COLLECTIONS

The LPL Library was established by Gerard P. Kuiper in 1962 as a collection serving LPL faculty, staff, and graduate students. The LPL Library contains books, periodicals, maps, technical & observatory reports, CD/DVDs, and reference materials related to the fields of astronomy, chemistry, geology, mathematics, physics, atmospheric sciences, and allied disciplines to support research and teaching in the planetary sciences, primarily at the graduate level.

The LPL Library’s main collection is in the Space Science Building (Kuiper) Room 409 with a small collection in the Sonett Building Room 111.

A complete list of holdings is in the LPL online catalog at http://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/home.php.

Journals & Observatory Reports
- The latest issues of the journal subscriptions are shelved on the current periodical display shelving. To find out what current issues have been received, visit https://www.lpl.arizona.edu/library/serials-received.
- All issues for the current year are on the small shelving units next to the display shelving units. The current year and latest received issues may be checked out overnight.
- Older issues and bound volumes are shelved in the room by alphabetical order.
- Observatory reports are arranged by call number either in the reading room’s collection or in storage. Check the online catalog for holdings and locations.

Books
- Existing books are shelved using the Library of Congress (LC) classification system. See “Library of Congress (LC) Classification Schedule: Brief Outline of the Sciences.”
- New and other books may be checked out. See LPL Guide to Library Circulation Procedures for details on eligible borrowers, check-out procedures, etc.
- New books are displayed on the Ephemeral and Information Materials shelving unit in the Reference area. The books are displayed for several weeks before being shelved in the stacks.

Reference & Class Reserve
- All materials are arranged according to the LC classification system and are located on the left of the library entrance.
- Materials include indexes, abstracts, dictionaries, glossaries, encyclopedias, directories, bibliographies, style manuals, and other quick reference items. Any journal annual indexes are shelved with the appropriate title.
- Class reserve materials are on the last shelving unit in Reference.

Special Collections
Dissertations & Theses
Bound copies are located in Reference. Links to electronic copies are included in the LPL Library’s online catalog.
Information & Ephemeral Materials

- Materials of short-lived interest are housed on this shelving unit in the Reference area.
- Ephemeral materials include publisher catalogs, various periodical issues (non-subscription), U of AZ information, other observatories, graduate schools, etc.
- An LPL clippings file is located here also.

Maps & Atlases

- Earth, planets, and stars books are in the cabinets at the east end of the library. The Bonner Durchmusterung charts are stored next to these cabinets.
- U.S., world atlases, local road maps are to the right of the entrance in the dictionary stand.
- Topographic maps, primarily of Arizona and the Southwest, are located in Kuiper Room 101.

Media

- CD/DVDs are housed in binders and located on the Information & Ephemeral Materials shelving unit.
- CD/DVDs accompanying books are kept with the item.
- Microfiche are located on the Information & Ephemeral Materials shelving unit. Microfiche accompanying books or journals is kept with the item.

Preprints

LPL preprints are in the Reference section. Table of Contents appear in the front of each bound volume.
Preprints are indexed on the LPL Publications web page https://www.lpl.arizona.edu/research/publications.

Space Imagery Center (SIC)

The SIC is located in Kuiper Room 450 and contains over 500,000 planet, satellite, and space images as well as cartographic products produced from this imagery. The LPL Library catalog provides access to many SIC books, CD/DVDs, and videotapes.

ACQUISITIONS

Selection of Materials

- LPL Library personnel primarily do the selection of materials along with the Library Committee. The LPL Library Committee welcomes suggestions from you regarding new title purchases. Please contact the librarian with your recommendations. The selection criterion is to acquire resources relevant to the needs of current LPL scientific projects and curriculum.
- Materials are purchased on a quarterly schedule: February – May – August – November.

Acquisitions List

A quarterly acquisitions list is posted on the Information and Ephemeral Materials shelving unit located in the Reference section. The list is also posted on the LPL Library web page:
https://www.lpl.arizona.edu/library/acquisitions

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

- LPL faculty, staff, and graduate students have borrowing privileges at the libraries of NOAO, Steward Observatory, Planetary Sciences Institute, and Geosciences Department.
- Items not available at any of these libraries or the U of AZ Main Libraries System may be requested through ILL at the UA Library at http://new.library.arizona.edu/request/interlibrary-loan.

STAFFING

The LPL Library is maintained by a part-time library staff member. The head of the LPL Library Committee supervises the staff.
Library of Congress (LC) Classification Schedule: Brief Outline of Pertinent Sections

E – F  History
G  Geography and Maps
Q  General Science
QA  Mathematics and Computer Science
   1-60  General and Tables
   70  Computers
   290-400 Analysis
   800-900 Analytical Mechanics
QB  Astronomy
   1-4  Periodicals and Observatory Reports
   43-45  Textbooks
   80-100  Astronomical Observatories and Instruments
   300-455 Geodesy, Celestial Mechanics, and Astrogeology
   460  Astrophysics
   470  Infrared, Gamma Ray, X-Ray, Ultraviolet, and Radio Astronomy
   500  Solar System
   600  Planets
   700-785 Comets, Meteors, and Small Bodies
   790  Interstellar Matter
   800  Stars
   900  Cosmology
QC  Physics
   170-200 Atomic Physics and Properties of Matter
   250-320 Thermodynamics
   350-460 Optics, Lights, and Spectroscopy
   500-760 Electricity and Magnetism
   850-900 Meteorology and Climatology
QD  Chemistry
   450-800 Physical and Theoretical Chemistry
QE  Geology
   1-350  General
   350-400 Mineralogy
   500-640 Dynamics and Structural Geology
   700-900 Paleontology
QH  Natural History (General)
   300-700 Biology
QL  Zoology
QP  Physiology
QR  Microbiology
T  Technology and Engineering