

I Want to...

◆ Find Library Resources

Most Popular Library Resources

1. Books (print, eBooks, audiobooks)
2. Movies (DVD's, streaming videos)
3. Periodicals (journals, magazines, newspapers)
4. Databases (scholarly resources, government documents, videos)
5. Course reserves
6. Online tutorials
7. Kindles
8. Electronic journals
9. Computers
10. Printers
11. Wi-Fi
12. Photocopiers and Scanner
13. Microfilm and Microfiche

Library Resources are shared across campuses through a courier service or via e-mail.

Want to add to our collection?

We always strive to keep our collection current, and would appreciate your input towards our collection's development. In the Faculty Services box on the library homepage click on "Recommend a purchase" and fill out the form with the information for the material you would like. Please remember that we have materials in a variety of formats (audio, e-book, print, DVD, etc) so do not be shy in asking for anything!

◆ *Schedule a Library Instruction Session*

On the library homepage click on “Request a Library Session” in the Faculty Services box (lower right hand corner of the page). Fill out the form with all the pertinent information and you will receive a prompt response with the dates and times of your instruction session.

What happens in an instruction session?

Librarians show your students how to:

- Navigate the library website
- Find print and electronic resources
- Use effective research techniques
- Evaluate sources

Sessions are customizable to any research topic– the instructing librarian will work with you on what resources need to be showcased.

◆ *Place an Item on Reserve*

Fill out a reserve request form (found here <http://www.blinn.edu/library/find/reserves/>) and bring that, along with your material, in to the library. Please be sure to read all of the guidelines (available at the above website) about what can and cannot be placed on reserve. *Please allow three days for processing before expecting students to have access to the material.*

What types of materials are placed on reserve?

Types of “on reserve” items include books, supplemental readings, class notes, sample exams, and DVD’s.

How long can my students use the reserve material?

Typically reserve items are for in library use only for 2 hours at a time. There are some variations to this, please see a member of library staff for more information.

◆ *Meet with my Library Liaison*

What is the Library Liaison Program?

The Library Liaison Program exists to improve communication and encourage collaboration between the library and the college community, including onsite and distance learners. Librarians are appointed to work with faculty in specific units and serve as the primary contact between the units and the library. The program is vital to the library as it strives to meet the information needs of faculty and students. The goals of the library liaison program are to:

- Deliver a higher standard of service to the college community
- Increase library awareness of faculty curricular needs
- Increase faculty and student awareness of the library's resources and services
- Strengthen collection development activities
- Improve information literacy activities
- Expand the role of librarians as spokespersons for the library and as advocates for the department

Library liaisons are organized by instructional divisions. Librarians assist faculty teaching all types of classes, including traditional, blended, and distance education. Listings of liaisons by department can be found here: <http://www.blinn.edu/library/info/services/liaison.htm>

◆ *Create a LibGuide for my class*

Contact your library liaison (find who that is here—<http://www.blinn.edu/library/info/services/liaison.htm>) and work with them to set up a guide for your students. The librarian can make one specifically for an assignment in your class or a general guide for anyone interested in the subject. A list of current LibGuides can be found here: <http://libguides.blinn.edu/index.php>.

What is a Libguide?

LibGuides are online subject research guides. They are a lot like your syllabus, they show students where to find pertinent information related to the course.

Do I have to create one myself? Is there training required?

Nope! Librarians will create the LibGuide, they will work with you on any specific content you want included.

Can I use a LibGuide in my eCampus class?

Absolutely! LibGuides (and a librarian) can be embedded in your eCampus classroom. Speak with your library liaison to find out more about how this works.

◆ *Embed a Librarian*

Embedded Librarians can help students find sources for research papers, answer questions about how to cite sources, offer one on one or group instruction sessions on how to use library resources, and so much more!

Embedded librarians are aware of what is happening in your course, when assignments are due, what assignment requirements are, and so on. This cuts down on the guess work in helping your students. They also are able to offer students, who are unable to come in to the library, more personalized services.

How can I embed a librarian in my class?

Contact your library liaison to find out more information. Your liaison can be found here:

<http://www.blinn.edu/library/info/services/liaison.htm>

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