

Service catalogue for

University Library of Southern Denmark



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Introduction

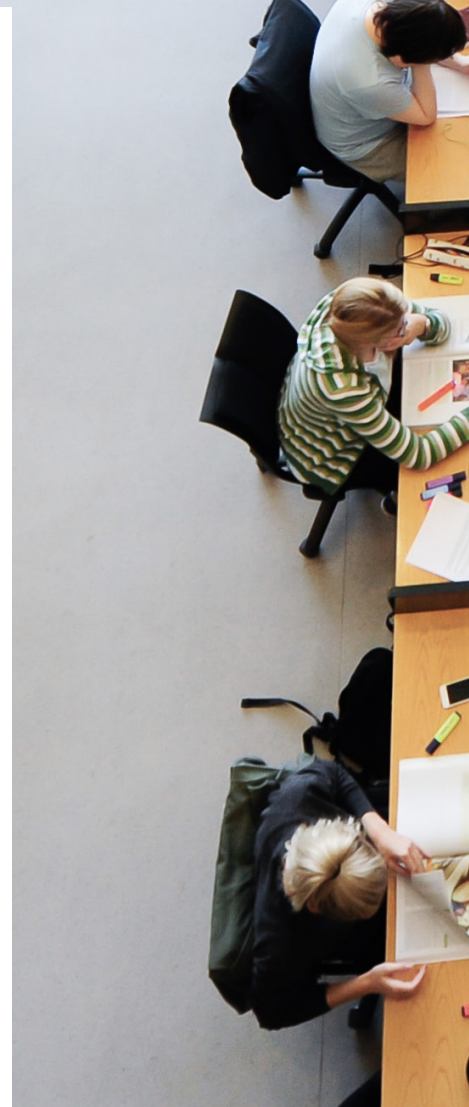
The University Library of Southern Denmark offers a wide range of services. We are continuously working to improve and develop both existing and new offerings in close collaboration with students and academic environments. Information about the Library's services is communicated through several channels, including SDU's website for the general public, SDUnet for SDU staff and MitSDU for students.

In addition, the University Library communicates with students, researchers and lecturers through various social media, etc. This service catalogue presents the main features of the core areas that the University Library of Southern Denmark, as a modern research and educational library, offers its users. This includes user services, learning support, researcher support, public engagement and access to the Library's extensive collections of printed and electronic materials.

We always welcome suggestions on how to develop existing or new services. Please send your suggestions to **sdub@bib.sdu.dk**.

Library Director Bertil F. Dorch

The University Library of Southern Denmark, June 2026





User service





The University Library of Southern Denmark ensures competent service and a consistently high level of support for library users across all SDU campuses. The University Library offers help with information searching as well as guidance, both in person and online. The Library handles lending, returns and borrower administration, as well as acquiring materials from libraries in Denmark and abroad.

Library facilities

The premises of the University Library of Southern Denmark are designed with the diverse needs of its users in mind. Study spaces are offered for both individual and group work, including quiet zones, reading rooms, group rooms and lounge areas. In Odense, we also offer dedicated spaces for thesis writing.

Self-service borrowing and returns are available on all campuses, and access outside of staffed opening hours is available via student or staff ID card. Each campus also offers different facilities: In Odense, equipment is provided for podcasting and digital productions as well as foil cutting. In Sønderborg, users can borrow GoPro cameras, while Esbjerg offers podcasting equipment, among other facilities. At all campuses, users can also borrow filming equipment and, for instance, board games.

Guidance

The University Library's staff provide professional guidance, such as assistance with information searching and general guidance on the use of the Library's resources. Guidance is offered in all departments during staffed opening hours.

24-hour delivery service

The University Library of Southern Denmark ensures fast delivery of its own materials that are available at the time of ordering. Materials ordered before 12 noon will generally be ready for pickup the following business day.

Procurement of materials

Materials that are not found in the Library's own collections are obtained from other Danish and international libraries. This service is free for students and employees at SDU. For external users, procurement from Danish libraries is free, whereas a fee is charged for materials from abroad.

Semester loan shelves

Materials used in teaching or assignment writing can be placed on a semester loan shelf to make them available to a specific group of students. Such a shelf can be created upon request by a lecturer or a group of students.



Learning

The University Library of Southern Denmark offers guidance and training in a wide range of areas. These services are primarily aimed at the University's students and employees, but also include activities in collaboration with external partners such as upper secondary schools and Odense University Hospital (OUH).

User training

The Library offers both generic and targeted training that is adapted to the individual programmes and developed in close collaboration with the academic environments. The training is often integrated into existing coursework. The topics include academic competencies, information literacy, literature and information searching at both basic and advanced levels, reference management, plagiarism, research integrity and the use of relevant databases.

