

FACULTY LIBRARY NEWS

Newsletter of MVCC Libraries

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Library Hours This Fall

Utica Campus

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

Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

Weekends, closed

Rome Campus

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

New delivery options

Faculty and students now have the option of picking up their on-hold items outside of the library by appointment. Faculty also have the option of having their holds delivered through interoffice mail. See our [video on placing items on hold](#) for more information.

Social distancing

Both campus libraries have changed furniture and computer arrangements to follow CDC social distancing guidelines.

Study rooms are available for synchronous classes

Study rooms are now equipped with computers and webcams for students needing a quiet place to connect to synchronous class activities.

Librarians are available for Zoom appointments

Make an appointment via email or through our [online form](#) to meet virtually with a librarian. Encourage your students to meet with us too!

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. Your selection can even be sent to your MVCC mailbox!

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 guest lecture online or in your classroom.

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Librarians are available in-person or online to help you or your students.

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

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You can embed database videos or articles into your Blackboard course.

# Online Library Instruction

Librarians teach somewhere between 80 to 100 classes on research and citation in an average semester. This semester is anything but average, but librarians are still available to help whether it is online or in-person.

There is a convenient [online form](#) to book a librarian to guest lecture for your class. Whether you prefer synchronous or asynchronous instruction, we will make a plan to help your students. Librarians are well trained in active learning techniques, and teaching over Zoom, Google Meet, or Blackboard Collaborate Ultra.



*Librarians are available to teach!*

## Still Have Library Materials From Last Semester?

That's okay! All materials checked out during the Spring semester are due on September 1, 2020. If you are not currently living in the Utica area, 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.

## Library Instructional Videos

[Introduction to the Utica 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](#)

# NEW ONLINE DATABASES

Chronicle of Higher  
Education

EBSCO eBooks  
Academic Collection

New York Times Online

ProQuest Research  
Companion

Utica OD

See our full list of  
databases

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Unfortunately, we had
to say goodbye to the
databases
Issues & Controversies
and Nexis Uni.

The image shows a Blackboard course page. On the left is a sidebar menu for 'EN101 English 1 Composition Supplemental Spring 2020 cm 20168 (202001-20168)'. The menu includes 'Announcements', 'Syllabus', 'Course Documents', 'Discussions', 'Tools', and 'Help'. Below this is a 'COURSE MANAGEMENT' section with options like 'Control Panel', 'Files', 'Course Tools', 'Evaluation', 'Grade Center', 'Users and Groups', 'Customization', 'Packages and Utilities', and 'Help'. On the right, there are two video thumbnails. The top one is titled 'Research and citation help for Social Issues paper' and shows a video about finding scholarly sources. The bottom one is titled 'Video about the citation creation tool available through the library website' and shows a video about the MLA style guide.

Library Resources Embedded into your Blackboard Site

We all want students to use appropriate sources and cite them properly. Embedding library resources directly into a Blackboard course is one way to connect students to the information they need.

You can link to articles, search results, eBooks, and videos stored within library databases. In order to link to content within the library subscription databases, the proxy server address must be attached to the URL. Many databases add the proxy server address automatically for you with the stable URL link, but not all, so be sure to check and make sure the proxy server address is present. Our proxy server address is <https://mvcc.idm.oclc.org/login?url=>. [Read more about persistent URLs to library resources](#)

Did you know librarians can be added to your online course as a teaching assistant? Librarians can add relevant research and library related resources, such as a librarian chat widget, research guides, citation help, instructional videos, and suggested search strategies based on a specific assignment in your Blackboard site. The embedded librarian will coordinate with you to place the resources in an appropriate location. [Contact the library](#) to get the ball rolling.

CHECK THIS OUT!

Browse [new popular library books](#) from your computer

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Considering a transition to an OER textbook? Check out the [OER LibGuide](#) and remember librarians are happy to help.

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Video databases for any discipline:
[Films on Demand](#)
[Kanopy](#)

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[Faculty Services LibGuide](#)

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[MVCC Yearbooks \(1950-1989\)](#) have been digitized



Lack of eTextbook Options for Libraries

Several colleges and universities have released statements regarding textbook access and libraries. We won't try to recreate what [others have stated](#) so eloquently, but we want to make our faculty aware of the severe limitations the library faces in helping students with accessing textbooks when we cannot rely on a print reserves collection. There simply isn't a legal, affordable avenue for us to provide digital access to textbooks. Publishers often will not sell electronic textbooks to libraries (no matter the school's budget). Publishers make their money selling or renting ebooks directly to students and make it impossible for libraries to purchase electronic versions of textbooks.

If you are concerned about providing equitable access to your course materials during the pandemic, please contact the library. We will be happy to work with you to explore options for your course materials, including [Open Educational Resources](#), existing ebooks in the library collection, and online reserves (within fair use under copyright law).

Pickup library materials
without entering the
building using

DOORSIDE Pickup



Simply request your
materials via your online
library account. Reply to
the email notification
saying materials are
ready and set up a time to
pickup.

We will meet you outside
of the library!



Connecting you to more Academic eBooks with EBSCO

To meet the growing need to access books remotely, MVCC Library is now subscribing to the [EBSCO eBooks Academic Collection](#). This multidisciplinary collection includes over 260,000 electronic books covering a broad range of academic subjects and features titles from leading publishers and university presses.

To find out everything there is to know about exploring EBSCO eBooks and using them, please visit [EBSCO's guide on using eBooks for faculty](#). You may also like to view short videos on [searching](#) for, [reading](#), and [downloading](#) them to your computer or mobile device.

EBSCO eBooks Academic Collection can be found on the Library's [A-Z database listing](#).

Utica campus library: 315-792-5408

Rome campus library: 315-334-7728

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