Muir S Fairchild Research Information Center
Fact Sheet

Mission The Muir S Fairchild Research Information Center connects the Air Force professional to authoritative and relevant information resources through knowledgeable experts and tailored library tools.

Vision Statement We fuel Air Force research and connect the nation’s Airmen to information that makes a difference.

General Information
- Founded in 1946 as Air University Library
- In 2007 became known as Muir S Fairchild Research Information Center (MSFRIC)
- Largest military library in the United States
- Collection includes over 2.6 million items, subscriptions to 649 print journals, 16 newspapers, and 70 research databases
- Fifty-seven employees, including 31 professional librarians
- Branch library at the AF Senior NCO Academy on Gunter Annex
- Open 63.5 hours per week
- Member of LYRASIS, NAAL, and MERLN
- Website address http://aulibrary.maxwell.af.mil

Uniquely MSFRIC
- Strengths include war fighting, aeronautics, Air Force and DOD operations, military sciences, international relations, education, leadership, and management
- AULIMP — an online index to military periodicals, published in-house since 1949
- Over 200 bibliographies on a variety of current topics
- Subject experts, geographic specialists, & school liaisons assigned to the Air University schools ready to assist with in-depth student research

Services
- REFERENCE DESK—for getting personal expert help
- CIRCULATION DESK—for borrowing library materials, laptops, and equipment
- RESERVE SHELVES— for easy access to required readings for courses
- INTERLIBRARY LOAN—for borrowing from other libraries’ collections
- MAP ROOM—for cartographic support on student projects

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