Student Services

Books, Periodicals, & Library Catalog
RHC Library has thousands of books for research and pleasure reading such as Graphic Novels and Popular Reading books, as well as eBooks. Books on shelves are organized by the Library of Congress Classification System.

Magazines and newspapers are available for library use only. Also, over 65 magazines can be accessed through Flipster as well as thousands of other periodicals through online databases. Find library materials through the online Library Catalog. Resources not in the catalog can be requested through Inter-library Loan.

Reserve & Reference Materials
Some textbooks and course materials are in the Reserve Collection for 2-hour library-use only from the Circulation Desk. Check the Catalog or ask a Librarian for help.

The Reference Collection (encyclopedias, dictionaries, and other reference materials) are for library-use only.

Computers & Laptops
The Library has more than 40 computer workstations located across from the Reference Desk. Sign in to any available computer using your AccessRio username and password. To extend your time on the computer or for any computer help, ask a librarian at the Reference Desk. 25 laptops are available for check-out at the Circulation Desk.

Printing & Photocopying: Copy Center
Print from any of the Library’s computers or wirelessly from your laptop. Located next to the Circulation Desk, retrieve your prints at the Copy Center using your AccessRio credentials. The self-service Copy Center also has photocopiers for your use. Prints or copies are $0.10 (black & white) or $0.50 (color) each. Add cash to your MyPrint account at the Copy Center or add money online (myprint.riohondo.edu) with your debit/credit card or PayPal account.

Group Study Rooms
Study rooms can be reserved by groups of 2 to 6 people for up to 2 hours a day. There are 7 study rooms available. Go to the Reference Desk, or call (562) 908-3484, to book a room. You may book a group study room up to a week in advance.

Library Card & Circulation Desk
Your Rio Hondo student ID or valid picture ID serves as your library card which you must present in order to check out Library materials. You may borrow up to 10 items. There is a 3-week loan period for most items with one renewal. Students can also borrow materials from Cal State L.A.

Laptops, DVDs/videos, phone chargers, headphones, noise canceling ear muffs, and reserve books are library-use only for 2 hours. Calculators are available for 1 week. Students can also send a fax at the Circulation Desk.

Research Help & Reference Desk
Need help finding a book, using a database, refining a research question, or using citation formats? Reference Librarians are available in-person at the Reference Desk, by phone, by chat, and by text!

Online Databases
Rio Hondo College students can use any of the online databases for research through the database page on the Library website OR through AccessRio.

If you are off-campus, log in to AccessRio to use the links on the website's database page or click on the "Library" menu option in AccessRio and then select a database from the right column. Students can also visit Cal State L.A. for single-day access to their databases.

Library Research Guides
Library research guides or LibGuides are created for students to revisit the research sources and techniques taught in library orientations. They are available 24 hours a day at libguides.riohondo.edu or from the library website.

LIB 101 (3-unit course)
The Library offers Research Skills & Information Intelligence, a 3-unit course that transfers to UC and CSU. Students learn to use information resources to conduct research in an academic library, including scholarly books, online catalogs, websites, and databases. Offered every term, this class is currently offered online only. Consult the current class schedule for availability.

Visit us at: www.riohondo.edu/library
If you have any questions, please ask a Librarian at the Reference Desk!

NO FOOD OR DRINKS (except water)