When it comes to the hub of student activity, there is no place more central than the library. In fact, with 1.4 million yearly visits, the R. M. Cooper Library is the busiest building on campus. Most Clemson students could likely recount stories of spending late nights in Cooper Library, experiencing the gradual changes in noise levels between floors, or finally locating a certain secret book. Cooper Library holds thousands of resources with on-site experts in addition to having one of the best views of campus and plenty of space for students to learn and grow together.

Clemson currently has four on-campus library spaces as well as several satellite locations, including the Library Depot in Anderson, Clemson Design Center Library in Charleston and an engineering collection at ICAR in Greenville. In addition to Cooper Library, the Education Media Center supports students in education, and the Gunnin Architecture Library supports students in art, architecture, city and regional planning, construction, landscape architecture, real estate development and historic preservation. Special Collections & Archives in the Strom Thurmond Institute Building holds the university archives, unique manuscripts, rare books and various historical materials.

Thanks to technology, the University Libraries provide resources to students anytime, anywhere. Regardless of whether they are on campus or studying abroad, students can access over 85,000 e-journals, 100,000 e-books and many digital research materials at any time of the day or night. Although the Libraries offer mostly academic materials, students can also find popular books, videos and audio books if they are looking for a study break. The Libraries even provide calculators, cameras, plastic bones and other technological resources to support a variety of projects students may encounter.

Regardless of changing technologies and research methods, the Libraries remain one of the most important elements of the University. As Clemson continues to advance in research, additional funding for the Libraries will be crucial. The Libraries’ goals for the future include remodeling Cooper Library, offering a wider variety of resources, and expanding research support services for faculty, staff and students. However, accomplishing these goals will not come without costs, and your support will be invaluable in achieving these milestones. Your gift to the University Libraries will not only provide improved materials for the students who depend on resources for their classwork, but will also push Clemson toward greater national prestige.

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