Helm-Cravens Library is unique. The Margie Helm and the Raymond Cravens buildings are connected by two walkways as shown.

*Books in the Cravens Library and the Helm Reference Center are arranged according to the Library of Congress Classification System. U.S. Government documents are arranged according to the SuDocs system. Consult bulletin boards on each floor for specific locations.*
**Helm First Floor**

Java City Café offers hand-roasted coffee, specialty drinks and more! Stop by for a taste!

The Chinese Learning Center, located at the entrance to Helm Library, contains artwork, multimedia exhibits, and materials designed to look like a traditional Chinese setting. This new exhibit is part of WKU's Confucius Institute.

The Reference Center is the place to go with questions. Our librarians and staff are here to help you find the answers. The Reference Center has many materials such as directories, atlases, maps, encyclopedias and other materials to assist you with your research. If you are out and have questions, call us at 270-745-6125 or email us at web. reference@wk.edu.

Several Computer Workstations are available in the Reference Center to access the internet or our library's online databases. Our online single-search discovery system makes it easy to type in the topic and pull up all the information needed—books, e-journals, articles, digital media, etc. If you need help, just ask us!

Located at the far right corner of the Reference Room, the Interlibrary Loan Unit uses the ILLiad system to borrow from other libraries, materials which WKU does not own. This service is available for faculty, staff, and graduate students. Access ILLiad from the Interlibrary Loan page on our website.

**Helm Second Floor**

The Periodicals Section includes magazines, newspapers, professional journals, and scholarly journals. The second floor contains current issues and bound volumes since 1985 as well as materials on microfilm and microfiche. Photocopiery and microform readers and printers are available.

Volumes prior to 1985 are housed on the Ground Floor of Helm Library. For more information, ask for help at the Periodicals Desk.

The Student Technology Center houses over 90 computer workstations for students needing computer access to online databases and internet services including private collaborative study rooms.

Special Assistance and Adaptive Technology are available here including a document scanner, voice synthesizer, and closed-circuit television magnifier. For more information, call Periodicals at 745-6116.

**Helm Ground Floor**

Government & Law materials are located on the Ground Floor of Helm Library. WKU is a depository of US Government Documents, with reports and statistics on a wide variety of topics from Congress, the President and federal agencies. Kentucky documents include official reports, studies, and statistical compilations from state agencies and Barren River Area Development District.

The Law Collection contains all reported court opinions from the federal courts and all 50 states; regulations and statutes for federal and state; and basic legal research tools. Lexis-Nexis, a computer-assisted legal research tool, is available in the library.

Computer workstations are available to access legal information on the Internet. For assistance, call 745-6441 or 745-6107.
Raymond Cravens Library

Circulation Services
Fourth Floor, 745-3951

Entering the fourth floor entrance to Cravens brings you
to Circulation Services where books and other materials
may be checked out. Laptops and walking tours on MP3
players also circulate here. More items may be checked out
at the Visual and Performing Arts Library on the Second
floor of Cravens.
Leisure collections containing current hardcover fiction,
non-fiction, and audio books are available on this floor.
Computers are also in this area for students to access online
resources. Document Delivery is available to WKU faculty
and staff by calling 745-3951 or by completing a form
online or at the Circulation Desk.

Visual & Performing Arts Library (VPAL)
Second Floor, 745-6166

The Visual & Performing
Arts Library, known as
VPAL, houses collections in
Art, Music, Theater, Dance,
Historic Costume, Fashion,
and Photography. It features
books, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes,
and LPs.
Course Reserves can be
accessed at the VPAL from
faculty wanting to place
materials on reserve. For more
information, call 745-6166.
The Listening/Viewing
Area is open for students
to listen/watch films or
recordings from the extensive
collection of films and musical
recordings.
Computer stations are
available for student, faculty
and staff access to the internet
and online databases.

Reference Librarians are available to
assist with any of your questions and
research. Don’t hesitate to email the
reference desk at web.reference@WKU.edu
or call us at (270) 745-6125.

Fifth-Ninth Floors 745-3951

Commonly known as the “Stacks,” Floors 5-9 house
the circulating collection. Library users may browse and
study on any of these floors. The 8th and 9th floors are
designated for quiet study.

Wireless Internet is available on all
floors of the Helm-Cravens Library,
the Kentucky Library and the ERC.
Other Library Locations

Kentucky Library & Museum

The Kentucky Library & Museum, which houses the WKU Welcome Center, is home to the history of Kentucky and much more. Visitors enjoy the special collections and unique museum exhibits.

The Kentucky Library houses an extensive collection of primary research materials including rare books, maps, photographs, newspapers, manuscripts, folk life materials, and University archives. The Kentucky Library holds one of the largest Civil War collections in the region. For more information, call 745-5083.

The Kentucky Museum contains permanent and changing exhibits which display highlights from the collections and traveling exhibitions. Featured exhibits include Recommended by Duncan Hines; the Civil War exhibit, A Star in Each Flag: Conflict in Kentucky; the Snell-Franklin Decorative Arts exhibit; and soon, the Richardson Quilt Gallery. Several educational classes, workshops, camps and family events take place during the year. For more information about upcoming events and exhibits, go to wku.edu/museum or contact 745-2592.

Educational Resources Center (ERC)
745-4552

Located in the new Gary A. Ransdell Hall, the Educational Resources Center supports the faculty and students of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, particularly in Teacher Education. The collection contains over 45,000 items for grades K-8, including books for youth, titles for teacher education, textbooks, videos and other multimedia resources.

Several computers are available to access online research databases, WKU online accounts, and the internet.

Regional Campuses

Regional campus libraries are available in Glasgow, Owensboro, and Elizabethtown. These general reference libraries include standard reference sources, along with computers for accessing online databases. Fax and courier services for books from the main library are available for students.

Owensboro Campus Library
270-852-7785

Glasgow Campus Library
270-651-7337

Elizabethtown Campus Library
270-706-8870

Extended Library Services

WKU Libraries serves the needs of Distance Learning students. Students taking online classes or taking a class at a Regional Campus location may receive library assistance or request materials to be sent to them for free by calling 1-800-922-9585, or by sending an e-mail to extcamp.library@wku.edu.
Visitor Parking

The visitor parking lot is located adjacent to the Kentucky Library & Museum/WKU Welcome Center. Enter the building through the main door and request a visitor parking permit from the desk in the lobby.