

Welcome to the Library!

Congratulations on your start at Missouri State University!

As you begin your studies, get to know the library with all its resources and staff. This welcome page highlights features of the library and its website that are of most use to students.



The primary goal of the library staff is to provide the best possible service to the students of Missouri State. We strongly encourage you to ask for assistance or information from any library employee.

The Missouri State Library system is comprised of Duane G. Meyer Library, the Music Library, the Haseltine Library at Greenwood Laboratory School, the Paul G. Evans and Barbe Libraries on the Mountain Grove Campus, the Garnett Library on the West Plains Campus and the Dalian Library in China. The Meyer Library is the main library on the Missouri State University Springfield campus.

More than just a place that holds books, Meyer Library is also a good place to **research** and write a paper, check out **DVDs**, or attend **workshops**. There are over 30 research computers on the first level and over 60 computers on the second floor **computer lab**. The Meyer Library also offers **copy services**, **printing** from computers, **group study rooms** and has several **wireless** hot spots. The lobby area is another popular place for studying or meeting with groups. There are tables and chairs, couches and vending machines. **Kaldi's** coffee is also conveniently located in the lobby. The newest edition to Meyer Library is the **Bear CLAW** (Center for Learning and Writing). This area, located straight past the Circulation Desk, includes the **Writing Center** and **tutoring** services.

The size of the library can be a little intimidating, but floor **maps** and any assistance you may need is located at the **Reference Desk** (on the left hand side of the ramp as you enter).

Check the library website for complete **hours**, but generally the library is open Monday through Thursday 7 a.m.-Midnight, Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday Noon-Midnight.

If you cannot make it physically to the library, many resources are available online through our website (library.missouristate.edu). A quick guide to our resources is on the next page.

Quick Guide to Library Resources and Services

Finding Books

SWAN—SWAN is the online catalog used to find books, government documents, maps, media, and other materials located in the library.
<http://library.missouristate.edu/>.

MOBIUS—MOBIUS is a statewide consortium of mostly college and university libraries. Search the MOBIUS catalog to borrow books from other consortium members and request books for delivery to MSU's libraries.
<http://mobius.missouri.edu/search/>.

Finding Journal, Magazine, and Newspaper Articles

Indexes and Databases—MSU Libraries subscribe to over 110 online indexes and databases. These resources provide a convenient way to search for journal, magazine and newspaper articles to aid your research. For the title/subject list of indexes and databases see:
<http://library.missouristate.edu/databases/index.htm>.

Journal & Magazine Titles- TDNet Journal Finder—TDNet is a clearinghouse of all of the libraries' journal subscriptions. Use TDNet to check if journals and appropriate publication years are available electronically or in print.
<http://purl.missouristate.edu/library/databases/journalfinder>.

Research Guides

LibGuides—subject research guides that identify basic resources the library has available for a subject or discipline. They list relevant periodical indexes for finding articles, as well as journals, government documents, Web sites, associations, and relevant reference material.
<http://guides.library.missouristate.edu/index.php>

Searchpath—Tutorial designed to teach the skills needed to find and evaluate information in the library and on the World Wide Web.
<http://library.missouristate.edu/tutorial/index.html>

Service Areas

Copy Services—Many copying services (enlarging, transparencies, faxing, etc.) are available in the library's Microforms Department on the lower level. Microforms phone: 836-5105.

Reference—For help with research or using library resources, stop at the Reference desk or click on:
<http://library.missouristate.edu/meyer/reference>.

Reference desk phone: 836-4535.

Reference also has other services through our Ask a Librarian link:
<http://library.missouristate.edu/services/ask.htm>

Ask a Librarian—For answers to either quick or more in-depth questions, use one of these services:

Email—If you need an answer to a quick question, try the email reference service.

Research Consultations— For in-depth help with your research, schedule one-on-one time with a reference librarian. **Chat reference**— to message our reference desk for instant answers to quick questions.

Library Tours—At the beginning of each semester, the library offers a series of tours on a walk-in basis.
<http://library.missouristate.edu/services/tours.htm>

Circulation—Your university ID card serves as your library card needed to check out materials. Check out books and pick up MOBIUS requests at the Circulation desk. The Circulation Department also handles course reserves, book returns, over dues, and renewals. Circulation Department phone: 836-4700.

Renew books online—Check when your books are due and renew any that you need longer.
<http://library.missouristate.edu/services/mylibrary.htm>.

Course Reserves—Instructors can make selected materials available to the entire class through course reserves. Paper materials are available at the Circulation desk and any electronic reserve materials can be accessed through the Web. Your instructor must provide you with a PIN number to access any online reserve material.
<http://library.missouristate.edu/reserves/index.htm>.

Interlibrary Loan—If you cannot find the items you need at MSU or through MOBIUS, the Interlibrary Loan Department will find the materials you need. Some fees may apply.
<http://library.missouristate.edu/services/ill.htm>.

Media Collections—Over 30,000 DVDs, video tapes, audio recordings and other audiovisual items can be checked out or used with equipment in the library. Media Collections phone: 836-4548.