LIBRARY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Q. When is the library open?
A. The Lone Star College-University Park Library hours are posted online and on campus. Fall hours are M-Th 8-9pm, Fri and Sat 9-2pm.

Q. How do I get a college ID/Library card?
A. Cards are made at the library circulation desk. Bring photo identification (driver’s license.)

Q: What will my library card do for me?
A: Your library card barcode number can be used for checking out library books and materials. Load $$ for printing. Use it to access databases, e-books, film, and audios from other libraries.

Q. Where are the books?
A. University Park’s library is largely electronic. LSCS libraries have over 45,000 electronic books and full-text journal articles on every research topic available through the catalog and databases.

Q. How are these electronic materials selected?
A. Librarians select materials that supplement courses taught and research projects. Not all books are available in e-book format, so we encourage students to request materials from other libraries. Soon we will have a pilot allowing faculty and students to purchase books ‘on the spot.’ More info on that coming soon.

Q. What are some of the advantages to having a library that is virtual?
A. Virtual (online) resources are available 24-7, not just when the library is open. eContent, such as eBooks, can be downloaded to your iPhone, iPad, eReader, or computer. You can access, cut and paste, or print the materials online without downloading. The real advantage of online resources is that you can use the indexing to locate exactly what you need. Use keywords!

Q. How can I get the book I want if we don’t have books at University Park?
A. Look in the library catalog for books and videos at other libraries. To have something sent to the LSC-University Park Library, use the “request first available copy” button in the catalog. You will receive resources from our Lone Star System colleges, Montgomery County Memorial Library or Harris County Public Library. Just be sure to specify LSC-University Park as your pickup location. (Bldg. 13 Floor 800)

Q. What is the library consortium all about?
A. We share our library resources with Montgomery County Public Library and Harris County Public Library, and, of course, all the Lone Star Colleges. You can use your library card from LSC-University Park to check out materials at the other libraries, and you may conveniently return other library materials to our library.

Q. What is the Media Center?
A. The media center provides a place for students to create and edit audio and video...with help.
Q: Learning Center – Library and Tutoring? What?
A: The library and tutor center are closely connected to give you the academic support you need to succeed. In addition to library services, an English tutor is available to help college students with research assignments during the last six weeks of the semester. Tutoring, writing lab and math labs constitute Student Learning Center.

Q: How can the library help me with my assignment?
A: The Reference Librarians are experienced researchers who will help you learn how to find information and evaluate it for authority and relevance. In addition to research techniques, librarians know how to refine a topic, format a paper, do proper citations and recognize improper grammar.

Q: What is a Library Assignment Guide?
A: To help you with many typical research assignments, the librarians have created guides to lead you to appropriate books, the best databases for your subject, and authoritative web sites: web sites you may not find on your own.

Q: What is a database?
A: Literally, a database is a collection of information. We have specialized databases of journal and newspaper articles, film, electronic books, artwork, music, and combinations of media. The authoritative collections of the databases make them a more credible solution for a college student than searching Google.

Q: Any media available for checkout?
A: Yes, we have a few eReaders available for checkout. Also headsets and microphones. The Nook can be loaded with your supplemental classroom reading. Let the staff know.

Q: Any technology help available?
A: Yes. Students will help with software needs.

Q: What if I want to listen to a video or other audio in the library. May I?
A: Yes. Ask at the desk for a headset. We ask that you keep the sound low so others won’t be disturbed.

Q: How do I use the databases from off campus?
A: The library page at www.lonestar.edu/library/ will link to the catalog, databases and research guides. There is also a link to databases from the Library Catalog. Everything is accessible off campus by logging in with your library barcode number.

Q: I find that I am not doing well in my classes. I’m not focused, and I need help getting organized.
A: The librarians, tutors, and counselors have an online course to help students improve as students! Go through the modules you think will help you most. It is free. You will find Study Skills, Research, Using Technology, and Counseling Topics. Use MyLonestar and go to your online course. Join the About Student Success group. Find a link on the library page or, for more information, ask at the desk.

Q: What about my laptop?
A: Plug into one of the many outlets and logon to Lone Star WiFi.

Q: May I eat and drink in the library?
A: Covered drinks are permitted in the library. Food should be eaten at a snack station outside the library or in the lunchroom.

Q: The library is loud. What’s going on?
A: Although we try to keep the volume down, the new library is not the quiet place of the past. No Shhh! You are in a teaching library. The librarians are helping students with research and finding the best information on their topic. There are a few private study rooms for small groups. We ask that if you have a phone call that you take it outside. We will do our best to make the library as quiet as is feasible, and still do our job.