

# INSIGHT

THE LIBRARY & LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES NEWSLETTER



## From the Dean

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the Spring 2024 semester! I'm happy to share the first-ever issue of *Insight*, the official newsletter of the Division of Library and Learning Support Services (L&LSS)!

With contributions from staff and faculty, this new newsletter will feature all the information you need to know about RHC Library *and* RHC's Learning Support Services centers, including the Learning Assistance Center (LAC), the Writers' Resource Center (WRC), and the Math, Science, and Engineering Center (MSEC), all of which are in the same building on campus—the Learning Resource Center building (LRC).

We'll publish issues of *Insight* at the beginning of every semester to let the entire RHC community—students, staff, faculty, and administrators—know about the amazing resources, services, and programs the amazing L&LSS staff and faculty offer regularly in the LRC. This first issue contains basic but important information about the Library, LAC/WRC, and MSEC, but remember: If you have *any* questions, team members here are dedicated to helping you whenever and wherever you need us, so don't hesitate to ask!

We hope this first issue of *Insight* is helpful, and look forward to connecting with you this semester at the Library, LRC/WRC, and MSEC!

Sincerely,  
Mike Garabedian  
Dean, Library and Learning Support Services

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About

# Río Hondo College Library

The Library is sometimes described as the intellectual hub of the campus, because this is the place where students read and do homework; work with librarians to learn how to find books and articles, do research, and cite sources; and take advantage of free resources like computers, scanners, and printers. But the Library is also a cozy spot to read a book, reserve a group study room, or just take a break in a comfy chair or on top of an oversized bean bag!

## Information Resources & the Library Catalog

The Library has almost 90,000 print books—including things like graphic novels and children's books—hundreds of thousands of electronic books, hundreds of thousands of scholarly journal articles that “live” in a whole bunch of databases, and thousands of streaming videos, all of which you can discover via the Library's catalog using the OneSearch tool: <https://gorio.page/onesearch>.

Need help finding a particular book or article—or finding books and articles about a particular subject? *No problem:*

## Ask a Librarian!

Friendly, accessible, helpful librarians staff the Library's Reference Desk every hour of every day the Library is open to help you with your research and information needs. If you have questions about *anything* related to research, librarians are here to help! To get assistance from a librarian, you can come into the Library, call (562) 908-3484, send a text to (562) 418-5253, or go the website ([www.riohondo.edu/library](http://www.riohondo.edu/library)) to start a chat!

## Orientations, Guides, and Workshops

Additionally, librarians lead classes in library orientations and research instruction sessions (upon instructors' requests), teach library- and research-related workshops, which you can learn about on page 3), and author research guides (see [libguides.www.riohondo.edu/index.php](http://libguides.www.riohondo.edu/index.php)).

## Computers, Printing/Copying, & Study Spaces

But wait, there's more! In Spring 2024, the Library's Computer Commons and classrooms got more than 100 brand new PC desktop computers and laptops! Students can use these computers to get online, Zoom, or access the Library's electronic resources. Students can also print from these computers in the Library's Copy Center, which also includes copy machines and rapid scanners for student use. Finally, the Library has *tons* of great spaces to study alone or in groups, including group study rooms, which students can reserve at <https://gorio.page/studyrooms>!

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RÍO HONDO COLLEGE LIBRARY



# READY TO EXPLORE?

## CONNECT & LEARN

Enjoy a safe and welcoming environment with free computers, study rooms, study carrels, and bean bags!

## LOCATED ON 2ND FLOOR OF LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

The Library offers a full range of print & electronic resources and provides printing for just 10¢ a page!



SCAN HERE TO VISIT THE LIBRARY HOMEPAGE & LEARN MORE!



# LIBRARY FUNDAMENTALS

## LOCATION

RHC Library is on the second floor of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) building.

## HOURS: SPRING 2024

Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Fridays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Circulation Desk: (562) 908-3416

Reference Desk: (562) 908-3484 or,  
Text-a-Librarian: (562) 418-5253

Email: [riohondocollegelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:riohondocollegelibrary@gmail.com)

Website: [www.riohondo.edu/library](http://www.riohondo.edu/library)



# Spring 2024 Library Workshops

RHC librarians will lead four in-person research workshops in the Library this semester, in Room LR-224 in the Library:

## 1. Need Articles? Use Online Databases

Monday, February 12 at 10 a.m. and again on Wednesday, April 17 at 1 p.m.

## 2. Find Books & Ebooks Fast: Using the Library Catalog

Thursday, February 13 at 1 p.m. and again on Tuesday, April 2 at 1 p.m.

