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The library is named in loving memory of the late Mrs. Vera Dial Dickey (1890–1985), a life-long resident of Memphis, Texas, who had a passion for education. The Vera Dial Dickey Library is conveniently located next to the Academic/Administration building, provides an attractive atmosphere for studying, listening, and viewing educational materials. The collection, which can be accessed through an online catalog system, reflects a diversity of viewpoints that

encourages research and recreational reading, and is accessible through open stacks for easy browsing. The online catalog provides information access to over one million titles available through a shared database accessible by all library users off or on campus.

The 10,500 square feet library built in 2005 features an open computer lab/Learning Resource Center (LRC), tutoring/testing room, and areas for study, research and reading. The library has a seating capacity of 111 students in the main areas of the library, and 10 computer workstations. There is additional seating in the LRC for 46 students, 30 of which are computer workstations. The library also has a small tutoring/testing room at seats five, three being a computer workstation. The total seating capacity of the library and LRC lab is 167. The library is equipped with wireless modems so that faculty and students alike can use their lap top computers anywhere in the Library and access not only the College's electronic resources, but also those resources available through the Internet.

The Library receives book, magazines, journals, and newspapers in print format; and additionally provides electronic access to full-text books, magazines, journals and newspapers. All Clarendon College students are able to access the Library's website, online databases, e-mail, internet resources, and various software and micro-computer applications from any computer workstation in the library or on campus. The Library is a member of the Harrington Library Consortium (HLC) which is comprised of academic, public, and school libraries in the Texas Panhandle.

Library Purpose

The purpose of the Clarendon College Library/LRC is to support the college curriculum and provide library services and resources to all Clarendon College students and faculty regardless of location.

Library Mission

The mission of the Clarendon College Vera Dial Dickey Library is to provide resources and services to support the academic curriculum and to assist all library users in the development of lifelong learning and information literacy skills. The library staff focuses on meeting the users' needs, providing learning opportunities, fostering relationships, supporting academic disciplines, and participating in the teaching process by assisting in information access and library instruction.