Digital training

The training offered is supported by digital learning resources, such as tutorials, quizzes, e-learning courses and libguides, which are made available via the Library's platforms and SDU's learning systems.

Book a librarian

As a supplement to team-based training, the Library offers individual and group-based guidance through the 'Book a Librarian' scheme, especially in connection with major assignments and projects.

Guidance

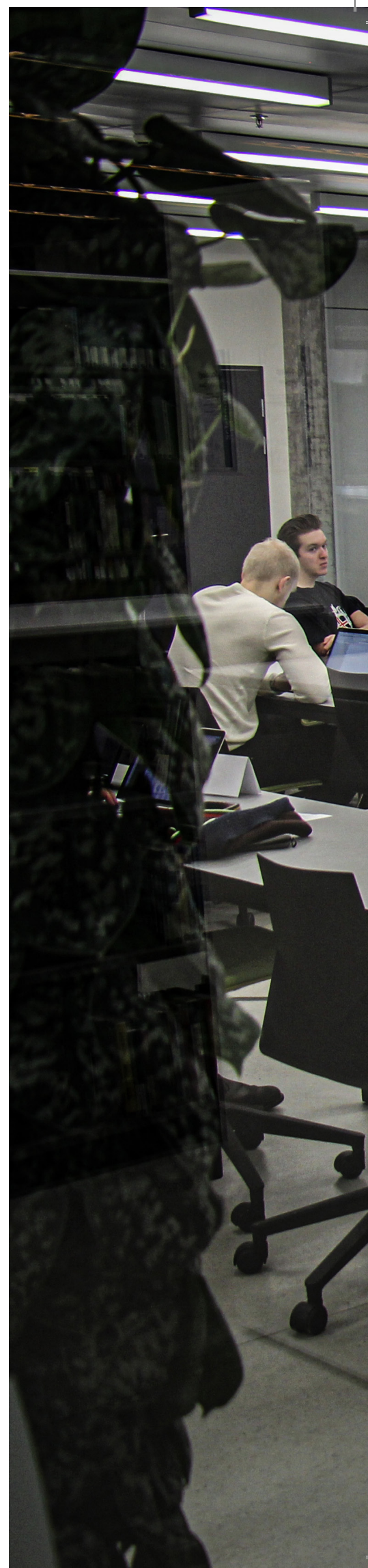
The Library offers specialised guidance in areas such as responsible research practice, copyright, advanced systematic searching and the use of research tools such as EndNote and NVivo.

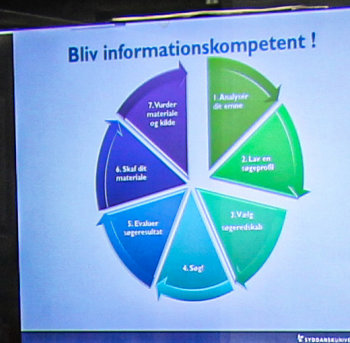
Systematic reviews

The Library provides support for systematic reviews, including training, guidance and, by arrangement, consultancy assistance with literature searches.

Research integrity – Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

The University Library provides mandatory courses in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) for PhD students at SDU and offers supplementary courses and guidance in research integrity targeted at researchers at all levels.







Research support

The University Library of Southern Denmark develops and delivers services that support the research process and enhance the visibility of SDU's research. The various services are targeted at researchers, research management and other employees at SDU.

PhD dissertations

Agreements have been made with the PhD Schools of all five faculties about conducting plagiarism checks of PhD dissertations as part of the submission process. In addition, the University Library is responsible for storing and publishing the PhD dissertations via Pure.

The PhD café

The University Library offers a PhD café where PhD students can receive guidance, support and input on information searching, literature management, research registration in Pure, Open Access, research data and other topics related to the research process. The PhD café offers individual guidance and serves as an informal forum where students can get help with specific challenges related to their PhD studies.

Research registration in Pure

The University Library handles key tasks in connection with SDU's research registration. These include registration, validation and quality assurance of SDU's research publications, along with ensuring Open Access via SDU's repository.

The service includes training and guidance in the use of Pure in connection with registering publications, projects, CVs and other types of content, as well as updating personal and organisational profiles. The service includes administration and maintenance of SDU's Research Portal, in addition to delivery of reports and data extracts based on the registrations in Pure.

Open Access

The University Library of Southern Denmark provides guidance and information on Open Access publishing. The Library has also entered into a number of publishing agreements that enable SDU researchers to publish Open Access at discounted rates. The University Library of Southern Denmark supports the National Green Open Access Strategy.