## 3. Evaluating Online Sources for College Research

Monday, March 4 at 10 a.m. and again on Wednesday, May 1 at 1 p.m.


## 4. Cite it Right to Avoid Plagiarism

Wednesday, March 6 at 10 a.m. and again on Thursday, May 2 at 1 p.m.

Additionally, RHC Library offers six online, asynchronous workshops at <https://gorio.page/rhclworkshops>:

1. Choosing and Refining Your Research Topic
2. Google Tips and Tricks
3. Need Articles? Use Online Databases
4. Find Books & Ebooks Fast: Using the Library Catalog
5. Evaluating Online Sources for College Research
6. Cite it Right to Avoid Plagiarism

Librarian-led workshops are a great way for anyone—students, staff, faculty, and administrators—to learn more about how to find and use the Library’s information resources for research. And some professors offer extra credit to students who attend RHC Library workshops: If you’re a student, ask your professor!



**SPRING 2024  
LIBRARY  
WORKSHOPS**

**IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS HELD IN LR-224:**


**NEED ARTICLES?  
USE ONLINE DATABASES**  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 @ 10 AM (IN LR-230)  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 @ 1 PM

**FIND BOOKS & EBOOKS FAST:  
USING THE LIBRARY CATALOG**  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 @ 1 PM  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2 @ 1 PM

**EVALUATING ONLINE SOURCES  
FOR COLLEGE RESEARCH**  
MONDAY, MARCH 4 @ 10 AM  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 @ 1 PM

**CITE IT RIGHT  
TO AVOID PLAGIARISM**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 @ 10 AM  
THURSDAY, MAY 2 @ 1 PM

**SIX ONLINE ASYNCHRONOUS WORKSHOPS AT:  
GORIO.PAGE/RHCLWORKSHOPS**



- CHOOSING AND REFINING YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC (ONLINE ONLY)
- GOOGLE TIPS & TRICKS (ONLINE ONLY)
- NEED ARTICLES? USE ONLINE DATABASES
- FIND BOOKS & EBOOKS FAST: USING THE LIBRARY CATALOG
- EVALUATING ONLINE SOURCES FOR COLLEGE RESEARCH
- CITE IT RIGHT TO AVOID PLAGIARISM

1-HOUR WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE IN PERSON AND ONLINE!

## The “New” Tree House (and New Bean Bags)!



The Tree House is the name of the children’s area of RHC Library, where children’s books are shelved—and where little ones from RHC’s Child Development Center (CDC) come by regularly for storytime with librarians and Library staff. Last year, thanks to generous assistance and grant funding from Professor Lucha Arévalo, the Library acquired new equipment, toys, puzzles, and furniture for the space, as well as brand new children’s books that focus on themes and stories related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

If you have little ones in your life—or if you’re a kid at heart!—you can check out these and all the children’s books from RHC Library. And remember that every member of the RHC community is welcome in the The Tree House! Although little ones are our priority when they’re in the space, RHC students are free to read, study, or rest here—including on one of 12 new bean bags!



# About the Learning Assistance Center

Río Hondo College's Learning Assistance Center (LAC) offers incredible resources and services to support your learning journey and ensure your academic success!

## English Workshops

We know that one of the cornerstones of academic success is staying engaged and seeking help when needed. To these ends, the LAC offers a variety of English workshops tailored to enhance writing and critical thinking skills. These workshops provide valuable insights that can significantly impact your academic performance.

Check the workshop schedule on the LAC website (<https://gorio.page/LACatRHC>) or in person at the LAC in LR-118 to find sessions that align with your academic goals.

## Peer Tutoring for Most Subjects

Additionally, we understand that navigating coursework can sometimes be challenging. That's why we encourage you to take advantage of our peer tutoring services for most subjects. Our dedicated team of peer tutors is here to provide one-on-one or group support, helping you grasp challenging concepts and build the confidence needed to succeed. To meet your needs, in-person as well as remote (Zoom) tutoring appointments can be scheduled.

So, if you could use some help with your courses, schedule a tutoring session today! Go to <https://gorio.page/LACatRHC>, stop by LR-118 in person, or call (562) 908-3418!

## Free Computers, Free Printing, Free Snacks!

But that's not all—we want your experience at the LAC and WRC to go beyond just academic assistance. We are excited to offer several free resources to make your time at the LAC even more rewarding:

- **Access to PC Computers and Macs:** Enjoy free access to PCs and Macs equipped with the latest software for your academic needs!
- **Printing:** Complimentary printing in the LAC and WRC ensures you have materials you need for your classes!
- **Snacks:** Refuel and recharge with free snacks available at the LAC. A well-nourished mind is key to success!

