The Central Library was established in the year 1969 as a Learning Resources Centre to support the educational and research programmes of the University by providing intellectual access to information. The Central Library started with a small room and presently located in Nine-storey tower building with a carpet area of about one lakh sq. ft. It is situated in the midst of the academic complex of the University and is the hub of all the academic activities. It provides comprehensive access to books, journals, reports, e-journals, online databases, e-books, electronic theses and dissertations and many other resources covering diverse disciplines. Central Library, JNU provides conductive environment to research and study as well as social place. It incorporates the library of the prestigious Indian School of International Studies. The Library is Wi-Fi enabled which allow users to access online information anywhere anytime. Library remains open to its user 24X7 not only virtually but physically as library remaining open all around the day and night the whole year.

In accordance with the objectives of the University, the Central Library has the objectives and aims to procure, organize and disseminate information to its users in different formats. It works with the objective of supporting and promoting the use of rich and diverse collection among the users. The central Library is committed to preserve and house the collection for posterity and further enhance and support the academic environment by providing seamless access to information resources.

Central Library is fully automated library and is using Virtua, Integrated Library Management Software (VTLS) for housekeeping jobs in different activities viz. Acquisition, Processing, Periodicals, Documentation, Readers’ Services, and Circulation etc.

**Timings:** Central Library, JNU is first university library in India to have its General Reading Halls kept open round the clock throughout the year (24X7). The Library circulation services remains open from 9.00 a.m to 8.00 p.m. throughout the year. During the examination days, Library Services are extended up to 12 midnight for 45 days in each semester. The Central Library remains closed on three National Holidays and Holi festival.

**Physical Collection:** Library has a subject specific research collection of 5,83,686 volumes which includes books, theses, dissertations, bound volume of journals, newsletters, Govt. and UN reports, encyclopedias, dictionaries, thesaurus, glossaries, CDs/DVDs ROM collection, Charts, Maps, micro rolls, micro-fische, audio/video cassettes etc. It also incorporates the library of the prestigious Indian School of International Studies which was later merged with Jawaharlal Nehru University. The JNU Library is a depository of Govt. publications and publications of some important International Organisations like WHO, European Union, United Nations and its allied agencies etc.

**Print /E-Books/E-Journals and Online Databases:** Library Subscribes to 376+ print and online Journals, 51 Print Magazines, 44 Print Newspapers and 42 online databases covering a wide range of subjects and disciplines. Besides, it provides access to 22 databases through INFLIBNET under UGC INFONET Consortia. The Library has around 110,700 bound volumes. The total expenditure on subscription of print and online journal and Online Databases is nearly 6.3 Crores per year. The library has a unique collection of one lakh plus e-books from various international publishers.

**Electronic Theses and Dissertations:** Approximately 22,000 digitized Theses and Dissertations are available and can be
accessed through campus intranet and in addition to it 5000 +
PhD thesis with three years embargo are provided to
INFLIBNET and these can be accessed worldwide through
the INFLIBNET Shodhganga e-theses repository.

As per policy only digital copy of Theses and Dissertations are
now archived in library. Student can submit it online through
Thesis Tracking System

**Digital Library Services:** The library online resources are
accessible through IP authentication and remote access
through single sign. The central library also has interactive
user oriented website (http://lib.jnu.ac.in) for various library
services, collection and information.

**Institutional Repository:** Central Library, JNU is creating
Institutional Repository of Faculty publications, Reading List,
in-house research publications,

**Cyber Library:** Cyber Library is located at the Ground Floor
of Central Library it has 200 Computers installed for the
Faculty Members, students and research scholars to access
the available online resources and search the catalogue of the
Library.

**Helen Keller Unit:** In order to meet the special needs of the
visually impaired students of the University, a separate unit
named after Helen Keller is located at the Ground Floor.
Twenty four computers and scanners are available with
screen reading and speech software to facilitate visually
impaired scholars in their studies. All the students have been
facilitated with Laptops installed with screen reading software
and digital voice Reorders by the Library. Lockers facility are
also available to all visually impaired students of the
University. This facility is also extended in the computer lab of
other schools and centres such as SSS-I, SSS-II, SIS reading
hall, Sanskrit centre, CSLG.

