Why a Library, Learning Center and Counselors Newspaper?

Students who are new to the college will quickly learn that if they really want to be successful, they will need an academic support system. Librarians, tutors, counselors, and faculty instructors make up that support team. Counselors talk with students who may be in need of emotional, financial, career guidance, or academic support. They help—or identify someone else who can. Tutors in the Learning Center are available daily. Trouble with Math? Confused about a process in your Economics class? Make an appointment. Don’t wait until it is too late. When it comes time to write your English paper or find additional resources for your courses, the librarian can be your BFF. There are 40,000 books, videos and audios, another 39,000 e-books and over 50 databases with journal and newspaper articles. These resources were selected especially for your research. All free!

Can I Talk in the Library?
Hmmmmm . . . “yes” and “no”

The college librarians want the library to be a friendly, comfortable place for students to study alone or in small groups. However, the library is small and overloaded with students. Sometimes this makes it hard for students to find a quiet place to study. A college library is also a teaching library, so librarians work with students and answer questions. In order to try to meet the needs of quiet studiers and study groups, the library space is divided into two zones:

**Silent Study** is reserved for the tables and study cubicles at the back of the library.

**Small Group Study** is reserved for the tables in the front of the library by the newspapers & magazines.

Always remember these basic rules while visiting the library:

- No talking on cell phones - please put ringer settings on silent. Go outside the library to answer calls.
- When studying in groups, please keep voices to a whisper or low growl.
- Be courteous toward fellow students, and respect their need to have quiet.

What’s in the Library?
It’s not just books

In the heart of the campus, abuzz with activity, you’ll find the library waiting just for you. Your first stop is the Circulation Desk to get a library card/student ID. The Circ department also has textbooks and instructor-reserved books and articles for two-hour checkout. Pause for a moment and browse magazines like People, Rolling Stone, Texas Music, and Sports Illustrated. Then move on to the computers to sign up for LSCS e-mail, check the catalog, read an e-book or surf the web. Login with your laptop to free wi-fi anywhere on campus. Start research by scheduling an appointment with a reference librarian, who get a thrill out of digging into an intriguing topic. They’ll help you search the databases, lay out your paper, or understand “Works Cited”. During CRUNCH TIME, when you’re finishing your research and writing your paper, you’ll even find a tutor in the library to help you. Computers in use? Check out a laptop. Creating a presentation? Headphones and microphones available, too. Use our e-readers for your supplemental reading. Oh, and did I mention we also have real-live-hands-on-smell-good books? Yes, we do.

Reserve Items

Ask at the library circulation desk whether there is a copy of your textbook, instructor books or articles, or a video on reserve for your out-of-class use.

Yes to covered drinks. Yes to quiet study groups. Yes to resources campus-wide and from home.

www.LoneStar.edu/Library
It’s Never Too Late
To Love to Read!

Have you ever seen someone sitting on a beach, reading a book, completely unaware of what is going on around them? Do you wish you could get that “into” a book?

It’s never too late to love to read!

The library has a new Young Adult Book Collection located by the paperbacks. The books are about “hot” topics and difficult issues, like violence, relationships, or addiction. Some of today’s popular fantasy books are included, as well as great classics, like Lord of the Flies and The Bell Jar.

The Kingwood Librarians have chosen books that will appeal to reluctant readers and will, hopefully, spark your love for reading. Stop by and take a look . . . suggestions for new reading materials are always welcome!

Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled “This could change your life.” - Helen Exley

A Chronicle of America
Across Three Centuries

Read the news that shaped a nation – as it happened. The library’s newest database, America’s Historical Newspapers, allows users to search hundreds of U.S. historical newspapers published between 1690 and 2000, including titles from all 50 states. This resource enables students to explore virtually every aspect of America during the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries.