Your success is the priority of the team at the LAC, and we want to ensure you have the tools and support you need to excel. We're here to help, and will see you in the LAC soon!



# NEED A TUTOR? IT'S FREE!

Most subjects offered!

**LOCATED IN LR-118**

Book an in-person or online appointment by calling the LAC at **(562) 908-3418** or by visiting our website!



SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT



LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER

## LAC & WRC FUNDAMENTALS

### LOCATION

The LAC & WRC are both in Room LR-118 in the Learning Resource Center (LRC) building.

### HOURS: SPRING 2024

LAC  
Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WRC  
Hours vary. Come to LR-118, call, or go the website to make an appointment!

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (562) 908-3418

Websites: <https://gorio.page/LACatRHC> and <https://gorio.page/WRCatRHC>



WRC

WRITERS' RESOURCE CENTER

# WRITER'S BLOCK?

## GET FREE HELP!

Receive one-on-one writing assistance across all disciplines with an English Faculty member!

### LOCATED IN LR-118

Book a half-hour in-person or online conference session by scanning the QR code below!



SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT



About the

# Writers' Resource Center

Are you struggling with writing? If so, the team at the Writers' Resource Center (WRC) can help!

## One-on-One Sessions with English Professors

Our commitment to your success goes beyond providing top-notch writing help—we also offer the flexibility you need. English professors are ready to meet you where you are, offering personalized assistance with your writing through both in-person appointments and Zoom sessions.

## For Writing Help For Any Course

And this assistance is not just for English courses: Need a face-to-face discussion for that psychology essay, or a virtual session to polish a sociology paper? We got you! Don't let writing challenges hold you back: Our team of experienced English faculty members is here to guide you through the process of writing for any assignment.

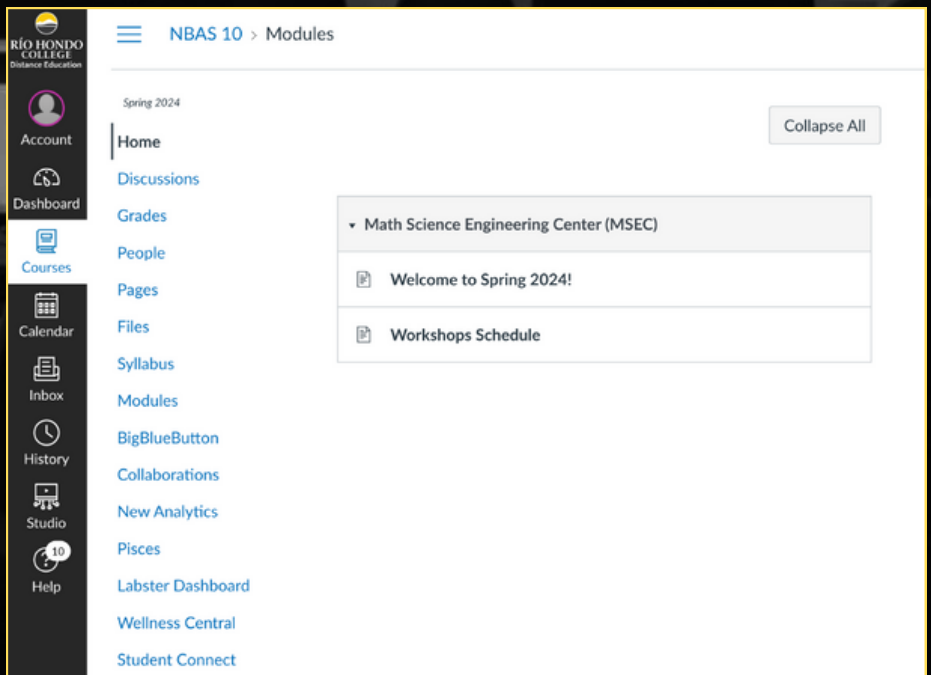
Don't delay! Come to LR-118, call (562) 908-3418, or visit <https://gorio.page/WRCatRHC> to book an appointment!

# "Automatic Enrollment" Connects Students to LAC & MSEC Tutors

Río Hondo utilizes an automatic enrollment program designed to seamlessly connect students with vital academic resources at no cost. By automatically enrolling students in two complimentary "courses" in Canvas (NBAS 009 and/or NBAS 010), the initiative connects students taking certain courses with the LAC and MSEC, each staffed with specialized tutors who can meet students' course-specific needs.

