Welcome to Michigan State University and the MSU Libraries! Our goal is to provide the best possible library service to support your research and teaching.

The Libraries advance knowledge and promote learning with a world-class collection of information resources, excellent service and technology-rich facilities that encourage both collaborative and independent study.

Subject Librarians

Subject librarians are available to assist you in using all the library’s collections and resources. Subject librarians:

- Provide reference consultation to you and your students.
- Teach class sessions about library resources and research methods.
- Prepare online course guides to identify the important resources and services for individual courses.
- Select the library’s books and journals in their subject area.

See the library website for your subject librarian’s contact information: lib.msu.edu/contact/subjectlibrarian.jsp.

Collection Highlights

The Libraries offer extensive print and online resources across the entire range of scholarly disciplines:

- 6,000,000 volumes
- 6,000,000 microforms
- 240,000 maps
- 70,000 sound recordings
- 193,000 journals and serials

In several collecting areas, the MSU Libraries’ resources are among the best in the world:

- The Africana Library is an internationally-recognized collection on African studies, with more than 270,000 books, journals, maps, archival collections, and e-resources.
- The Special Collections Division has more than 450,000 printed works, plus manuscripts, archival collections, and ephemera. The collection is heavily used by faculty and by students at all levels.
- The Comic Art Collection is easily the most well-known part of Special Collections: more than 200,000 comic books, plus comic strip proof sheets, graphic novels, books and journals about comic art. About 90% of our comic books are American, but our holdings from Europe, Latin America, and Asia are growing.
- The Cookery and Food Collection features over 25,000 cookbooks and food related items from as early as the sixteenth century up to the present from all continents of the world. In addition to cookbooks there are resources in diet, health, and nutrition from the very old to the latest diet fad.
• The Turfgrass Information Center is the most comprehensive publicly-available collection of turfgrass research and educational material in the world.

• The G. Robert Vincent Voice Library is a collection of more than 40,000 hours of spoken word recordings, dating back to the earliest days of sound technology.

Health Sciences Digital Library
The Health Sciences Digital Library website serves all faculty, staff, and students in MSU’s health colleges and other clinical and biomedical areas. This portal provides access to all our e-resources in the health sciences:
• e-books
• online journals
• databases of research literature
• evidence-based medicine and point-of-care resources

Contact the Health Sciences team: lib.msu.edu/health/stafflist.jsp. Health Sciences Digital Library website: lib.msu.edu/health.

Information Literacy Classes
If your students have a research assignment or term paper, an information literacy class may help!

The MSU Libraries’ Information Literacy unit fosters student learning by supporting analytical thinking, integrated reasoning, and effective communication through effective use of information. Librarians work with hundreds of classes every semester to introduce students to the most important resources and library services for their assignment, plus smart, time-saving research methods.

Request an information literacy session for your class at lib.msu.edu/about/libinstr/sessreq.jsp.

To learn more about this service, contact us via E-mail (libinstr@mail.lib.msu.edu) or by phone (517.432.6123).

Map Library
The Map Library houses a collection of general and thematic maps and atlases for every area of the world. The collection consists of sheet maps, folded geologic maps, atlases, gazetteers and other reference aids including wall maps, globes, CDs and Internet-accessible resources. For more information: http://www.lib.msu.edu/map/.

Stanley C. and Selma D. Hollander Faculty Book Collection
The MSU Faculty Book Collection was established in 1998 to recognize and honor the impressive body of scholarly and creative work produced by MSU faculty, emeriti faculty, and staff each year. Selected volumes by MSU faculty are on display in the Faculty Book Collection alcove located in the Main Library, 1st floor West wing.

Branch Libraries & Other Research Units
Vernon G. Grove Mathematics Library
Wells Hall, 619 Red Cedar Road, Room D-101
• Mathematics, statistics and probability, and science and mathematics education.
• Hours and more info: lib.msu.edu/branches/mth

William G. Gast Business Library
Law College Building, 648 North Shaw Lane, Room 50
• Accounting, advertising, hospitality management, human resources and labor relations, marketing and supply chain management.
• Group study rooms and a collaborative technology lab.
• Hours and more info: lib.msu.edu/branches/bus

Gull Lake Library
Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners, MI
• Ecology. (Materials from the Gull Lake branch can be requested by East Lansing users for delivery to the Main Library.)
• Hours and more info: lib.msu.edu/branches/gul

OTHER CAMPUS RESEARCH UNITS
John F. Schaefer Law Library
Law College Building, 648 North Shaw Lane
• The MSU College of Law library is administered separately from the rest of the MSU Libraries system, but most services and resources there are available to faculty and students outside the College of Law. For more information, visit law.msu.edu/library.

University Archives & Historical Collections
Conrad Hall, 888 Wilson Road
• Explore more than 150 years of MSU history at the University Archives! You'll find photographs, original letters and diaries, oral histories, student newspapers, scrapbooks and fascinating artifacts. For more information, visit archives.msu.edu.
**Borrowing Library Materials**

For full details, visit: lib.msu.edu/about/policy-lendingall.jsp

- Faculty may authorize someone else to check out books.
- Faculty and graduate students may check books and dissertations out for 180 days.

**MARS: MSU Article Retrieval Service**

Faculty and graduate students may use MARS to request an article from our collection that's only available in print, or a single chapter from a book. Library staff will retrieve the material, scan it, and send a link to the digital copy.

Please note that exact citations are required, and copyright law prohibits us from supplying more than one article from the same issue of a journal. Requests are typically filled in 2-3 days. For full details, visit lib.msu.edu/mars.

**Faculty/Staff Delivery**

MSU faculty and staff members may request that books be checked out to them and delivered to their offices or branch libraries. Look for the “Faculty Delivery” link in the library catalog.

