Library Instruction

Librarians work with faculty to teach information literacy through general and specialized orientations lasting from 30 to 90 minutes, over one or more class sessions, as requested by faculty. Most classes visit RHC Library, but librarians can go to Educational Centers or your classroom!

A general library orientation introduces students to the online library catalog, demonstrates searches in online databases, and provides an overview of the Library and its services. For introductory sessions, ask librarians about the library scavenger hunt activity.

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 (e.g., MLA, APA, ASA)
- Evaluating resources/fake news
- Plagiarism
- Activities for one or more of the topics above

Orientations are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore, librarians recommend scheduling your session as soon as possible with a minimum of one week's notice. Based on availability, your session will be scheduled and assigned to a librarian.

When scheduling a library orientation, please attach your assignment. Make all orientation requests by completing the online request form at bit.ly/RioLibRequest.

LibGuides for Faculty Members

LibGuides are online research guides, created by librarians, that can focus on specific subjects, topics, or an entire course. With advance notice, RHC librarians can work with you to create a LibGuide for your course or section that can include information for specific assignments and/or course topic(s). All information can be customized to fit faculty and student needs.

LibGuides can be embedded in an online class, added to a syllabus, and/or shared through Canvas. Ask your librarian liaison for more details: bit.ly/libliaisons.

Workshops

The Library offers a range of drop-in workshops each semester. The workshop schedule is published on the Library 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 databases, avoiding plagiarism, evaluating websites, citation style formats, Google & Microsoft Apps for college work, and zines.

Full-Time Librarians

Full-time librarians liaise with divisions and departments in the areas of collection development and instruction. (Please see bit.ly/libliaisons or reverse for details.)

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Part-Time Librarians

Part-time librarians teach LIB 101, lead orientations and workshops, curate displays, and serve at the Library’s Reference Desk (562-908-3848).

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For specific inquiries:
- Archives: Gina Singh
- Library Displays: Karen Bourgaize
- LIB 101: Carolyn Oldham and Patricia Stumpf-Garcia

Collaboration

Librarians are available to work with faculty on extended projects to teach information literacy skills, make library materials available for courses, and provide specialized one-on-one research consultations to students. Collaboration counts as an approved FLEX activity.

Librarians can also curate resources, recommend items for reserve, test research assignments from a user’s point of view, suggest types of library instruction, and provide professional consultation to develop effective assignments that incorporate information literacy skills.

Requests for Resources & Library Reserves

The librarian liaison to your department or division will work with you to obtain the books, films, or journal subscriptions that students need for their assignments.

Librarians strongly encourage faculty members to place a copy of all textbooks and other course materials on library reserve. Go to bit.ly/RioLibReserves1 to access the Reserves Form. Please print the form, fill it out, and submit it at the Circulation Desk.
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