During the first week of the semester, students in specific courses are automatically enrolled in NBAS 009 and/or NBAS 010 which will show up in Canvas. These "courses" require no work, are not graded, and will not appear on students' records. Rather, they are simply platforms to help

connect students to the LAC (NBAS 009) and MSEC (NBAS 010) so that students can easily access these learning support services centers. Via the NBAS courses, students can be paired with peer tutors and/or other students to study, review, or understand concepts better. The NBAS Canvas shells also include tutorials on grammar, instructions about how to navigate NetTutor, access to Library resources, a list of other campus resources, and news about events in the LAC/MSEC.





# About the Math, Science, and Engineering Center

The Math, Science, and Engineering Center (MSEC) is where successful STEM students go to *really* understand the concepts they encounter in their STEM courses—and for help if they're struggling!

## Workshops: Chemistry, Algebra, and Statistics

Are you enrolled in a chemistry, algebra, or statistics course? Do you find that although you've covered the material in class and completed the homework, you still feel like you need more practice?

MSEC workshops are led by expert, peer tutor facilitators who provide students with an additional opportunity to practice topics from their courses with other students. Content is created by Río Hondo College STEM professors, with topics that change weekly to match what is being covered in class. Workshops usually last about an hour; workshop attendees should plan to stay for the entire workshop to complete all practice problems.

To attend MSEC workshops, which are held in person in Room LR-114, you must be a Río Hondo College student taking a math, science, and/or engineering course here currently. Days and times of workshops vary; check <https://gorio.page/MSECatRHC> for the Spring 2024 schedule.

## In-Person and Online Tutoring

It's a fact: students who work with tutors do better in STEM courses. Whether you are struggling in your course or just need to review, peer tutors and STEM faculty are on deck in the MSEC to help! Schedule an in-person tutoring session by stopping by LR-114 in person, going to <https://gorio.page/MSECatRHC>, or calling (562) 463-7571. And don't forget, we also offer online tutoring via Zoom from Monday to Friday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Go to <https://gorio.page/MSECatRHC> and scroll down to the Zoom banner, or click at the link at right.

## Study Spaces, STEM Technology, and Snacks!

The MSEC is a place to get help with STEM from peer tutors and faculty, but it's also a place to get work done! We offer access to comfortable group study spaces, individual study spaces, device charging stations, computers, graphing calculators, smart boards, whiteboards, and free snacks everyday for students who could use an energy boost!

MSEC



# NEED A TUTOR? IT'S FREE!

Subjects in Math, Science, & Engineering offered!

LOCATED IN LR-114

In-person & online tutoring available! No appointment needed. For more information, call the MSEC at (562) 463-7571 or by visiting our website!



SCAN HERE TO VISIT  
THE MSEC WEBSITE!



MATH, SCIENCE, & ENGINEERING CENTER

## MSEC FUNDAMENTALS

### LOCATION

The MSEC is in the Learning Resource Center (LRC) building, in Room LR-114.

### HOURS: SPRING 2024

#### MSEC

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Online Tutoring via Zoom:

Monday to Friday, 3 to 8 p.m.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (562) 463-7571

Online Tutoring via Zoom:

<https://gorio.page/MSECZoom>

Website: <https://gorio.page/MSECatRHC>



## Q: What's a Peer Tutor?

A: Peer tutors are students' *peers*—either other students, or recently graduated students—who have demonstrated excellence in the subjects they tutor. Peer tutors work in the LAC and the MSEC. In this issue, we learn about two tutors in the MSEC: Marilin Campos and Edgar Navarro. All MSEC peer tutors are STEM majors, and have taken math, science, and/or engineering courses at Río Hondo College. All receive high recommendations from their professors for their areas of study, and as current or recent students, they are likely to have faced—and understand—the academic challenges you might be encountering!



**Marilin Campos**

### Q: What inspired you to pursue your major?

A: My major is applied mathematics. My professors here at Río Hondo inspired me to change my major. I felt I had a great support system to be able to make this big change and pursue this major.

### Q: What do you like best about tutoring in the MSEC?

A: Getting to know my supervisors and co-workers! It is always scary to ask for help. Getting to know my colleagues, developing friendships with my colleagues, is what I love best about my job. They are very supportive in helping me. I have realized it's very hard to ask for help, but once you get to know everyone, they all want to help students do better!

