THE BENTLEY LIBRARY

The library (http://library.bentley.edu) is a state-of-the-art building in the heart of the campus. It is an inviting place for research, quiet study, and collaboration. With 123 computer workstations, 24 technology-rich collaborative study rooms with online reservation capability, seating for 773, wireless network access, and a research instruction classroom, the Bentley Library is the hub of academic life on campus. The three-story building is also home to the Writing Center, ESOL Center, Computing Services Help Desk, the RSM Art Gallery, and the Deloitte Café. The Bentley Library is a full member of the Boston Library Consortium (BLC), a network of 19 academic and research libraries located in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Students, faculty, and researchers of BLC member libraries are provided with enhanced interlibrary loan and document delivery services, as well as access to onsite resources and reference services at these libraries.

Staff

Library staff have expertise in finding, organizing, and evaluating information. Professional reference librarians assist in the use of specialized databases and collections, collaborate with professors to provide library instruction, and offer workshops on a variety of research and bibliographic management topics. The Research Instruction Classroom (RIC) is located on the ground level of the library.

Collections

The Baker Library collection includes 180,560 volumes, a print periodical collection of 680 current subscriptions, a collection of 7,400 DVDs, 600 audiobooks, and a popular reading collection of more than 700 titles. The library also houses several special collections, including faculty publications, career resources, and the Bentley University archives. The library’s online resources for research and scholarship include 235,000 e-books, 29,000 streaming films, and more than 140 online research databases linked to 55,000 full-text journals, articles and reports — all of which offer the university community 24/7 access to a wealth of information.

Electronic Databases

The library provides access to print and electronic information through an online catalog and many specialized web pages within the Bentley Library website (library.bentley.edu). Databases, full-text journals, streaming films, and e-books are available on all library computers and via laptops through the university’s wireless network. Most electronic resources and databases may be accessed off campus as well.

The library subscribes to databases from leading vendors in the academic, accounting, business, and IT worlds, such as EBSCO, ProQuest, Bloomberg BNA, CCH, IEE, LexisNexis, Mergent, Mintel, Morningstar, IBISWorld, Standard and Poor’s, Forrester Research, and Gartner Group. Visit the library’s home page — library.bentley.edu (http://library.bentley.edu) — and click on “Databases A to Z” to find a comprehensive listing of databases and electronic resources.

Additional library information may be obtained at the Library Services and Reference desks. Regular library hours are posted, as are the hours for semester breaks, holidays, and other special circumstances on the library’s website. For more information, visit us on the web at library.bentley.edu (http://library.bentley.edu). Email questions may be addressed to refdesk@bentley.edu.