

STUDENT LIBRARY NEWS

Newsletter of MVCC Libraries

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Library Hours This Fall

Utica Campus, Payne Hall 200

Monday through Thursday, 8:00am-6:00pm

Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

Weekends, closed

Rome Campus, Plumley Complex 101

Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Weekends, closed

Online help from an MVCC Librarian

Monday through Thursday, 8:00am-9:00pm

Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

Saturday, 12:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday, 2:00pm-7:00pm

*Research help is available 24/7 through [Library chat](#), but the librarian will not be from MVCC outside of the hours above.



Utica library computer lab at half capacity

Changes to the Library for Fall 2020

Doorside pick up is available

MVCC students now have the option of picking up their library items on hold outside of either campus library. See our [video](#) to learn how to place items on hold and how to schedule doorside pickup.

Study rooms are available for synchronous class time

Study rooms are now equipped with computers and webcams for students needing a quiet place to connect to online class meetings. The "Zoom Rooms" are available to reserve in advance. Just call or come to the library's front desk to make a reservation.

Librarians are available for Zoom appointments

Need help finding sources, formatting your paper, or citing? Make an appointment via email (library@mvcc.edu) or through our [online form](#) to meet virtually with a librarian.

Virtually browse the Bestseller Collection

You don't need to come to the library to browse the Bestseller Collection. Check out the [online Bestseller's page](#) to browse and put your new favorite read on hold.

Social distancing & face masks

Both campus libraries have changed furniture and computer arrangements to follow CDC social distancing guidelines. A face mask must be worn at all times in the library. Food is not allowed in the library this term.

What has not changed

The physical collection is available for borrowing.

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Computers, printers, scanners, and copiers are available.

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Librarians can help you in-person or online.

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Text or chat online with a librarian for help with research or citation.

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Library databases with ebooks, articles, and streaming videos are available virtually.

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Sign into library databases from off-campus with the same username and password you use for your MVCC student email login.

# Still Have Library Materials From Last Semester?

All materials checked out during the Spring semester are currently past due, but don't stress. There's no fee as long as you return the items. If you are not currently living in the Utica or Rome region, MVCC materials may be returned to any other SUNY campus library.

Not sure if you have any items currently checked out? [Log in to your online library account](#), email us, or call the circulation desk at 315-792-5408.



## Textbooks at the Library

Both campus libraries have several class textbooks available on reserve. Reserved items are located behind the Circulation Desk. They typically are available for 3 hours for in-library use. This is to ensure as many students get access to the textbook as possible. Unfortunately, publishers will not allow libraries to purchase electronic versions of textbooks (we wish we could!). Publishing companies make their money by selling or renting e-textbooks directly to students and preventing libraries from purchasing electronic copies.

Want to find out if your textbook is available at one of the MVCC Libraries? Search for the title in the [online library catalog](#). Use the search filters to narrow results to books or search the Course Reserves collection specifically. You can also call or [chat online](#) with a librarian, and we will search for your textbook for you.

## Library Instructional Videos

[Introduction to the Utica Campus Library](#)

[Finding Background Information](#)

[Finding Scholarly Sources](#)

[Finding Literary Criticisms](#)

[Library Citation Tool](#)

[Signing into your Library Account](#)

[Placing a Book on Hold](#)

[Overview of Searching the Library Website](#)

[Blackboard Collaborate Ultra for Instructors](#)

[See our full video tutorial collection](#)

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# ONLINE GUIDES TO HELP WITH RESEARCH

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[Finding Scholarly  
Sources](#)

[Steps of the Research  
Process](#)

[How to Find Primary &  
Secondary Sources](#)

[How to Identify and  
Avoid Fake News](#)

[How to Research for a  
Persuasive or  
Argumentative  
Paper/Speech](#)

Citation Style Guides

- [MLA](#)
- [APA](#)
- [Chicago \(History\)](#)
- [Integrating Sources:  
Signal Phrase Guide](#)

*Librarians are  
here to help!*



## Citing Sources for a Research Paper

A common requirement for college level research is supporting claims with evidence. Your professor will be expecting you to provide credit to the creators of your evidence in the form of citations. Citations are like breadcrumbs for your reader leading them to the sources you used during the research process. Citations take the form of in-text citations, which usually just includes the author's last name and a page number if available, and a comprehensive list of all of your sources in alphabetical order with full publication information. The main citation styles used at MVCC are MLA (often used by Humanities like English classes) and APA (often used by Social Sciences & Criminal Justice). Your professor will stipulate which citation style to use.

Here are some video tutorials and web pages to help you with citations.

[Farmingdale's videos on APA & MLA citations](#)

[Using the Library Citation Tool Video](#)

[MVCC's Citing Sources Web Page](#)

[Purdue Online Writing Lab](#)

[ZoteroBib](#)

Librarians are happy to help you with citations whether in-person or online. You can [chat online](#) with a librarian any time, day or night.

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# NEW ONLINE DATABASES

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[Chronicle of Higher  
Education](#)

[EBSCO eBooks  
Academic Collection](#)

[New York Times Online](#)

[ProQuest Research  
Companion](#)

[Utica OD](#)

[See our full list of  
databases](#)

## CONTACT THE LIBRARY

- Utica Circulation | 315-792-5408
- Utica Research Assistance | 315-792-5561
- Rome Circulation & Research | 315-334-7728
- [Click to access the chat | 24/7](#)
- Text | 315-508-4464
- Schedule a Zoom meeting [here](#)
- Email | [library@mvcc.edu](mailto:library@mvcc.edu)

## LOGGING INTO THE LIBRARY

- TO ACCESS THE LIBRARY DATABASES OFF-CAMPUS |
  - MVCC username (e.g. jdoe16) and email password (e.g. last four digits of SSN or M#)
- TO HOLD ITEMS & [ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT](#) |
  - M number and six-digit SIRS PIN

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