Use America’s Historical Newspapers to find news articles covering topics in American history including government, politics, social issues, culture, discoveries, inventions and more from hundreds of primary sources. Search using either the timeline or topic search to easily find news and eyewitness accounts and pro/con articles of events, issues and daily life in the colonies or during the Revolutionary War, westward expansion, the Civil War, Reconstruction, industrialization, the Progressive Era, World War I and other time periods. Find this database at http://www.lonestar.edu/library/15182.htm

Key features:
• Over 11,000 issues
• Over 65,000 available pages
• Small town newspaper coverage, including 42 titles from Texas
• Timeline of U.S. history with links to articles in newspapers of the period
• Select information by location, dates, type, and era
• Illustrations, advertisements, classifieds, birth and marriage announcements, obituaries, stories about historic people exactly as they appeared in print

Five hints to help you study wisely

1. Study in chunks - 20-40 minute intervals. Take a 5-10 minute break - no longer. Do something different, and return to your studies.
2. Realize that every hour of study during the day is worth two at night.
3. Rank your classes. Spend the most time on the most challenging classes.
4. Ask yourself questions. Review your notes regularly; restate key concepts.
5. Get in a regular study group. Study groups are a good way to clarify and reinforce what you learn.
**NEWS & VIEWS**

**We’ve gone mobile**
For several years, Kingwood librarians have reached out to students through email, phone, Facebook, and chat. We now offer mobile apps for your convenience. Find out all about it at LSCS Research Apps & Tools page. Link to Help with Research from the LSC Library home page. You’ll find mobile pages for the library catalog and many of the research databases.

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**REVIEWS**

**Tweet this!**
How about a direct link to Twitter from our favorite database?
Project Muse is the best place to find scholarly articles for all disciplines: philosophy, sociology, psychology, or the arts! The full-text journals are heavily indexed and peer-reviewed, with critically acclaimed articles by the most respected scholars in their fields. Articles most selected are listed at the first of each month; this can be extremely helpful when selecting the best.

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**EXTRA**

**Living at home while in college**
Statistics show that over 65% of college students are staying home while going to college. If you are living at home, here are a few hints to help you make it successful. Repaint and redecorate your room in a more grown-up style. Create a study area (not your bed) where you can be alone and concentrate. Become part of college life: join a club and take part in college activities. Make new relationships and friends. Talk to your parents about expectations and goals. Talk about the differences in college and high school. You are not in grade 13, but you are still under the parental ‘roof.’
College students living away from home learn to manage their time, balance priorities, budget their money, and hone their life skills. Make a plan to learn these things while still living at home. Use the library and labs as get-aways.

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**Meet the Counselors**

**Judith Watson**  
Arts & Humanities

**Sharon Kenemore**  
Business, Technology, Social Sciences

**Dr. Suann Herford**  
Math, Applied Science, Health

**LeeAnn Coulson-Liebst**  
Special Needs Counselor
What has the library done for me lately?

One of the nicest things we have ever done for students is to prepare and maintain Assignment Guides. When an instructor has a library assignment involving research, they contact the librarians who make an online guide specifically for the assignment. Note: If there is no assignment guide for your course, let us know and we will talk with your professor.

**Features:**
- Include a background information and librarian guidance via audio
- Links to the best scholarly sources accessible on the Internet
- Links to the best databases for the assignment
- Many include short videos introducing the subject (Ethics) or add background (Frankenstein) to the assignment
- Librarian Talk (audio) for online students
- Completely accessible via any online computer – home, office, or school

**NAXOS MUSIC LIBRARY**

NML has over 75,000 tracks of classical, jazz, blues, gospel, new age, world, folk, and Chinese music recordings along with text information about the musical works.

**Features:**
- Create a playlist and download the app for listening
- 1000 new tracks added each month
- Keep up with your playlist and what is new on Facebook and Twitter
- Use the music to enhance your assignment or to get to know the music of the world
- Not likely you will find Lady Gaga, but there is much to be enjoyed and appreciated
- There is a small section by Spoken Word, reading books – especially children’s musicals

**NBC LEARN HIGHER ED**

Throw open the doors of the NBC News archive...NBC News is making thousands of videos, historic newreels, primary source documents, photographs and more available to instructors, researchers and students. Access over 10,000 video clips from current events to newreels dating back to the 1920s from celebrated NBC news programs.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

5 ways to celebrate your own creations

Google the following tech aids. They are free. Use them regularly.

