Portland Campus
FWJ Sylwester Library
The University Libraries have a steadfast commitment to student, faculty, staff, and community success. As the physical, intellectual, and social hub of campus, the library nurtures knowledge-seeking, scholarly growth, collaboration, relationship building, and lifelong learning. The FWJ Sylwester Library, located in the George R. White Library & Learning Center (https://www.cu-portland.edu/giving/ways-give/designated-gifts/campus-improvements/george-r-white-library-and-learning-center), is open 105.5 hours per week and provides space for individual study and group interaction. Faculty librarians are available in person and via chat, text, email, or phone to assist students in identifying, evaluating, and locating the information needed to support their course work. Faculty librarians provide classroom instruction on research methods and information literacy and are also embedded in most online courses with a strong research component. Online reference and research assistance is available 24-7 through a global library network.

Selected to support scholarship in all disciplines taught at Concordia, the University Libraries’ print and electronic collections contain almost 500,000 print and electronic books, 64,000 journals, 152 databases, and 177,000 electronic and physical media resources. The CU Libraries are also part of the Orbis-Cascade Alliance, a library consortium that provides our students, faculty, and staff access to over 22 million items held by the consortium’s 38 regional institutions. Students may also check out laptops for use while in the library.

The Libraries also lead the campus-wide Open Educational Resources (OER) and Textbook Affordability initiative, which creates a more equitable classroom by providing students with free access to required course materials. CU Librarians maintain a popular research guide with OER search tools, discipline-specific open textbooks and content, and other resources to support this initiative.

The University Libraries’ special collections include the Robert W. Chambers Science Fiction Collection and Hebrew Sefer Torah scrolls from the 18th and 19th centuries. The Jody Thurston Northwest Center for Children’s Literature (NWCL) and the Center for Volga German Studies are also housed in the library along with the archives of the University, the Center for Volga German Studies and the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The Science Library is located on the third floor of Luther Hall near the science faculty offices. The Multicultural Arts and Events Program of Concordia University Libraries features an ongoing series of exhibits and programs showcasing local artists and authors. The George R. White Library & Learning Center also houses the 1905 Coffee Shop for those visiting the library.

Boise Campus
George R. White Law Library
The George R. White Law Library, located on the first floor of the Concordia University School of Law in Boise, Idaho, is a private facility intended for the use of CU’s students and faculty. Librarians are available for reference and research assistance to law students, staff, and faculty; and to provide formal and informal library and research instruction. Limited access and assistance is available to practicing members of the bench and bar (with proof of bar ID) during normal business hours. For in-depth assistance, attorneys should inquire at the state law library. As a member of CALI (The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction), the library provides access to computer-based tutorials, useful for students and faculty.

The library is a modern building with spacious areas with tables, intimate alcoves, group study rooms, and the Rick Porter Conference Room available for reservation. The design is timeless, and has been referred to as, “a northwestern commentary on Scandinavian design.” The library flows seamlessly with the rest of the building, from classroom to office space.

The collection is a modern blend of traditional print and cutting edge electronic resources. Many of those electronic resources are available 24/7 from any location, with an approved ID and Password. In addition to a broad array of traditional legal resources in the open stacks, the library holds a robust collection of study guides, student oriented treatises on core legal subjects, writing books, law practice aids, and general and legal reference materials. For those just looking for a place to relax, a collection of current events and popular culture magazines may be found, along with local artwork, in the Idaho Reading Room, adjacent to the copier room on the first floor.


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