Research Data Management (RDM)

The University Library offers guidance and support to researchers on research data management (RDM support group) in collaboration with SDU RIO, SDU IT and SDU eScience Center. The service includes advice on research data management planning, reviews of data management plans (DMPs), guidance on selecting suitable repositories for publishing research data and support for compliance with the FAIR principles outlined in SDU's Open Science policy.

In addition, the University Library advises on best practices, relevant tools, legal matters (including GDPR), technical solutions for storing, processing and sharing research data, along with estimating costs for data management in major research projects.

Research Impact/bibliometrics

The University Library advises researchers and research groups on bibliometric and alt-metric analyses of their publications, including citation analyses, FWCI, h-index and similar metrics, also in connection with grant applications.

The service also includes advice on publication strategies, including Journal Impact Factors and database indexing. Additionally, the University Library offers a Researcher Footprint, which collects the most frequently used research indicators from databases such as Scopus, Web of Science (WOS) and Google Scholar. The service is delivered as needed in the form of reports, individual consultations and/or presentations.

Presentations, training and workshops

The University Library's research support offers researchers, research groups and other SDU employees guidance, training and workshops within all of the services listed above.

Community engagement

The University Library of Southern Denmark carries out a number of strategic activities related to dissemination and academic outreach events – digitally as well as on the Library’s premises – as well as Citizen Science, internationalisation and student involvement. The University Library ensures a coordinated dissemination effort across platforms and locations.

Internationalisation

The University Library’s services are also offered to international researchers and students, as well as to SDU students and researchers affiliated with SDU abroad.

Among other things, the University Library of Southern Denmark offers an introduction to the Library’s services for newly employed researchers, courses in study and examination techniques and the necessary cultural knowledge – and ensures remote access to the University Library’s online services in connection with stays abroad.

The University Library of Southern Denmark collaborates with international partners to promote innovation and support knowledge exchange with a view to developing and improving the Library’s services that support both students and researchers.