1. If you haven't discovered SnipSnipIt, try it. It allows you to snip a part of a YouTube video and put it on your own site, blog, Twitter or Facebook page. Embed the shortened video in your class presentation.

2. Use wordle.net to create a mind cloud. Use it for your presentation heading or on your research assignment to add interest. Create a mind Cloud with your vocabulary words. Mind Cloud a speech and discover the speaker's themes. [See the word cloud listing Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences.]

3. Audiograbber allows users to change the cd format to .wav or .mp3 for use on the web or in a PowerPoint presentation.

4. Audacity is the software we use to edit or create audio files. It is easy to use and free.

5. Jing allows you to create screen prints. Download, create, add text or arrows, and save. Yippee!

Meet the Learning Center Staff

Vanessa Farmer is the tutor coordinator, scheduling tutoring and seminars. Working with her is Charlotte Iserhardt. The Learning Center offers tutoring, quiet study space, Student Success Seminars, and much more. They even help you arrange a study group. The computer lab in PAC 201 has all the software that is taught on campus, and the techs to help students use it. FREE!
LSC Library Books and Articles are in Google Scholar and Google Books

Use your favorite search engine to find research worthy resources from the LSCS Library Catalog and Databases.

Start your search in Google Scholar and link directly to full-text articles from Lone Star College Libraries' databases. Follow these steps to increase the number of full-text articles you can find using this easy search tool.

1. Use this direct link: [http://tinyurl.com/lscs-scholar](http://tinyurl.com/lscs-scholar) to access Google Scholar. If you are off-campus, use your barcode number to login.
2. Enter your search (Tip: Advanced Search will improve your search results).
3. Find the links to full-text articles in the right column. A link with “TexShare” or “jstor.org” will link into databases provided through the LSCS Libraries.

Go to Books.Google.com and search or browse topics or specific titles. Many classic novels are available full-text. For others, use the Find in a library link, enter your zip code (or 77070) to find out if Lone Star College System is listed. This link will go directly to the book listing in our Library Catalog.

Keeping up with technology

A new forecast published by Cisco Systems, Inc. predicts that, by 2015, there will be two internet connected devices for every person in the world. Whether you are choosing a device or looking for applications for school, work or fun, here are a few starting places good to know.

Trying to decide which smartphone, e-reader or tablet computer to buy? Start with CNet.com for objective information about the latest News, Reviews or Downloads.

Lonestar.edu/Library now features a mobile friendly menu - and mobile friendly versions of library article databases! Learn more at Research Apps & Tools page: [http://www.lonestar.edu/library/15366](http://www.lonestar.edu/library/15366). The page also features selected internet tools and apps that make it easy to manage your time, collect and organize your research, and cite sources.

New ‘cloud technology’ applications from Apple, Amazon, Google and more help you share your favorite web sites, music and documents between home and mobile devices and utilize the internet as a group sharing workspace to create and show presentations and videos.

Join our community group and learn more about some of these tools for working with images, creating and sharing presentations and other documents and collaborating for group assignments. Log into MyLoneStar, find the LSC-Online link and search for community group: “About Student Success from the Library, Learning Center and Counselors.” (See large ad.)

What do I Want to Be When I Grow Up?

Exploring career possibilities is the first step toward choosing a major in college. Career selection should lead to the selection of a college major. Research shows that people change careers during their lifetimes; many change often. The 2010 Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that between the ages of 18 and 44, there were job changes, on the average, of 11 times. People change. Jobs change. New options open up; options that aren’t available at the time you attend college.

We work most of our lives. Wouldn’t it be nice if the work we do is in a job group (sales, education, health care) we can love and be successful in? Find out through research. Answer these questions:

- What will I do on a daily basis in this job? Is this something I find satisfying?
- What education do I need? College (2 years, 4 years, more?) Certification?
- What do I need to know? Do I need technical skills? Other soft skills like teamwork, service, or management?
- How much money will I make? Is there room for advancement?
- What are the job options in this career? If I don’t like the exact job I take, what else can I do with my education and experience?
- What future growth is predicted for this job? Are there openings locally in this field? Will I have to move?
- Does this career suit my personality and my values?

