



# **San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance Library**

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## **Library Services Overview for Team Members**

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Welcome to San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDWA)! The San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance Library is open to all employees and volunteers. Our purpose is to provide you with the information you need to excel in your role. This handy guide and FAQ will help you get started using the Library's resources and services, including books, online journals, DVDs, reference and research assistance, and more. **Still have questions? We're here to help! Don't hesitate to contact us via phone, email, or stop by in person.**

## General Contact Information

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# SDZWA Library Overview

The SDZWA Library is located on the second floor of the Beckman Center in Escondido, along with Conservation Science and Wildlife Health.

## Getting Started:

- **[Visit the SDZWA Library online](#)**

The library [website](#) can be accessed from any computer with an internet connection. Learn more about our services and access links to our online catalog, databases, online journals and much more. \*Some links may not work offsite. Contact us regarding available options.\*

- **[Library “How To” Guide](#)**

This guide is a handy online introduction to our resources and services. A link to this guide is also on the Library’s main website.

- **Borrow Books & DVDs**

The Library’s book and DVD collection spans a wide range of subjects, such as species-specific books, horticulture, ecology, wildlife conservation, leadership and management, and more. You can search for and put holds on materials through our [library catalog](#) and Search Everything (onsite or VPN) You can also email requests to [library@sdzwa.org](mailto:library@sdzwa.org). We are happy to send books through interoffice mail and our checkout period is 4 weeks.

- **Access to Scholarly Journals & Articles**

The Library subscribes to thousands of online journals, plus a few print. Visit our [Journals & eBooks](#) list or try [Search Everything](#) (on-site or VPN). It includes links to full-text articles and request forms. If you are interested in a specific journal, search our [catalog](#) or [Journals & eBooks](#) list. You can also request articles by emailing [library@sdzwa.org](mailto:library@sdzwa.org). Please note, access to many online journals and databases is limited to on-site (Park, Zoo & Beckman Center) or VPN only.

- **Reference & Research Assistance**

Need help getting started or having trouble finding what you need? Contact us for a brainstorming session. Any member of the library staff can help you with your research needs. Feel free to give us a call / email for help with a quick question or to schedule a time to discuss your project.

- **[Animal Fact Sheets](#)**

The Library produces research-level animal fact sheets to help you gain in-depth knowledge about particular species. A list of our current fact sheets is linked from the Library’s homepage.

- **Newsletters**

- **New @ SDZWA Library** is a monthly announcement of new library books, DVDs, online journals, research tips and tricks, and events. [Sign up](#) to know what's new.
- **Animal Fact Sheet Alert** – Be among the first to know when a new SDZWA Library Animal Fact Sheet is published.

- **Study & Work Space**

Please feel welcome to enjoy the quiet work space, along with WiFi, desks, comfortable chairs, office

space, PC & Mac workstations, and a scanner/printer/copier. Consider this your office away from your office. Please feel welcome to shush the library staff if they are too boisterous.

- **Zoological Society of San Diego Archives**

The [Archives and Rare Book Room](#) serves as a repository for our organization's long and storied history. Materials may be accessed under the supervision of library staff. Contact the Library with any historical questions or interest in donating materials to the collection.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Who can use the library?**

A: All San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance employees can use library services, such as checking out materials, requesting research assistance from library staff, or accessing our online journal titles. SDZWA volunteers may also request assistance, use the library facilities, and check out materials with the consent of their supervisors.

### **Q: Where is the library?**

A: The Library is located on the second floor of the Beckman Center in Escondido, alongside the Safari Park. Our address is: 15600 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027 ([Click for map](#))

### **Q: When can I visit the library?**

A: Please email [library@sdzwa.org](mailto:library@sdzwa.org) to confirm our current schedule and hours.

### **Q: How can I borrow books and DVDs?**

A: All SDZWA team members can borrow library materials. To create your library account, all we need is your name, employee ID number, department, email address, and supervisor's name. In order for SDZWA volunteers to check out books, the Library must receive consent from a supervisor, along with the volunteer's contact information.

The checkout period for all circulating library materials is four weeks, with the option to renew.

### **Q: Can I check out journals? What about books in the Archives?**

A: Library journals, reference books, and all materials in the Archives may only be used within the Library facility. Archival and rare book room materials may only be used upon consultation with Library staff and with librarian supervision. We may be able to provide good quality scans of selected pages and sections.

### **Q: The book I need is not in the Library catalog. Is there a way to get it?**

A: Yes! If we do not have what you need, email [library@sdzwa.org](mailto:library@sdzwa.org) to request it. We can add the book to our collection, or borrow it from another library. Be sure to include your time line.

### **Q: The Library is too far for me to visit – can I use library services without going to the Beckman Center?**

A: Yes, definitely! Here are ideas for how you can use library services without setting foot in the Library itself:

- Visit the [library website](#) and explore our online resources. Please contact library staff to request a tutorial of any of our online resources.
- Browse the [library book catalog](#) to find books and DVDs.
  - Email or call library staff to set up your library account and to have materials sent to you through interoffice mail or email (when possible). Alternatively, click the *Request Hold* button next to the item in the catalog
- Use [Search Everything](#), then click the *Request from SDZG Library* button or access articles and other information resources online.
- Contact library staff with research questions if you are not sure how to go about finding the information you need.