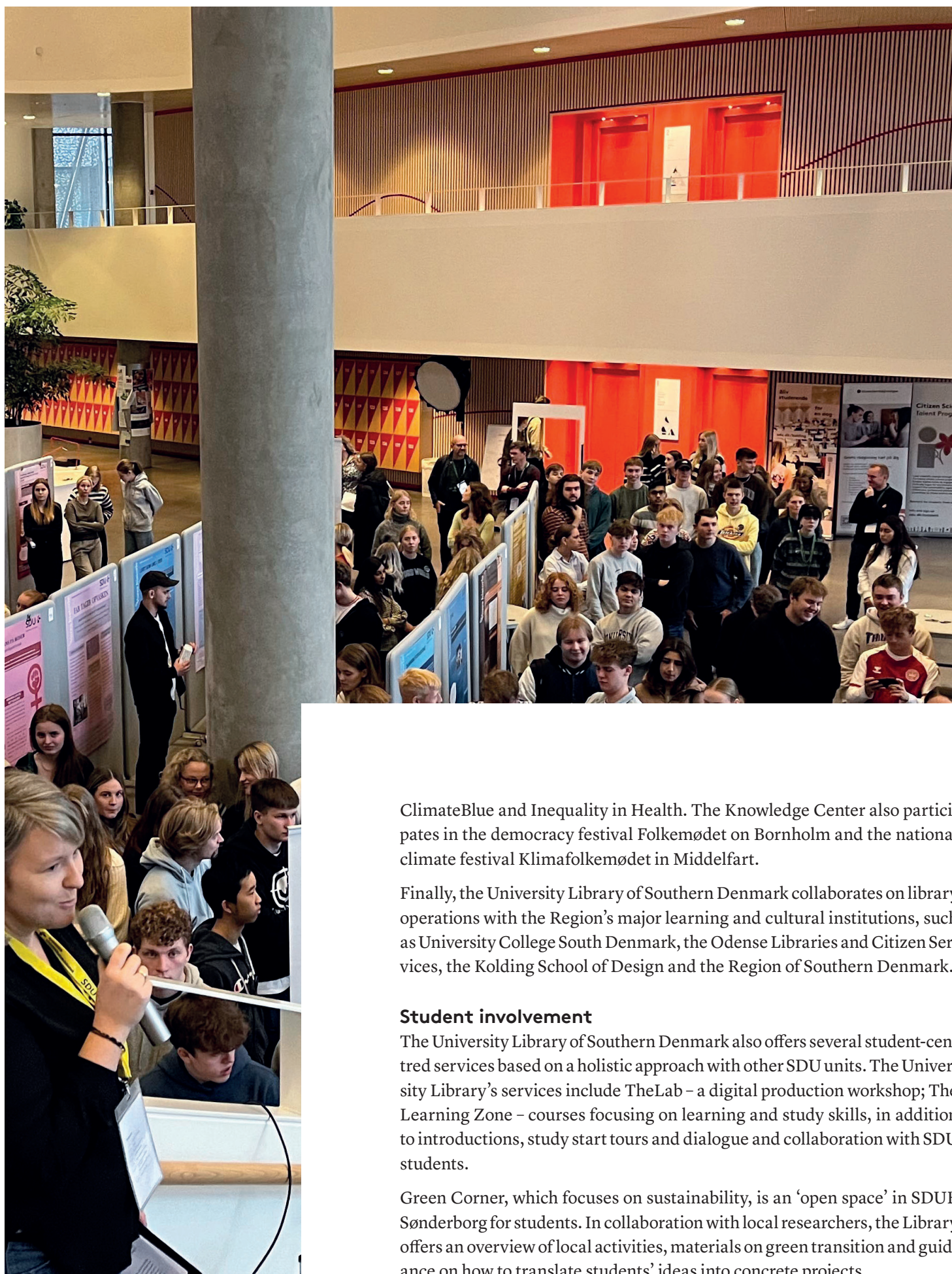
External collaborations

The University Library of Southern Denmark is engaged in many and varied external collaborations, as illustrated in the section below.

The University Library, in collaboration with SDU’s faculties, OUH, DIAS, the Climate Cluster and RIO, operates a Citizen Science Knowledge Center that strategically promotes Open Science and societal impact. Across SDU’s faculties, a large number of externally financed projects have been initiated with researchers and various partners, including external media partners. For instance, the University Library also co-organises a course in Citizen Science for PhD students.

The University Library of Southern Denmark also collaborates with Akademiet for Talentfulde Unge (The Academy for Talented Young People, ATU). It spearheads the SDU Mediacamp for upper secondary schools across Denmark and runs projects such as Our History, FUSION,





ClimateBlue and Inequality in Health. The Knowledge Center also participates in the democracy festival Folkemødet on Bornholm and the national climate festival Klimafolkemødet in Middelfart.

Finally, the University Library of Southern Denmark collaborates on library operations with the Region's major learning and cultural institutions, such as University College South Denmark, the Odense Libraries and Citizen Services, the Kolding School of Design and the Region of Southern Denmark.

Student involvement

The University Library of Southern Denmark also offers several student-centred services based on a holistic approach with other SDU units. The University Library's services include TheLab – a digital production workshop; The Learning Zone – courses focusing on learning and study skills, in addition to introductions, study start tours and dialogue and collaboration with SDU students.

Green Corner, which focuses on sustainability, is an 'open space' in SDUB Sønderborg for students. In collaboration with local researchers, the Library offers an overview of local activities, materials on green transition and guidance on how to translate students' ideas into concrete projects.

Collections and electronic access

The University Library of Southern Denmark acquires printed and electronic materials for SDU's students and staff. The University Library ensures a basic coverage of all subjects, and specialised and in-depth materials are acquired at the highest level for the areas being researched and taught areas.

Electronic materials

The University Library of Southern Denmark ensures that staff and students at SDU and in the Region of Southern Denmark have access to necessary and relevant scientific literature in electronic form. The electronic materials are available round the clock to staff and students, regardless of their location. Other users can access the materials from the library's public PCs.

The University Library provides several systems for searching its electronic materials. The Mimer search system searches across all library materials, both printed and electronic. SDU Link provides connection from e.g. references to the full text. If the University Library does not have access to the complete text, the user has the option to order the material instead.

The library also supports lecturers, researchers and students in staying up to date with the latest scientific literature by providing access to the BrowZine app and website. Here, users can easily find the most important journals in a subject field, set up an alert service, as well as receive notifications about new articles in their favourite journals.

The library is increasingly involving users in the selection of materials in the e-book field. Various types of user-driven material procurement are being worked on, such as Evidence-Based Acquisition (EBA) and Patron-Driven Acquisition (PDA).

Our printed materials can be searched via the Mimer search system. Both are available round the clock through our website. Printed materials are made available to internal and external users. As a rule, all materials acquired must be available to all SDU students and employees. The location of printed materials follows a geographical and academic proximity principle to ensure it is placed as close to the users as possible.

The library owns several particularly valuable or (in the context of research) interesting collections. We are currently working to increase the availability of these through efforts such as digitisation, registration, preservation and dissemination.

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The University Library of Southern Denmark offers a range of services for researchers, lecturers and students, as well as the general public.

Read about our offerings and services in this Service Catalogue for the University Library of Southern Denmark 2026.

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