Library Instruction

Librarians work with faculty to teach information competency through general and specialized orientations lasting from 30 - 90 minutes over one or more class sessions, as requested by faculty. Most classes come to the library but we can also come to your classroom!

A general library orientation can introduce students to our online catalog, demonstrate searches in our online databases, and provide an overview of our library and its services. For general sessions, ask us about our scavenger hunt.

A specialized orientation can be developed and tailored for a defined subject area or assignment. Some examples include:

- Narrowing a topic
- Use of specific database(s) for topic
- Citation style formats (MLA, APA, ASA)
- Evaluating resources/Fake news
- Plagiarism
- Activity for one or more of the above
- And more...

Orientations are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore, we recommend scheduling your session as soon as possible. Based on availability, your session will be scheduled and assigned to a librarian.

When scheduling an orientation, please attach your assignment and provide a MINIMUM of 1 week's notice.

Please complete the online request form for orientation requests: bit.ly/RioLibRequest

LibGuides for You

Librarians can create a LibGuide for your specific course or section which can include information for your specific assignment and/or course topic(s). All information can be customized to fit your needs.

LibGuides can be embedded in your online class, added to your syllabus, and shared through Canvas. Ask your librarian liaison for more details!

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Faculty-Librarian Collaboration & Planning

The librarians are available to work with you on extended projects to teach information literacy skills to your classes, make library materials available for your courses, and provide specialized research consultations for your students.

We can curate resources, recommend items for reserve, test the research assignment from a user's point of view, suggest types of library instruction, and provide professional consultation to develop an effective assignment that incorporates information competency skills.

Request for Resources & Library Reserves

The librarian liaison to your department will work with you to obtain the books, videos, or journal subscriptions that your classes will need for their assignments. Please check our website for your liaison.

We strongly encourage faculty to place a copy of their textbook and other course materials on library reserve. Fill out the form & submit to Circulation Desk: bity.ly/RioLibReserves

Workshops

The library offers a range of drop-in workshops each semester. Once ready, the workshop schedule is published on our website and sent to faculty via email. Groups of 4 students may also schedule a private workshop with a librarian.

Examples of workshop topics include: using the library research databases, avoiding plagiarism, evaluating websites, citation style formats, Google Drive & Microsoft Apps for college work, etc.