service is offered to students, faculty, administrators, and staff to obtain materials not available in the Boston College Libraries. Books, photocopies of journal articles, microform, theses, and government documents may be borrowed from other libraries. Except for unusual items, the waiting period is from one to four weeks; for anyone willing to use the material at the holding library, a computerized system at the reference desk will provide locations. Request forms and further information are available from the Interlibrary Loan staff in each library. Requests can be made by using electronic forms available on the Libraries’ web site or by visiting a library.

Boston Library Consortium
The library is a member of the Boston Library Consortium, a group of area libraries which includes Brandeis, Boston University, Brown University, Tufts, Wellesley, Northeastern, MIT, Massachusetts State Library, Boston Public Library, the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, and the University of Massachusetts System. Faculty and graduate students may apply for a Consortium borrower’s card at the Reference Department in the O’Neill Library. Further information may be found in the User Guide and the Consortium Handbook available in all libraries. A gateway to the BLC member library online catalogs is available on the Libraries’ web site.

United States Government Publications
Boston College is one of 1,400 Federal Depository Libraries located throughout the United States. This status entitles the O’Neill Library to receive, on a selective basis, United States government publications at no cost with the stipulation that they be made available to the general public. Most of the material circulates in the same manner as books. Inquiries related to the use of government documents should be directed to Government Documents and Microforms staff on the first floor of the O’Neill Library.

Media Center
The Media Center on the second floor of O’Neill Library houses information in many nonprint formats — videocassettes, laserdiscs, 16mm films, compact discs, audiocassettes, phonodiscs, and CD-ROMs. Books with accompanying computer software are also shelved there. All media may be used by patrons within the Center, in individual carrels. Faculty may conduct their classes in each of our two media classrooms. There is a Faculty Preview Room for faculty meeting with small groups or previewing media materials. Loans of videos are restricted to BC faculty. The Center also has adaptive equipment for patrons with vision impairments.

New England Library Information Network/OCLC
Through membership in the New England Library Information Network (NELINET), our users have on-line access to publishing, cataloging, and interlibrary loan location information from the data bank of OCLC, Inc. which contains over 38 million bibliographic records from the Library of Congress and other national libraries and from over 25,000 other libraries world-wide.

Source: University Librarian
The University’s special collections, including the University’s Archives, are housed in the magnificently appointed Honorable John J. Burns Library, located in the Bapst Library Building, north entrance. These distinguished and varied collections speak eloquently of the University’s commitment to the preservation and dissemination of human knowledge. The Burns Library is home to more than one hundred thousand volumes, some twelve million manuscripts, and important collections of architectural records, maps, art works, photographs, films, prints, artifacts, and ephemera. These materials are housed in the climate-controlled, secure environment of Burns either because of their rarity or because of their importance as part of a special collection. While treated with special care, these resources are available for use at Burns to all qualified students, faculty, and researchers. Indeed, their use is strongly encouraged, and visitors to Burns are always welcome, either simply to browse or to make use of the collections.

Though its collections cover virtually the entire spectrum of human knowledge, the Burns Library has achieved international recognition in several specific areas of research, most notably: Irish studies; British Catholic authors; Jesuitana; fine print; Catholic liturgy and life in America, 1925-1975; Boston history; Caribbeanana; Balkan studies; and Congressional archives. It has also won acclaim for significant holdings on nursing, detective fiction, Thomas Merton, Japanese prints, Colonial and early Republic Protestantism, and banking.

Some of the significant collections at Burns include:

- The Aylesford Press Collection
- Banking Archives: Hibernia Savings Bank, Union Warren, The Provident Institution for Savings, the Yankee Bank for Finance and Savings, and the Savings Banks Association of Massachusetts
- Samuel Beckett Collection
- Hilaire Belloc Collection and Archives, 1870-1953
- The Honorable Edward Boland Papers
- Bookbuilders of Boston Archives, 1938-
- British Catholic Authors
- Bruce F. Browning Boston Theater Collection
- Burns, Oates and Washbourne Collection, 1847-1954
- The Wallace P. Carroll Papers
- The Charitable Irish of Boston Collection
- Gilbert Keith Chesterton Collection, 1874-1936
- Citywide Coordinating Council Archives, 1975-1978
- Josephine A. Dolan Collection
- Theodore Dreiser Collection
- The Reverend Robert F. Drinan, S.J. Papers
- East European Collection (Bulgarian and Romanian)
- Eire Society of Boston Archives
- Fine Print Collection
- Eric Gill Collection
- Howard B. Gill Papers
- Joseph A. Grace’s Early Modern English Collection
- Graham Greene Library and Archive
- Seamus Heaney Collection
- The Honorable Margaret Heckler Papers
- Irish Collection
- Jane Jacobs Collection
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- Jesuitana Collection, 1540-1773
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The John J. Burns Library is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Library is closed on all University holidays. Visitors are always welcome and are encouraged to view the permanent exhibition areas of the Library. Guided tours are also available upon request. Patrons using the collections must do so in the Burns Reading Room where specialized reference and copy services are provided. Burns sponsors an active exhibits and lecture series program.

Source: University Librarian