**Online Press-Clippings and Digital Archive:** The press
clipping information service was started in 1974 to cater to the
information need of the faculty and scholars of School of
International Studies on topical issues. It collects all important,
relevant and up-to-date news items, editorial comments and
articles on developments in the international and bilateral
relations, political, economic, socio-cultural, environmental
issues etc. At present, the clippings are culled from 21 national
and international newspapers of English language. The press
clippings collection consists of over 8 lacs newspaper articles
in digital form, which are accessible to JNU Academic
Community through JNU Library Press Clippings WEBOPAC.

**Single Window Search:** At present Central Library, JNU has
provided single window access system to all the subscribed e-
resources by Central Library: The single window search can
be accessed from JNU library home page

**Faculty Members reading room:** Library provides a separate
reading room for Faculty Members. Besides, reading facilities,
computers and scanning facilities have also been made
available.

**New Books Display:** New Books purchased by the Library
are displayed on every Monday. These Books are kept for
consultation at the Circulation Counter.

**Anti-Plagiarism Software (TURNITIN):** Central Library is
providing facility to check the plagiarism to all JNU faculty and
M.Phil./Ph.D. students. To serve the need University Librarian
has created their accounts on TURNITIN & URKUND software
and provided to all the Faculty Members. Concerned Faculty
Members will further create accounts for their M.Phil./Ph.D.
students. For Masters and other students:- URKUND Account
for all faculty members have also been created. M.A/M.Sc.
and other students can submit their term
papers/assignments/articles to faculty on their URKUND
account for plagiarism check.

**Writing Tools:** Central Library JNU is providing access to
Grammarly Software. This software helps in grammar check,
plagiarism check and is very useful tool for Ph.D and M.Phil
Students.
**Reference Management Tools:** Central Library, JNU provides access and training to students on various Reference Management Tools such as Mendeley, Endnote etc.

**Faculty Publications:** Central Library, JNU is having policy to acquire 3 copies of each publication authored or edited by JNU faculty. In case of book chapter contributed by JNU faculty one copy of the book will be acquired by the library. Library is also acquiring one copy of JNU student publications.

**Other facilities:**
1. **CD-ROM:** Access to CD-ROMs which comes alongwith books / journals and statistical data is available in the Automation Unit.
2. **Overnight issue facilities:** Textbooks are given to JNU student and faculties in all disciplines through textbook section.
3. **Under Facility of Inter library loan books:** Under Facility of Inter library loan books can be arranged from other libraries on request.
4. **Under Document Delivery Services:** Not accessible articles and book chapters can be arranged.
5. **Locker facility:** Locker facility is available for JNU Researchers, Faculty, Visually impaired and Physically handicapped users
6. **Consultation facility:** Consultation facility is available for Research Scholars of other Universities/Institutions

**EVENT/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

**Book Release/Book Talk:** Central Library, JNU is organising book release programme in collaboration with various Schools/Centres. Book talks and other discussions are also organised by the Library. Talks via Skype and video conferencing is also organized by Library.

**JNU Forum for Mutual Learning:** It is a program initiated by JNU student with support of library. Faculty may also contribute in it. More information is available at lib.jnu.ac.in/sites/default/files/JNUforum/about.htm

**Author Workshops/Seminar:** Central Library, JNU organize lecture series, author workshops, Plagiarism awareness workshop, training workshops, user education, orientation and seminar etc. for the benefit for faculty and students. It is being done on regular basis. You are invited to attend such programmes. All such announcements are made available at http://lib.jnu.ac.in/latest-news.

**EXIM Bank:** The Exim Bank Library, part of Central Library has a special collection of 14,167 Economics books and 2735 back volumes of 56 journals. Automated Library Services, inter-library loan, reference and photocopying facilities are provided to the users of Exim Bank Library.

**Other Branch Libraries:**

- Archives on Contemporary History of India
- Centre for Historical Studies Library
- Centre for Political Studies Library
- Special Centre for Law and Governance Library
- Special Centre of Nano Sciences Library
- Special Centre for Molecular Medicine Library
- Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies Library
- School of Arts & Aesthetics Library
- School of Computer and System Sciences Library
- Academic Staff College Library
- SIS Reading Hall

Besides, many Schools/Centre’s have their own libraries under the DSA Programme.

For more details & information please visit us http://lib.jnu.ac.in/

**Information Desk:** To seek the information about Library or its collection or its services you can contact staff on Information Desk.