

# 3.K University of Michigan Libraries and Museums (Ann Arbor Campus)

## 3.K.1 Libraries

Within the purview of the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, the University of Michigan Ann Arbor campus library system is administered centrally through the University librarian and dean of libraries and is composed of the following locations:

- [Biological Station Library](#)
- [Buhr Shelving Facility](#), which includes [Michigan Publishing](#)
- [Duderstadt Center](#), including:
  - Art, Architecture and Engineering Library
  - Digital Media Commons
  - Imageworks
  - Fine Arts Library
  - MLibrary @ North Campus Research Complex
  - Museums Library
  - Music Library
- [Hatcher Graduate Library](#), including:
  - Area Programs
  - Asia Library
  - Clark Library
  - Faculty Exploratory
  - Knowledge Navigation Center
  - Papyrology Collection
  - Special Collections Library
- [Shapiro Library](#), which includes:
  - Askwith Media Library
  - Science Library
  - Tech Deck
  - Undergraduate Library

The University Library, which has direct oversight over these [libraries and collections](#), posts information about each of them on its website (e.g., about the library, the collections, contact information and location, staff listings, and news and events).

In addition, four major library units are maintained and administered separately from the University Library. They are:

- The [Kresge Business Administration Library](#), reporting to the dean of the Stephen R. Ross School of Business.
- The [Law Library](#), reporting to the dean of the Law School.
- The [Bentley Historical Library](#), which houses the Michigan Historical Collections and the University Archives, reporting to the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.
- The [William L. Clements Library of Americana](#), reporting to the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

[Chapter XII. The University Libraries](#) bylaw 12.05 establishes a Libraries Advisory Committee to serve as a medium for discussion and advice concerning matters of common interest to the University library and to the Clements, Bentley, Law, and Business libraries.

The following independent libraries are also found on the Ann Arbor campus:

- [Lemuel Johnson Center](#) (Center for Afroamerican and African Studies)
- [Center for the Education of Women+ Library](#)
- [Foster Library](#) (LSA, Economics)

The librarians, curators, and archivists in these units usually report to the director of their particular University facility or the chair of their college department.

Independent libraries are located on the University's UM-Dearborn and UM-Flint campuses. The director of the [Mardigian Library](#) on the UM-Dearborn campus reports to the UM-Dearborn provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. The director of the [Frances Willson Thompson Library](#) on the UM-Flint campus reports to the UM-Flint provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

In addition, the Gerald R. Ford Library, a presidential library operated by the National Archives and Records Administration (an agency of the United States Government), is physically housed on the University's North Campus.

For more information on libraries, see handbook section [21.K "Libraries"](#) or [library locations and hours](#).

### **3.K.2 Museums**

The following six museums on the Ann Arbor campus are administratively part of LSA:

- Museum of Natural History
- Herbarium
- Kelsey Museum of Archaeology
- Museum of Anthropology
- Museum of Paleontology
- Museum of Zoology

The directors of these museums are faculty members and are appointed by the dean of LSA. The museum curators are also faculty members and usually hold joint appointments as both curators and faculty within an academic department. The Herbarium and the Museums of Anthropology, Paleontology, and Zoology are research museums; the Kelsey is both a research and an exhibit museum, and the Museum of Natural History serves the public as an exhibit museum.

The Museum of Art, also on the Ann Arbor campus, is primarily an exhibit museum and reports to the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

There are many other museums and similar services on the Ann Arbor campus associated with the various units. See handbook sections [21.O "Museums and Galleries"](#), [21.P "Natural Areas"](#), [21.P.1 "Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum"](#), [21.P.2 "Forests/Reserves"](#), and [21.Q "Observatories and Planetariums."](#)