The librarians will be pleased to help you find resources for exploring careers. Then, try the counselors who can move you to the next step: selecting a major that meets your needs and will bring you joy and satisfaction.
Wonder about your next academic or career step?

Do you get stressed about managing school, work and family obligations? The counselors at LSC-Kingwood are here to help with those and other concerns. Each of the three divisions, Arts & Humanities, Business, Social Sciences, and Technology, and Math, Science & Healthcare, has a counselor with specialized knowledge of the programs LSC offers. The Disability Services Counselor can help with learning challenges you may have. The counselors look forward to supporting you in your quest to achieve success in college and in life!

Copyright, Plagiarism, and Citing Sources

During the last six weeks of the semester, the library has a tutor on duty. The librarians are schooled in these three topics. And, the library will offer a sessions on Copyright, Plagiarism and Citing Sources. Watch for the announcement of these sessions and attend. Get help from the library or tutors. Don't wait until you are in trouble.

What does it mean if a class is SI supported?

It means you’re lucky! Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a program designed to help students who are enrolled in traditionally difficult courses – like Math, Chemistry, Biology, and Psychology – by providing peer-led study sessions outside of class. SI leaders are students who have successfully completed the course and are trained to combine course content with the learning strategies necessary to be successful in the course. Kingwood has an outstanding program, so if you find an SI in your classroom, please take advantage of the sessions – they’re free, and research shows that students who attend regularly make an average of one grade point higher than those who don’t!

Plagiarism! Use Turnitin.com

“Fine words! I wonder where you stole ‘em.” ~ Jonathan Swift

Merriam Webster defines plagiarize: to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one’s own: to use another’s production without crediting the source.

Turnitin is an online resource that stores data and compares research assignments, matching your assignment to its enormous database in a search for plagiarized papers. In addition to its own broad internet data, each paper checked by anyone in our System has been added to the Turnitin database. Lone Star system subscribes, and you are welcome to use Turnitin. Use the password to check your own paper, and attach the report to your assignment. Some faculty will have you do this. A large percent of plagiarism is made through lack of knowledge. Don’t find yourself if that trap. Just be safe, take time to Turnitin. You’ll be glad you did.

Using the Library Catalog

To avoid a huge result list of books, audios, and videos, use the combination search. You are searching the Lone Star, Harris County Public, and Montgomery County Public Shared Catalog. Need materials today? Limit to Kingwood Library. Check your account status and use the tab to access our journal and newspaper databases.

Student Success Seminars

All Times from 12:30pm – 1:20pm

Date Location Success Seminars
1/22/2013 PAC 202 Crash Course for College Students
1/22/2013 PAC 204 Effective Reading (Primary Sources)
1/24/2013 PAC 202 Time Management / Organization - Give Planners
1/24/2013 PAC 204 Fragments, Commas Splices, Fused Sentences
1/29/2013 PAC 202 Calculator, Significant Figures, Metric System
1/29/2013 PAC 204 Basic MS Word use
2/4/2013 PAC 202 Algebra, Dimensional Analysis
2/5/2013 PAC 204 Subject-Verb Agreement
2/7/2013 PAC 202 Get the Most from Your Notes
2/7/2013 PAC 204 Essay Writing for Social Sciences
2/12/2013 PAC 202 Problem Solving
2/12/2013 PAC 204 Essay Writing for Behavioral Sciences
2/14/2013 PAC 202 How to Survive Your Math Class
2/14/2013 PAC 204 Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement, Pronoun Case
2/19/2013 PAC 202 Fractions, Ratios and Percents
2/19/2013 PAC 204 Citations (MLA)
2/21/2013 PAC 202 Critical Thinking
2/21/2013 PAC 204 Power Point & Prezi
2/26/2013 PAC 202 Equations, Graphs and Logs
2/26/2013 PAC 204 Parallel Structure, Dangling and Misplaced Modifiers
2/28/2013 PAC 202 Study Smarter, Not Harder
2/28/2013 PAC 204 Citations (APA)
3/5/2013 PAC 204 Commas, Semicolons, Colons
3/7/2013 PAC 204 Video projects (youTube)
3/19/2013 PAC 204 Apostrophes, Quotation Marks, Question Marks, Capitalization
3/21/2013 PAC 202 Discover Your True Colors: A Personality Assessment
3/21/2013 PAC 204 Conducting and Documenting Interviews for Social/Behavioral Sciences
3/26/2013 PAC 202 Professionalism: Performing at a Higher Level
3/26/2013 PAC 204 OneNote – A Student Success Tool
3/28/2013 PAC 202 Exam Clinic: Preventative Medicine for Your Next Exam
4/4/2013 PAC 202 Resume Writing 101
4/9/2013 PAC 202 Understanding Credit Cards
4/11/2013 PAC 202 Job Search Tips and Hints
4/16/2013 PAC 202 Dealing with Stress
4/23/2013 PAC 202 Coping with Finals
4/25/2013 PAC 202 Ace Your Job Interview
Being SUCCESSFUL means…

