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614-292-OSUL (6785)

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In person across campus

Study at one of the many libraries on campus and talk with a librarian for research help. See map for locations and hours: library.osu.edu/locations

Need a place to study?
The Libraries have lots of study spaces, including group study spaces for working with friends and classmates.

Need to study late?
The 18th Avenue Library is open 24/7 (access from 11:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. requires a BUCK ID).

The Thompson Library is open until midnight Sunday - Thursday (excludes breaks and summer semester).

Looking for a computer?
There are computers available at libraries across campus, with the most at the 18th Avenue Library and the Thompson Library. go.osu.edu/inuse

For a list of University Libraries locations and hours see library.osu.edu/locations
Looking for articles, books or videos?

The Libraries’ web site, library.osu.edu, provides instant access to thousands of articles via research databases. Use the online catalogs to find books and videos from University Libraries, other libraries in Ohio, or from libraries around the world.

Need advice from an expert?

There is a librarian for each major. They can help with specialized tips and tricks to save you time.

Schedule an appointment; see the list of librarians at library.osu.edu/subject-librarians

What are special collections?

From medieval manuscripts to comic books to Ohio State history, University Libraries gathers and preserves unique resources and primary research materials.

library.osu.edu/special-collections

What is on display in University Libraries’ galleries?

University Libraries’ free exhibits connect distinctive collections with today’s issues. Changing exhibits are at the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum and the Thompson Library.

library.osu.edu/exhibits
Library Locations

Borrowed library materials can be returned to any library location, with the exception of books that are on closed reserve, which must be returned to the library from which they were checked out. Columbus Metropolitan Library materials can only be returned to Thompson Library.

For hours of all library locations
library.osu.edu/locations

Locations with reservable group study rooms

1. 18th Avenue Library
   175 W. 18th Ave.

2. Architecture Library
   Knowlton Hall, 275 W. Woodruff Ave.

3. Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum
   Sullivant Hall, 1813 N. High St.

4. Biological Sciences/Pharmacy Library
   102 Riffe Bldg., 476 W. 12th Ave.

5. Fine Arts Library
   035 Wexner Center for the Arts, 1871 N. High St.

6. Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Library
   045 Agricultural Admin Bldg, 2120 Fyffe Rd.

7. Geology Library
   180 Orton Hall, 155 S. Oval Mall

8. Health Sciences Library
   376 W. 10th Ave.

9. Law Library
   280 Law Building, 55 W. 12th Ave.

10. Polar Library
    1090 Carmack Rd. (West Campus)

11. Thompson Library
    1858 Neil Ave.

12. University Archives
    2700 Kenny Rd. (West Campus)

13. Veterinary Medicine Library
    225 Veterinary Medicine Academic Building, 1900 Coffey Rd.
Need help with your research?
Tutors offer drop-in sessions in Thompson Library behind the Reference & Assistance desk. For current hours, please ask at the Reference desk or visit go.osu.edu/askus

The Writing Center tutors offer free help with writing at any stage of the writing process for any member of the university community csw.osu.edu/writing-center

Peer research advisors from the Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Inquiry are available to speak to interested students about their experiences and provide advice. ugresearch.osu.edu

The Research Tutor provides assistance to first- and second-year writing students during any stage of the research process. go.osu.edu/research-tutoring

Problems with your phone, laptop or tablet?
The staff at the Buckeye Bar can help. Located inside the Neil Avenue entrance of the Thompson Library, Buckeye Bar staff will help current Ohio State students, faculty and staff for free.

Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Or call 614-688-HELP (4357).

The Buckeye Bar is a service of the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Stressed during finals?
During Fall and Spring finals week University Libraries and the Doctoral Student Organization, College of Social Work provide Study Break Spots at the Thompson and 18th Avenue libraries. Take a break from studying by playing board games and other fun activities.

University Libraries brings you Pause4Paws, visits by therapy dogs to help de-stress during finals. Check the Libraries' website for the schedule during that time.

Need an article?
"Article Express," available through the Libraries' web site, is a free service that provides electronic delivery of journal articles to you from Ohio State and non-Ohio State libraries collections. go.osu.edu/ArticleExpress

Want a Columbus Metropolitan Library borrower’s card?
All State of Ohio residents are eligible to get a borrower’s card for the Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML). You can apply for a CML card at the Thompson Library circulation desk, request materials from the CML catalog and have them delivered to the Thompson Library for pickup. You can also borrow selected fiction, non-fiction and juvenile literature from the CML Leisure Reading Collection at the Thompson Library.

www.columbuslibrary.org

Hungry?
Stop by the Berry Café in the Thompson Library, the Terra Byte Café in the 18th Avenue Library, or the Caffeine Element Café in the Health Sciences Library.
Can’t get to the library?
You can have books sent to your campus mailing address. Just select “COL CAMPUS OFFICE/DORM” as the pickup location when requesting the book.

Looking for streaming media or physical formats?
University Libraries has streaming videos, television programs, biographies, documentaries and more, along with an extensive collection of DVDs. Check the Libraries’ catalog to see what’s available. The Music & Dance collection in the 18th Avenue Library includes rock, rap, pop, jazz, folk, world, blues, country, classical, Broadway musicals and movie soundtracks.
go.osu.edu/musiclibrary

Need to store your stuff?
Daily lockers are available at the Thompson Library; check at the Circulation Desk. Scholarly lockers are assigned using a lottery system; see the Libraries’ website for details.
library.osu.edu/thompson/daily-lockers

Need to borrow a textbook?
University Libraries offers textbooks for more than 1,000 courses for short-term check-out at both the Thompson and 18th Avenue libraries. For more information see go.osu.edu/library-textbooks

Need study space for your group?
Rooms are available for group study. Several libraries have rooms that can be reserved up to seven days in advance. For complete details: library.osu.edu/roomreservation