

About CSEL

The Centennial Science and Engineering Library (CSEL), a member of the UNM General Library, supports the research, teaching, and service missions of The University of New Mexico by providing science and engineering information and services to the University and to the community.

Our collections contain close to 400,000 volumes, 1800 current journals, government documents, more than 1.7 million technical reports in microfiche, and over 2.5 million U.S. patent documents in the only Patent & Trademark Depository Library in New Mexico. The Map and Geographic Information Center (MAGIC), located on Lower Level 2, offers the largest academic collection of maps in the state (over 200,000 and constantly growing), aerial photography, limited satellite imagery, atlases, and gazetteers.

Reference librarians offer assistance in locating information and using our collections. Appointments with subject specialists may be made upon request for in-depth reference assistance. Upon advance request, they offer classroom instruction or library tours to maximize effective use of library resources.

Access to materials in our collection is through a computerized catalog, "LIBROS". The Electronic Information Access Center (EIAC), located on Lower Level 1 next to the Reference Desk, offers free literature searching on a variety of electronic indexes. Databases for patent and trademark searching are next to the reference desk. Searches of commercial databases are available, for a fee, to patrons through the Library's Online Search Service. UNM students may, for a reduced fee, search many of commercial databases available through the CLASSMATE system. Inquire at the Reference Desk for information about the required training for access to CLASSMATE.

The UNM General Library, through CSEL as its primary representative, is a member of the Library Services Alliance of New Mexico and can use resources at member libraries. The Alliance membership includes Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, Phillips Laboratory, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and New Mexico State University. The Alliance is charged with addressing information services and cooperative collection development ventures within New Mexico.

Reserve materials for science and engineering classes are available at the CSEL Circulation Desk. Several copy machines are provided for self-service copying and copy cards may be purchased.

Numerous study areas are available throughout the Library. Locked carrels are available for faculty and graduate students who qualify on a priority basis.

For more information about services and facilities, please call the CSEL Reference Desk, 277-4412.