**Information Desks**

**General Information Desk**
Library staff members answer general information, catalogue and IT-related queries at the Information Desk in the Lounge area of the Medicine and Health Sciences Library. Library staff members refer clients appropriately for specialised information services.

**Research Commons Desk**
Masters and PhD students may direct enquiries regarding research and any other general and technical need, to the Faculty librarians.
Foyer

The Foyer is a social gathering and meeting space with ‘step’ seating. There are built-in plugs for e-devices (BYOD). A ramp provides access to the rest of the library from the Foyer area.

Students and staff of Stellenbosch University may use the whiteboards to give feedback comments about the library.
Lounge

Short loan material is available in the Lounge Area. It is arranged according to the National Library of Medicine classification. E-Reference for Medicine and Health Sciences is also available.

Lecturers’ guidelines for placing items on short loan can be viewed here.

Lounge Area Exhibits include

Two daily newspapers; New books; Current issues of printed journals still subscribed to; Multimedia material such as DVD’s, CD’s and Anatomical charts.
Digital Commons and e-Classroom

The Digital Commons and e-Classroom is a learning space for clients. Computers, collaborative group learning and study booths, informal seating as well as laptop areas, are provided.

The primary purpose of the Digital Commons and e-Classroom is for use as a client training facility by library staff.

The facility can be used for group training sessions for registered students and staff of the University. You will need to use your Stellenbosch University (SU) student/staff card to gain access to the Digital Commons and e-Classroom.
Digital Commons and E-Classroom Study Booths

Six study booths and quiet study areas in the Digital Commons and E-Classroom are available free of charge to students and staff of SU.

They are available during Medicine and Health Sciences Library hours except when a group training session takes place.

Each study booth in the Digital Commons and E-Classroom is fitted with a table and benches as well as a plasma screen and built-in plugs for e-devices (BYOD).
Faculty Librarians provide specialised information services to the students and staff of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The MHS Faculty Librarians are located in the offices next to the Lending Desk. Faculty Librarians can partner in Research support services and Teaching & Learning services.

Visit our Library Guides for more information.
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
Head Librarian  tel: 021 938 9365
Yusuf Ras

Subjects
•  Medicine & Health Sciences
•  Dean and Vice-Deans
•  Centre for Health Professions Education
•  Postgraduate Office
•  Research Development Support
•  Surgical Sciences
•  Ukwanda

Visit our Library Guides for more information.
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
Faculty Librarian tel: 021 938 9450
Kay Jacobs

Subjects:
• Medicine & Health Sciences
• Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Speech, Language and Hearing Therapy
• Medicine
• Pathology

Visit our Library Guides for more information.
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
Faculty Librarian  tel: 021 938 9367
Alvina Matthee

Subjects:
• Medicine & Health Sciences
• Anaesthesiology & Critical Care
• Biomedical Sciences
• Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Physical Therapy
• Medical Imaging and Clinical Oncology

Visit our Library Guides for more information.
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
Faculty Librarian  tel: 021 938 9435
Ingrid van der Westhuizen

Subjects:
• Medicine & Health Sciences
• Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Occupational Therapy
• Obstetrics & Gynaecology
• Paediatrics & Child Health
• Psychiatry

Visit our Library Guides for more information.
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
Faculty Librarian  tel: 021 938 9115
Pamela Nyokwana

Subjects:
• Medicine & Health Sciences
• Family & Emergency Medicine
• Global Health
• Medicine
• Nursing and Midwifery

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Lending Section

Materials may be borrowed, collected and returned at the Lending desk. A self check-out system on the counter of the Lending section allows you to check-out books for yourself. Read more about borrowing privileges.

Interlibrary Loans (Borrowing from other Libraries)

Material not available at the libraries of Stellenbosch University Library and Information Service may be requested from other southern African or international institutions. Use this form to request items not available at any of the SU libraries. Read more about Interlibrary loans.

Short loans

Material in high demand is placed on short loan. Items are available on the shelves during the day and at the Lending desk for overnight and weekend use. Guidelines for lecturers to place items on short loan can be viewed here.
Library Seminar Rooms

A number of seminar rooms, suitable for group discussions, are available in the Medicine and Health Sciences Library. Students, academic and administrative staff of the University, may use the seminar rooms free of charge. Book a library seminar room here.

Research Commons Teleconference Seminar Room

Masters and doctoral students, researchers, and academic and administrative staff may book the Research Commons Teleconference Seminar Room.

To book the Research Commons Teleconference Seminar Room in the Research Commons, contact your faculty librarian.

Video Conference Room

The video conferencing facility is a specialised area with conference facilities. It is available for use by researchers and specialised groups.

To book the Video Conferencing Room, contact your faculty librarian.
Research Commons
The Research Commons in the MHSL is a research environment for use by postgraduate students at masters and doctoral level. Academic staff and researchers at SU may also make use of the facility. You will need to use your SU student/staff card to enter the Research Commons as it has controlled access.

The Research Commons is equipped with computers, workstations, lockers and a teleconference seminar room. It also has areas for discussion and relaxation.

Assistance by a librarian in the Research Support Service office, together with a dedicated research methodology book collection, directly support the research of postgraduates and researchers. The Research Commons also houses a small collection of historical medical books.
Computers and Wireless Access

**WINDOWS computers** are available for information searches in the catalogue and the electronic databases. SU students and staff can log in with their SU campus network username and password. Printing and internet access are available to SU staff and students registered on the University network.

**PRINTING**
SU students and staff can use any secure pull print printer in the library to print, copy or scan by using their student or staff card.

**INTERNET & WIRELESS ACCESS**
All electronic devices (e.g. laptop, cell phone, iPad or tablet) which are registered with the IT division (1st floor, Clinical building), will have wireless access to the campus network in the library. See [Wireless access](#).
FINDING BOOKS

It is recommended that you use the SUNSearch (library catalogue) to search for the availability and the location of a needed book.

Then use the floor plan to find the shelves in the alpha-numerical range. The shelf number alpha-numerical ranges are identified according to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) classification.

Locate a printed book according to the NLM notation signs on the side of the shelves.
FINDING JOURNALS

It is recommended that you use SUNSearch (library search engine) to search for the availability of a needed printed journal.

The last few years of the printed journals are arranged alphabetically on the shelves.

Use the journal title to find the shelf for the particular journal you need.

For further assistance to locate journals, please consult your faculty librarian.
FINDING REFERENCE MATERIAL

It is recommended that you use SUNSearch (library search engine) to search for availability and location (shelf number) of printed reference material.

Printed reference works are available according to the National Library of Medicine range on the shelves in the Lounge area.