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In 1937 the Public Works Administration labor force built the University library with a \$448,000

loan from the federal government. The loan was repaid with student building fees.

# Library is more than books

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You've probably read something about the library which began, "The library has a collection of about 1,300,000 volumes . . ."

But the library is much more than an impressive number of books and a good place to study. There are many departments which most students don't know anything about.

The Instructional Media Center has audio-visual equipment which is available for student use. The IMC is located behind the library with five film studios and a library of 900 educational films. Students may view any film during the evening when the facilities aren't in use by faculty members.

Students may check out a cassette tape recorder when they are available. To check out any of the other equipment, such as an overhead projector, it's necessary to have a faculty member's approval. With note in hand, the student can take the equipment out of the center and home.

It is also possible to make transparencies in the graphic arts center, but students will be charged for this service.

"We are always willing to help a student find an alternate way to provide information for a class," says George Bynon, IMC director.

In addition to the IMC, the library has a newspaper room located in the basement, where students can browse through newspapers from nearly every town in Oregon, in addition to a selection of national and international publications. The Oregon Collection, located on the

second floor, houses materials about Oregon and Oregonians. Also on the second floor are social science materials and government documents. Humanities material takes up the third floor. Psychology and education books, periodicals and journals are on the first floor with the card and microfiche catalogs, Douglass Listening Room and reserve book room.

Claire Myers, catalogue desk librarian, is often asked by students why there isn't a general periodical room. Periodicals are filed by subject in the corresponding division, she says. For example, social science periodicals are kept and cataloged in the Social Science division of the library.

All the periodicals in every division are filed in the main card catalog on the first floor. Myers suggests at students use this catalog when the author or title of the periodical article is known.

The most current library holdings are filed in the card catalog by author and title only. New library material (after October 1977) is filed by subject only in the microfiche catalogs.

The Main Library doesn't store all the reference material on campus. Specialized books and periodicals are kept in the branch libraries. These are the Science Library, Architecture and Allied Arts Library, the Law Library, the Map Library and the Bureau of Government Research and Service Library.

If a book is unavailable at any of the libraries around campus, it can be ordered from any of the other higher education libraries around the state. Myers says that an inter-library loan request takes time to fill and should be made well in advance of the time the book is needed.



The Oregon Collection houses information by, for

and about Oregonians. It's also a good place to study.

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