Student Services

Books, Periodicals, & Library Catalog

The library has more than 70,000 books, most of which you can check out. Reference and reserve books are for use only within the library. In addition, we provide access to databases of e-books. We also subscribe to more than 150 periodicals (magazines, journals and newspapers) in print and to more than 2,500 others through our online databases. To find out what books, magazines, journals, newspapers and audiovisual materials the library owns, use the online library catalog on the library home page.

Computer Commons

The library has more than 40 computer workstations for your research needs in the Computer Commons located right across from the reference desk. Sign in to any available computer using your AccessRio username and password, or ask a librarian at the Reference Desk for help.

Printing & Photocopying
at the Library Copy Center

Print from any of the library’s computers or from your wireless laptop, then retrieve your copies at the Copy Center using your myprint.riohondo.edu account. Located next to the circulation desk, the self-service Copy Center has photocopiers and printers for your use. Add cash to your MyPrint account at the Copy Center, or transfer money online from your debit/credit card or PayPal account. Prints & copies are 10¢ (black & white) or $1.00 (color) each.

Group Study Rooms

You can reserve one of seven group study rooms if you would like to study or work with friends. Your group must consist of at least two people. Go to the reference desk, or call (562) 908-3484, to book the room for up to 2-hours. You may book a group study room up to a week in advance.

Reserve Materials

Some of your textbooks and course materials may have been placed on reserve by your instructor. Check first if the library has a copy of your textbook by using the online library catalog. Go to the circulation desk to check out reserve items. These are for 2-hour use only within the library.

Your Library Card

Your Rio Hondo student ID serves as your library card. Activate your library privileges every semester at the circulation desk, next to the entrance of the library, by presenting your student ID. You must have a picture ID with you in order to check out library materials, including reserve books. There is a 3-week loan period for most items; however, videos and reserve books are room-use only for two hours.

Research Assistance

Reference librarians can help you find what you need for your research paper. Come to the Reference Desk to learn to use the online catalog, select an appropriate online database, focus your research question and/or use correct citation formats. Appointments available for extended consultation.

Online Databases

As a Rio Hondo College student, you can use any of our online databases for your research from any on-campus computer. For off-campus access, sign in to AccessRio on the college home page www.riohondo.edu or directly on accessriopro.riohondo.edu. Click on the Library tab and then select a database from the middle column. Enter your AccessRio username and password when prompted.

Library Research Guides

Many instructors bring their classes to the library for focused instruction by librarians on research sources and techniques. Librarians have put together LibGuides to supplement and emphasize the instruction given to these classes. You can view the list of completed LibGuides on our home page www.riohondo.edu/library under “Research Guides.”

LIB 101

The library offers “Fundamentals of Library Research,” a 3-unit course that transfers to UC and CSU. Here you will learn to use information resources that will help you when you conduct research in an academic library, including online catalogs websites, databases, etc. Offered every term, you can take this class on-campus or online. Consult the current class schedule for availability and instructions on enrolling.