**Michigan Research Libraries Triangle Borrowing Privileges**

MRLT is a cooperative venture among the three largest Michigan University Libraries—Michigan State University, University of Michigan and Wayne State University—to develop mutually beneficial policies related to circulation, material preservation, and availability, etc.

- Graduate students may check out materials from Wayne State University and University of Michigan Libraries by first inquiring at the MSU Main Library Circulation Desk.
- Books must be returned by you directly to the institution from which they were borrowed.

Faculty from the three institutions continue to have reciprocal borrowing privileges under the established guidelines. Check with the Circulation staff at the appropriate institution for further information.

**Interlibrary Services**

If you need a book the MSU Libraries don’t own, look for the “Check Other Libraries” link in the library catalog.

- **UBorrow** is a catalog of the Big 10 (or CIC) Libraries. UBorrow books have a loan period of 12 weeks, with one 4-week renewal allowed.

- **MeLCat** is a catalog of 400+ Michigan libraries. MeLCat books have a loan period of three weeks, with one renewal allowed.

Request articles through **ILLiad: interlib.lib.msu.edu**.

If the item you need isn’t available through these options, send us a request through **ILLiad: interlib.lib.msu.edu**.

**The Libraries’ Zine Collection** — held in both the Russel B. Nye Popular Culture Collection and the Radicalism Collection — includes titles from throughout the history of zines, preserving and documenting minority voices that might otherwise be lost.

“MSU is one of only a few forward thinking institutions that collects zines and other punk/hardcore ephemera. ... I am particularly interested in the Libraries’ robust and growing collection of punk zines from the 1990s. In the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, I regularly teach a sophomore tutorial on radical youth subcultures in which students both use the zines housed in Special Collections, as well as collaborate to make their own zines. The synergy between the libraries’ resources and my own collection allow students an entry point into youth cultures that otherwise they may never fully understand.”

Dylan A.T. Miner, Assistant Professor, MSU Residential College in the Arts and Humanities.
 Desire2Learn (D2L) Support  
The Libraries Distance Learning Services unit provides full support for MSU’s learning management system, Desire2Learn, including start-up, technical and access problems, and feature requests. Contact us at 1.800.500.1554 or reachout@msu.edu.

BrowZine  
The MSU Libraries have a subscription to BrowZine, an app you can use to read and stay current with scholarly journals:
- Create a bookshelf of your favorite journals for fast access
- Read articles in a format optimized for a tablet device
- Get alerts when new journal issues are published
- Save articles to Zotero, Dropbox, or an app of your choice for PDF collecting and notetaking
- Share links to articles with others by email, Facebook, Twitter
Visit libguides.lib.msu.edu/browzineapp for more info.

Copyright Services  
The Office of Copyright strives to educate the MSU community about copyright law and compliance through online tutorials, in-person workshops, consultations, and many other activities. If you need any assistance with copyright, please contact the Office of Copyright at copyright@msu.edu or 517.884.1960.

Course Materials Program  
The MSU Course Materials Program offers the best value in quality course packs. We handle all copyright clearances for you and can often negotiate lower fees from rights owners than commercial services—which translates to lower prices for your students. Printed coursepack sales are handled through the Spartan Bookstore at MSU’s International Center. Electronic Course Packs, available through D2L, allow for students to have access to course materials instantly. Full details on the Course Materials Program are at lib.msu.edu/about/coursemat.

Course Reserves  
Library-owned print material, as well as personal material, sample exam questions, lecture notes, and photocopied articles may be placed on Reserved Reading in the Main Library and Business Library. Visit lib.msu.edu/contact/request-reserve.jsp to request an item be placed on reserve. Stable links can be created within Desire2Learn to the full-text of articles available digitally through one of the Libraries’ electronic resources.

Digital Scholarship Collaborative  
The DSC is available to consult, instruct, and partner with faculty and students in exploring emerging trends in research and scholarship. Learn more at lib.msu.edu/dsc.
- The Data Services unit can help identify and access numeric data sets for secondary research analysis. Our emphasis is on the social sciences.
- The Digital Curation unit can identify standards and recommend tools to improve the visibility, utility and impact of research outputs no matter where you are in the research lifecycle—from start-up project to post-factum curation.
- The Research Data Management Guidance service (RDMG) advises on effective research data management strategies including meeting funding agency requirements, writing a Data Management Plan (DMP), and identifying disciplinary standards and repositories for research data. The RDMG service is a joint effort between the MSU Libraries and the University Archives.
- The Library’s Digital Humanities team works in partnership with faculty, students, organizations, and centers to grow and sustain DH research and pedagogy. Within the Library’s overall DH effort Digital Text Services provides assistance and potential collaboration in the capture, creation, and management of digital text that supports research in the humanities, social sciences, and beyond.

Espresso Book Machine  
Print your own paperback book onsite with our Espresso Book Machine (EBM) in the Main Library Copy Center. For pricing and additional information visit: lib.msu.edu/about/ebm. To plan your custom printing project, contact the EBM coordinator: 517.884.0827 or ebm@mail.lib.msu.edu.

Free Workshops  
The library offers free seminars and workshops to help develop your research skills, including:
- Library Bootcamp (in English and in Chinese)
- Search the Web Like a Pro
- Proposal Writing Basics
- Finding Academic Funding
Enrollment is first-come, first-served. For more information and to register, visit classes.lib.msu.edu.

Make@State —the MSU Libraries’ Makerspace  
Make@State provides services, equipment, and a space for active collaborative learning. Explore how 3D Printing, vinyl- and laser-cutting can enhance your teaching and learning. Starter kits for electronic development that come with components to begin using the electronics right away can be checked out at the Main Library Copy Center Service Desk (2-West). For more information visit https://www.lib.msu.edu/makeatstate/.