Being successful in college does not mean you are the smartest person in the class. You can actually be a B student with an occasional A or C. Your grade does not describe how successful you are. The biggest mistake of non-successful students is that they quit or drop the class. You can't be successful if you aren't there. To be successful you need to:

1. Know the answer to, “Why am I in college?” (And, it has nothing to do with insurance.)
2. Take at least one class every semester. Keep on keeping on.
3. Set clear goals for each course. Triage ruthlessly. Study harder for the courses that are most important to your future.
4. Learn the material the first time it is presented. Read the textbook, take notes, ask questions, seek help. Review.
5. Attend every class and sit up front. Let the instructor know you are there by participating.
6. Set up a regular study schedule and study the hardest courses first. Join a study group.
7. Be balanced. Go out and do something active that will blow off steam and increase your energy.
8. Take part in campus life.
9. Get advice on courses to take, and talk with friends about the instructors teaching methods.
10. Take advantage of the academic support available free in the library, learning center, and labs.

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Actual Newspapers in print.

In the library you can actually read the Houston Chronicle, daily. Get the Houston news, sports, entertainment, local crime and politics, obits, and advertisements. In paper! Yes, of course we have it online, too. But if you have never had newsprint ink on your hands, come to the library and read the local. Smells good, too.

Look for the Wall Street Journal and Financial Times in the library.

Magazines and journals, check them out and take them home

We started checking out magazines last year. Not all libraries check these out, but we want you to enjoy everything we have. If you want to read one of the Nursing or Psychology journals for your class, check it out. Get to know the literature of your area of study. Or, enjoy Cooking Light or Time at home.

NOTE: 14-day checkout.

Coming this Spring

1. Success seminars are offered regularly in the Learning Center. Topics include Improving Study Habits, Test Anxiety, Note Taking, Handling Stress, Learning Styles, Improving Your Memory, Using Different Textbooks, and more.
2. A tutor will be in the library in February, March and April to help review research projects. Citation help given.
3. EXAM JAM will be the last Friday before exam week. Join the crowd to review for finals with faculty and tutors. The library is open for quiet study and brain game tournaments. A light supper will be served. Brain games and prizes.
4. Citation assistance is offered in the library at any time.
The Learning Center
Main Location – PAC 200

The Learning Center is a resource center for all Lone Star - Kingwood students and is here to help students (1) improve learning skills and (2) develop effective strategies for life-long learning. The Learning Center includes the Computer Lab, Success Training and Referral Program (STAR), the Tutoring Center and the Supplemental Instruction Program.

Q. How much does tutoring in the Learning Center cost?
A. It’s F-R-E-E, FREE!

Q. Who are the tutors?
A. Some are Lone Star College-Kingwood faculty, others have industry or graduate experience, and others still are alumni of Lone Star College or other universities in the region.

Q. What subjects are available for tutoring?
A. You name it, we can tutor it – from Accounting to English and Biology to Math – just take a look at our schedule online or pick one up in the Tutoring Center!

