The Gemini Observatory Northern Operations Center and the Joint Astronomy Centre are the base facilities for two astronomical observatories on the summit of Mauna Kea. The joint library is managed by one librarian, Virginia Smith, and the part-time library assistant, Anna Lucas.

The most important thing to know about the Gemini/JAC library is that it is to be used only as a last resort in your research efforts. We are not a public or academic library, but an operational facility for functioning astronomical observatories. We're more than happy to help you if you know what you need, but if you don't know what you're looking for, we can't help you find it. You need to conduct that research ahead of time and exhaust all other research possibilities before you come to see us.

To begin your search, we recommend you investigate the following resources:

- You have an excellent resource in the Mo'okini Library; using the UH online catalog, available from the library web page at [http://library. unh.hawaii.edu/](http://library.unh.hawaii.edu/), you can search for journals and books throughout the UH system. If it's not available at Mo'okini but is at another UH campus, it can be requested through Inter-Library Loan.

- If you're looking for published papers in the astronomy, physics, instrumentation, geophysics or engineering fields but have only an author's name (for example) check out the Astronomy Data Service at [http://adswww.harvard.edu/](http://adswww.harvard.edu/). You can put in many different search options, even narrowing it down to a particular journal or field. It will not only return publication information but often an article abstract and, occasionally, even a copy of the article itself.

- Once you've completed your research and know which specific article or book you're specifically looking for, visit the Gemini/JAC Online Library at [http://www.gemini.edu/library/](http://www.gemini.edu/library/) and make sure that we have what you need.

If it turns out we do have what you need, you must come to the Gemini offices at 670 N. A'ohoku Place and check in with the librarian. An appointment is required and can be made either by calling 974-2531 or sending email to vsmith@gemini.edu.

These rules must also be followed:

- Students will not be allowed to visit the library without one of the librarians in attendance.

- Books may be signed out for use away from the Gemini library ONLY. Books may NOT be removed from the JAC library.

- You will not be able to take a book from the Gemini library without leaving a photocopy of your student ID and a current phone number. Books borrowed from the Gemini library must be returned within two weeks.

- There is a photocopier available for small amounts of copying; larger amounts of copying will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

- If you do not have a specific item or journal reference to look for, we will have to ask you to leave until you have completed your research. You're welcome to come back after you have done so, but you will not be able to stay at either facility to "browse the shelves" or look through the journals.

Please review these rules and make sure you're comfortable with them. If you have any questions, please discuss them with your instructor.

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