

## Resources and Support Services

### **LIBRARY SYSTEM OF PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE CHILE (SIBUC)**

A leading Library System among Chilean universities, SIBUC offers integrated information services and resources, which are widely used by the university community through our website and nine libraries.

The purpose of the Library System of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (SIBUC) is to be part of, and contribute to the mission of the University, supporting the learning, teaching and research of the university community through user friendly virtual and on-site services, oriented to the development of their informational skills within a global cooperative environment.

### **NINE LIBRARIES: ON-SITE AND ONLINE SERVICES GATEWAY**

The libraries are located throughout the four University campuses as well as in the Sotero del Río Hospital. The libraries are considered to be an information gateway for the university community, as well as a space with special characteristics that promote research, study, cultural development and entertainment. Daily they receive an average of 7,300 users, 4,000 loan requests, 150 user inquires and instruct 60

users on efficient search, evaluation and use of information resources.

Comfortable and well equipped facilities with wireless access to Internet (Wi-Fi) include large reading and study areas and computer rooms consisting of 20,000 square meters (213,887 square feet), 37,000 lineal meters (121,520 lineal feet) of shelves, 2,790 seats and 282 computers for users, printers, scanners and a variety of audiovisual equipment. Libraries promote the use of online services and collections, as well as all kinds of printed matter (books, theses, booklets, music scores, etc.) and audiovisuals.

The comprehensive and carefully selected collections, formed by more than one and a half million items of bibliographic material in all disciplines taught at the University, contribute to the general education of the students and to their specialized development in order to become professionals of outstanding excellence. Bibliographic materials, highly valued by the university community, are accessible through the online catalog, as well as take-out loan, and 'in-library-use'. Bibliographic materials that are not in the Library System may be obtained from one of more than 100 Chilean libraries through interlibrary loan.