Q. Do I have to make an appointment to see a tutor?
A. Not necessarily, but making an appointment in Math or English guarantees that you will receive one-on-one tutoring for half an hour. The schedule also has times available for walk-in tutoring, without an appointment.

Q. What do I need to do in order to make an appointment?
A. You can speak with a receptionist in PAC 200 who will make the appointment for you, or you can call us at 281-312-1439 or you can go online to make an appointment: http://lonestar.mywconline.com/. Please be prepared to give your student ID number.

Q. What do I need to do in order to make an appointment?
A. Bring your library card (to check in) and the appropriate course materials that you would like to review with the tutor.

Study Groups
Find a few individuals in class with whom you can study, and the Learning Center will provide your group with:
• A group study room
• A seminar on effective study groups
• Learning Center resources (books, DVDs, videos, etc.)
All you have to do is contact us and complete a Study Group form.

Writing Center (PAC 208)
Get help with any writing project, attend writing related seminars and celebrate the art of writing! Visit the website for more information.

DS Writing & Reading Lab (LIB 219)
This walk-in lab is designed for students taking developmental reading or writing courses. DS students can work on any class assignments (ENGL 0304, 0305, 0306, 0307 classes), write essays and research papers or ask questions about reading, writing and grammar.

DS Math Lab (CLA 215)
This walk-in lab is designed for students taking developmental math courses. Students can work on any math assignments, prepare for math exams, or ask questions about math.

STAR Program
The Success Training and Referral (STAR) Program is a program designed to assist students in mastering skills that will provide them with long-term academic success. It functions similarly to tutoring in that students make 30 minute appointments. Unlike tutoring, however, in a STAR appointment students do not focus on a specific content area. Instead, they will focus on skills that will help them throughout their academic careers. STAR appointments will target areas such as time management, test taking tips, study strategies, and more. Students can make a STAR appointment by contacting us at 281-312-1439 or setting up an appointment online at http://lonestar.mywconline.com/.

Smart Start Stampede
January 31, 2013
Beginning in the fall, the Learning Center will host the “Smart Start Stampede” in conjunction with the Office of Student Life. This event will be a fair in the CLA courtyard (or HSB foyer in case of rain) that will be manned by various departments and academic organizations on campus. Each department will have activities and information to give to students that will help them to be successful during the semester. In addition, there will be demonstrations, activities and a few surprises!

Exam Jam
May 3, 2013 –
http://lonestar.edu/16812.htm

From 3 pm - 6 pm, students will have an opportunity to meet with faculty members, SI leaders and tutors for one last review session before final exams. The sessions will give students a final chance to understand what they should be studying to be successful on their final exams.

Students attending review sessions will get one prize ticket for each hour spent in a professor-led session, an SI-led session and/or a tutoring session. Then, students can submit their tickets for a chance to be chosen as a winner for a variety of great prizes, including a Kindle and special gift cards.

Also, food will be provided for students attending review sessions, and a carnival will be underway from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm for those who want to relax and have some fun. The library will be open until 7 pm for those students who want a place to study or work on the computer.

The end of the evening will feature the Exam Jam Bowl – an interactive quiz game featuring final exam questions submitted by campus instructors!

Schedule of Events
1:30 - 4:00 pm – Student and faculty registration in the PAC foyer
2:00 - 5:00 pm – Campus-wide review sessions for finals
5:00 - 6:00 pm – Exam Jam Bowl (PAC Theater)
5:30 - 7:00 pm – Food, games and raffle prizes!

Supplemental Instruction
SI Leaders are students who work in tandem with the curriculum and in specific classrooms. They provide guided group-study sessions so all students can reinforce their learning to make success more achievable.

If you would like more information on the SI program, visit: http://www.lonestar.edu/supplemental-instruction.htm.

Computer Lab
The Computer Lab has computers available to students, instructors, and community members. Instructors may reserve one of the computer labs for instruction. The Learning Center supports most software being taught at LSC-Kingwood. College students receive a free e-mail account and can access their account from the Lab or their home computer. Lab assistants are available at all times to deal with any technical difficulties.

www.LoneStar.edu/tutoring-kingwood.htm