Self-Guided Tour

American River College Library


ARC Library Expansion Project: Completed May 2010

LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
1 **Main Entrance.** Start your tour here.

2 **Window sitting area.** From the library entrance, look right to the large windows and soft seating area. Take a walk along this lovely area, and you are standing in the main area of expansion. Look up, the second floor overlooks the first.

3 **New books and popular paperbacks.**

4 **Restrooms.** Located near library entrance. They are located in this corner on the two upper floors as well.

5 **Circulation Desk.** Walk along the long curved circulation counter. Library staff members run the Circulation Desk and help users check out books, reserve materials, and laptops.

6 **Computer Area.** In the center on your right, more than 100 computers provide access to the Internet, the library catalog and databases, tutorials, and other resources. All computers also have Microsoft Office Suite.

7 **Copy Room.** Just past the Circulation Desk, note the copy room. All of the library’s copy machines are in one place along with pencil sharpeners, staplers, hole punch, etc.

8 **Elevator.**

9 **Library Lab.** Near the elevator is the 30-seat computer lab where librarians teach classes.

10 **Library Atrium.** Rounding the corner on the main floor, go outside into the atrium, another popular study area for students. It is open air and three stories tall, but reduced in length from its former size by the expansion of the Reference Area (#12).

*Use the same door to return to the building, turn left, and continue past the center stairway.*

11 **Research Help Desk.** Librarians offer professional help here, no matter what the informational need. Librarians and their assistants will also be found working with students in the main computer area.
**Reference Area.** Behind the Research Help desk is the Reference collection of encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, and statistical sources for use in the library.

*Continue by going up the center stairway or take the elevator. The tour continues outside the elevator on the 2nd floor.*

**Library, Second Floor**

**Periodicals Room.** Near the elevator is the Periodicals room with printed sources. Comfortable seating makes this room a welcoming place to browse magazines and newspapers.

**Group Study Rooms.** Notice the study rooms around the perimeter of the floor. The library has 19 group study rooms: three on the first floor, ten on the second floor, and six on the third floor.

**Book Stacks.** Stacks with call numbers A – N are housed here, the remainder are on the 3rd floor. A catalog computer is available on the 2nd and 3rd floors to look up a book or a topic.

**Second Floor Study Area.** In an area overlooking the first floor, students have their choice of different kinds of seating.

**Restrooms.**

**Librarian Offices.** Eight offices are grouped together on the far side of the center stairs.

*Continue the tour either by going up the center stairway and turn right on the third floor, or take the elevator. The tour continues outside the elevator on the 3rd floor.*
Special Collections and Archives. Next to the elevator, you will find a room of specific collections: Easy Reading, Plays, and the Archives of American River College.

Restrooms.

More Group Study Rooms. Six study rooms line the atrium side on this floor.

Book Stacks with call numbers P–Z.

Quiet Study Area. Individual study carrels are available.

Green Roof Patio and Garden. Outside along the windows at the front of the building is patio seating and a view of the garden roof and tree tops. The center barrier on the patio is required due to fire codes.

Administrative Offices. On the far side, opposite the elevator, are the offices of ARC’s Associate Vice President of Instruction who is also the head of Library and Learning Resources.

Center for Teaching and Learning. Down a hallway from the Administrative Offices (#25) is the professional development office, and a conference room for ARC staff and faculty, commonly known as the CTL.

Outdoor Patio. Near the CTL, step outside for fresh air on the patio. Did you notice that the third floor has two patios, on the front and back of the building?

That concludes the tour. We hope you enjoy the library now and for many years into the future. For more information, please see a librarian or talk with a library staff member.