Books, Periodicals, and OneSearch

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.

Print magazines and newspapers are available for library use only. Digital magazines as well as thousands of other periodicals are available through online databases.

Find library materials through the online OneSearch.

Reserve and Reference Materials

Some textbooks and course materials are in the Reserve Collection for 2-hour library use only and can be borrowed from the Circulation Desk. Check OneSearch or ask a Librarian for help.

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

Computers and Laptops

The Library has more than 40 computer workstations located across from the Reference Desk, as well as 10 iMacs. Sign into any available PC 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. No sign-in required for the iMacs.

Printing and Photocopying: Copy Center

Print from any of the Library's computers or wireless 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 gorio.page/rhclstudy to book a room. You may book a group study room up to a week in advance.

Scanners

There are 2 desktop scanners available for free use at computers in front of the Reference Desk. There is a BookEye Scanner at the Copy Center which can be used for high speed scanning of textbooks for free. Files can be saved with a flash drive.

Library Card and Circulation Desk

You need to know your Río Hondo student ID number and have a picture ID in order to borrow materials. You may borrow up to 10 items, including technology. There is a 3-week loan period for most items with one renewal. Students can also borrow materials from Cal State L.A.

DVDs, phone chargers, headphones, noise canceling headsets, and Reserve books are for library use only. Technology that may be available to take home includes calculators, hotspots, and chromebooks. Check for availability.

Research Help and 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 or by phone, chat, email, and text.

Online Databases

Río Hondo College students can use any of the online databases for research through the Library’s database page or through AccessRio.

If you are off-campus, you will be prompted to log into AccessRio to access the databases. 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 and Information Literacy, a 3-unit course that transfers to UC and CSU. Consult the current class schedule for availability.
If you have any questions, please ask a Librarian at the Reference Desk!

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