



# **ELI and ENGLISH SKILLS in JOSEPH F. SMITH LIBRARY-MEDIA COMPLEX**

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In the initial planning of the new Library and Media Center at BYU-Hawaii Campus, an English Skills Lab and an ELI (English Learning Institute) facility were a priority. This planning has brought the total ELI program into an area where basic skills can be taught in classroom facilities designed for that purpose. A program of reading, writing, speaking and listening skills developed in sequential levels has received high praise from academic leaders throughout the Pacific and Asian rim. Equally important is an English Skills Lab adjacent to the four rooms used for the ELI program. The lab, which also serves the total university, is not only a place where English language problems can be diagnosed, but a place where students can work individually or together in oral comprehension, vocabulary building, preposition, pronoun, determiner, or verb dyad programs, reading, writing, etc. When instructors recognize that a student has a particular problem they can refer the student to the lab where trained aides (usually TESL or English majors at the university) have a variety of instructional and learning resources to assist the student. Since the ELI and English Skills Lab have been housed in the Media Center and Library Complex a number of other resources are also available.

Included in the design of media support services is a twelve channel music listening system, and an eight channel T.V. system links the entire campus with a two-way video network.

The new addition has two floors. The first floor houses media materials, as well as the general collection, including Mormonism materials. It also includes a faculty research room, newspaper and magazine browsing lounge, typing room, and four small study rooms.

The second floor houses books in the Pacific Island collection, Government Documents current and retrospective periodicals, micro-media materials and readers.

With the completion of the new Joseph F. Smith Library, the facility now has over 400 student study stations, and a book shelving capacity for over 250,000 volumes. In addition to the print collections, the library carries subscriptions to over 1,000 periodicals, plus microfilm and fiche collections for research and general use.

The non-print collection includes all forms of media materials, such as a 16mm film library, phono-record collection, slides, tapes and filmstrips.

The Ralph E. Wooley Media Center also houses a variety of support services such as: University Press Services; Professional Graphics, Production Lab, and Materials Distribution Area; Photographic Services; Electronic Media and Maintenance; Technical Services and Acquisitions; Receiving; The Genealogy Library; A Model Meeting House Library to serve the BYU-HC Stake; Four multi-media classrooms and an English Skills Lab serving the ELI and the General Education Program.