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The University Libraries offers a wealth of electronic, print and non-print resources that can be located through the Libraries’ website. Onsite library collections include more than two million books and research journals, federal and state documents, music recordings and scores, DVDs, microforms and other materials. The digital collections provide access to a variety of information resources with 365 databases offering full-text access to over 500,000 e-books and over 86,000 e-journal titles, company information, statistics, historical documents, as well as streaming audio and video. Ablah Library has been a Federal Documents Depository Library for over 100 years and is an official United States Patent and Trademark Resource Center, the only such depository in Kansas. In addition to its own collections, University Libraries is able to borrow materials from a worldwide network of other libraries.

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More information about resources and services is located on the University Libraries website (http://libraries.wichita.edu).1

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