FACILITIES

DONALD L. ALEXANDER LIBRARY

A well-trained staff is prepared to assist students and College personnel with their learning and information needs. The Donald L. Alexander Library is considered as much a place for learning as the classroom, with librarians providing instruction in research and information gathering skills.

The Cumberland campus library, named for the College's third president, is a comfortable place for students to study and relax, both individually and in groups. The space allows seating and study areas, and a lounge where students may take refreshments and have wireless Internet connectivity.

The library includes the Appalachian Collection, the popular repository of genealogy and regional history materials. The Allegany County Genealogical Society's offices and its collection are also housed in this area. There is a collection of materials related to celebrated American author Willa Cather and other revered American and British authors. These impressive items, gathered by Dr. Gary Cook in name and memory of his late wife, Janet, an ACM English professor, are housed in the Janet Zastrow Cook Willa Cather and Rare Book Collections.

Cumberland Campus library resources include printed books and periodicals and a large selection of non-print materials such as DVDs, eBooks, videotapes, CDs, and audio cassettes. A selective U.S. Government Documents Depository collection is also available. Materials are selected for their relevance to the instructional programs and for their potential to serve the cultural and recreational interests of the College community. Materials from other libraries may be obtained, free of charge, through interlibrary loan. Adult residents of Allegany County and the surrounding area are encouraged to use the library and may borrow materials.

Mac and PC computers with internet access and Microsoft products allow students to work effectively in the library. Students may use the online library catalog either on campus or at home to locate materials in the library collection. To aid students and faculty in research, the library subscribes to online databases of journal articles and other electronic resources. The library’s databases may be accessed from off campus by all faculty, staff, and students. In support of the College’s information literacy program, general and course specific classes are offered to teach students the efficient and appropriate use of different resources and materials.

Library resources are also available at the Bedford County Campus. The Bedford County Campus library offers computer stations that give access to the library online catalog and databases, and electronic resources, which are accessible through the college library webpage. These databases, online books, and select websites have thousands of periodical articles, books, and other forms of information on a wide variety of topics from nursing, psychology, science, and other disciplines.

DR. ROBERT ZIMMER COLLEGE THEATRE

The Dr. Robert Zimmer College Theatre, named for the College’s first president, is located in the College Center. Seating four hundred, it will accommodate a variety of cultural programs and activities for the community, students, and College faculty and staff.

GEORGE HAZEN ART GALLERY

To enrich the students’ cultural background, the College maintains an art gallery in the College Center adjacent to the Dr. Ardell Haines Student Lounge. Managed by the Humanities Division, it offers a space to exhibit paintings, photographs, sculpture and other objects by tri-state area and student artists.

PARKING

Unreserved parking is available for students. Staff parking is designated for use only by faculty and staff. Handicapped parking is designated for use only by persons with authorized handicapped tags/stickers. A Parking Permit is necessary and may be obtained at the Business Office. Violators will be fined. Parking fines are considered financial obligations to the College.

SECURITY

Allegany College of Maryland is committed to ensuring a safe environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors. The Department of Campus Safety and Special Police, located at the Cumberland Campus, has primary responsibility for serving the safety and security needs of the campus community. Campus buildings and facilities are patrolled and inspected regularly to ensure a safe and comfortable academic environment. Every effort is made to fulfill any request for service. The Department realizes that security is also an individual responsibility and strives to educate the campus community about personal and public safety. The Department works closely with the administration, student services, housing and staff of the physical plant at all locations to ensure a safe environment. In addition, the Department works closely with the police and fire departments.

In order to maintain a safe environment for students to learn, for faculty to teach and for administration and staff to work, the Department of Campus Safety and Special Police is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week at the Cumberland Campus by calling 5555 from on campus or 301-784-5555 from off campus or by cell phone. This number can be called for emergencies or assistance at any time. Emergency Services (police, fire, ambulance, etc.) at any college location is always available by calling 911. Clearly marked EMERGENCY telephones are located in each classroom building at the Cumberland Campus, the College Center, Gymnasium, Library and on the track at the rear entrance to the Gymnasium. The EMERGENCY telephones provide direct access to the Security Department (5555) or Emergency Services (911). The Director of Security is located in the College Center, room CC-190. For additional information or to review our library of emergency videos, visit the college website at www.allegany.edu/campus-safety-special-police.

THOMAS WELCOME CENTER

The Thomas Welcome Center, named after Dottie and Danny Thomas, is considered the front door of the Cumberland Campus. Housed in the Donald L. Alexander Library, the Welcome Center provides an inviting atmosphere to prospective and current students, parents, donors, alumni, community
members, and visitors. The Welcome Center includes a presentation room, lounge, and staff office. For more information regarding services provided by the Welcome Center, visit https://allegany.edu/facilities/index.html.