### Q: What are some study techniques that helped you become a successful student?

A: Honestly, putting in the effort. Show up to class, pay attention, and do the work. Doing the work that is asked of me and paying attention in class. I find when talking to my classmates some do not do this! I find the homework assigned is helpful. You just *must* do it!

### Q: What is some advice you would give a new college student?

A: Get to know your professor, go to office hours. Build a relationship with them, make sure you know their name, make sure they know yours. Build a relationship where you're comfortable asking questions, ask for help if needed.

### Q: What inspired you to pursue your major?

A: I was a pure math major at UC Irvine, recently graduated. I have always found I was good with numbers—it never felt like a chore to me. I recall hearing the stigma *math is hard*, but I did not find that for myself. So, I decided since working with numbers came so easy to me, I would get a degree in math.

### Q: What do you like best about tutoring in the MSEC?

A: I like being around like-minded individuals pursuing a career in a STEM field. And the ability to reinforce prior knowledge I learned working in the Center was a big part of my success at UCI, because I was constantly reviewing my math in the Center. I also really appreciate the satisfaction I get from students coming back and saying how satisfied they were with my help, that they had passed their math class. I find that part very rewarding!

### Q: What are some study techniques that helped you become a successful student?

A: Definitely getting to know people in my classes, and developing friendships to form study groups. For me it helped to read books and review PowerPoints *before* lecture. I feel I got more from the professors' lectures in this way.

### Q: What is some advice you would give a new college student?

A: Definitely make friends, put yourself out there, and make connections! Use all the resources Río Hondo has to offer, such as counseling, the Transfer Center, and tutoring—any and all resources available! Find out all that is available, and please take advantage of them all.



**Edgar Navarro**



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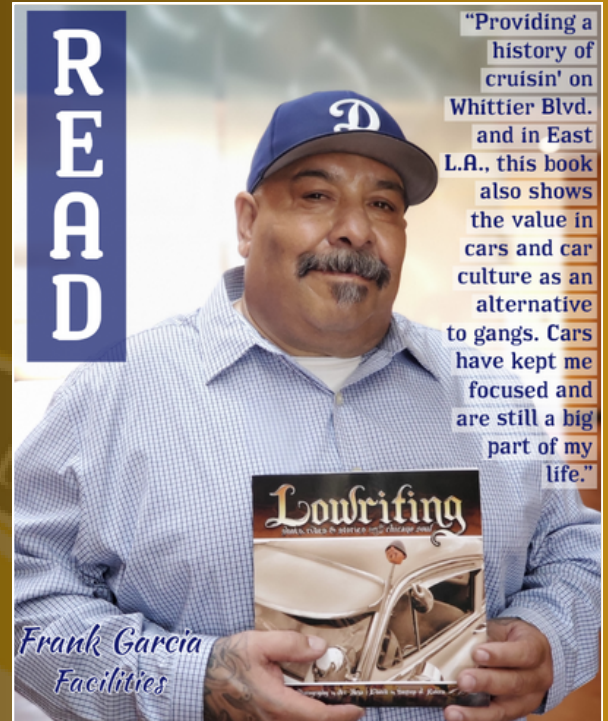
# Library and Learning Support Services News and Events in Spring 2024

## Read Across America

Sponsored by the National Education Association, this year's Read Across America event will take place on March 2, as it does every year! Since 2019, RHC Librarian Claudia Rivas has asked students, staff, faculty, and administrators to pose with their favorite books and share their thoughts about the importance of reading. Claudia has designed dozens of READ posters that have been shared on the Library's social media pages and the website: [www.riohondo.edu/library/read-across-america](http://www.riohondo.edu/library/read-across-america).

If you would like to participate this year, or have any questions about Read Across America, click on the link above, or contact Claudia at [crivas@riohondo.edu](mailto:crivas@riohondo.edu).

We look forward to seeing your smiling faces—and to learning about the books you love!



## New Library and LRC Furniture

Thanks to our colleagues in Facilities who helped with its installation over Winter Session, there is *brand new furniture* in the common areas of the first floor of the LRC, and in the Library's new reading and study lounge on the second floor!

This new furniture is comfy and cozy, and best of all, about half of the furniture pieces will allow students to plug in their devices via built-in USB and electrical outlets, which will be functional later this semester!



## National Library Week Book Sale

The Library will hold its second annual used book sale to commemorate National Library Week! The sale will take place inside the Library near the entrance, Tuesday, April 9 through Thursday, April 11. Books will cost \$1 for paperbacks, and \$2 for hard covers. Cash only, please!



Front cover: Looking up at the second floor windows on the south side of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) building. Photo by Young Lee.

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