

Graduate User Guide

ABOUT

Welcome to Temple University Libraries, an essential resource that will help you make the most of your studies and time at Temple. The Libraries are your central hub for books and articles, research support, study space, cultural programs, and so much more.

At the Libraries, you have access to:

- Over **4.5 million** print and ebook titles
- **Librarians** to assist you with your research
- **Movies and TV shows** for loan and streaming, including new releases
- Our rare and varied **special collections**
- **Free** programs, exhibitions, and film screenings

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure the safety of all visitors, some services and resources are limited and [library hours](#) are modified. The information in this guide is subject to change, so please visit library.temple.edu for the most up-to-date news and info.

All visitors (including students, faculty, staff, and the general public) to our library locations are expected to abide by the [Four Public Health Pillars](#) defined by the university, including wearing a face covering inside our buildings at all times.

SERVICES

Consult with a librarian—get tips on starting research, help choosing and using the right resources, or talk in-depth about your research project

All academic disciplines at Temple have [their own subject librarian](#). Whether you want to connect with a knowledgeable expert about subject-specific research within your field, or you're hoping to understand research techniques for a course in an unfamiliar subject, our librarians have the answers.

- [Schedule an appointment](#)
- [Contact us](#)

Find materials—locate a specific title or resource, or browse broad topic and subject areas

Ebooks and journals: Our online collections include access to thousands of [ebooks](#) and [journal articles](#), available through [Library Search](#) and our [A-Z databases](#). To learn about searching for and using ebooks, visit our [Ebooks Research Guide](#).

Digital special collections: Our [digital collections](#) offer access to the unique primary historical and cultural resources held by the Libraries and to selected scholarly works and other publications produced at Temple, and we encourage you to explore them. You may also be interested in [PA Digital](#), Pennsylvania's service hub for the [Digital Public Library of America \(DPLA\)](#).

Film and Video: We provide [access to films you can stream](#) on your own device. To learn more, visit our [Streaming Online Video Research Guide](#).

Research Guides: Developed by expert librarians for specific topics and courses, our [research guides](#) provide an overview of the best, most reliable, and most important sources.

Borrow materials

Use your OWLcard to check out library materials. To reduce contact, please use our self-check machines where available.

If we don't have a book, article, or DVD, there's a good chance one of our lending partners does. Request unavailable items through [E-ZBorrow](#) or [ILLiad](#). (NOTE: Due to COVID-19, we may be unable to request physical materials via E-ZBorrow or ILLiad for some or all

of the semester. You may, however, request digital copies of journal articles and book chapters through ILLiad. Please see [our website](#) for the most up-to-date information.)

Digital media tools and computing

Borrow electronic devices and equipment like iPads, Kindles, Chromebooks, GPS units, cameras, audio recorders, and tripods from the Loretta C. Duckworth Scholars Studio.

Access electronic resources both on- and off-campus, borrow a laptop to get some work done, or charge your own device with one of our portable chargers or device charging stations.

Print in all library locations using your free print quota, which includes 300 pages/semester preloaded on your OWLcard. Color and black-and-white printers also accept Diamond Dollars and/or cash, and wireless printing is available through our "Print on the Go" service.

Copy or scan materials. Copiers accept Diamond Dollars and/or cash, and scanning is always free.

Loretta C. Duckworth Scholars Studio services

The [Loretta C. Duckworth Scholars Studio](#) at Charles Library is your space to explore the latest technologies and methods in the digital humanities, digital arts, gaming, making, and more. Expert staff members can help you:

- Create in 3 dimensions, including virtual reality with the Oculus rift, Unity, 3D printing, 3D scanning, and laser cutting.
- Experiment and build with electronics in our Makerspace.
- Work with mapping and GIS technology to better explore our world.

For the fall 2020 semester, use of the VR Lab and the Makerspace will be **[by appointment only](#)**.

Research Data Services

Research Data Services (RDS) is a network of services throughout the Libraries to assist you during all phases of the research process. Services offered by RDS include: data management planning, finding and citing data, the library data grants program, help with data sharing, preservation and publication, curating datasets deposited to [TUScholarShare](#), and hands-on workshops and events. Find more info at: <https://library.temple.edu/services/29>

Theses and dissertations

Temple University electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) are hosted in ProQuest's ETD database and in the Libraries' institutional repository, TUScholarShare. The Graduate School oversees the submission process. However, the Libraries regularly offer workshops on publishing and copyright specifically for graduate students working on theses and dissertations. Librarians are also available for one-on-one consultations about copyright-related questions.

Find out more at: <https://library.temple.edu/services/theses-dissertations>

SPACES

4th Floor Graduate Scholars and Faculty Study

Due to the need for physical distancing in classes, the University is using the larger spaces in Charles Library for instruction. One of the spaces being repurposed for classes is the Graduate Scholars and Faculty Study space on the 4th floor. Until further notice, this space will be unavailable as a study space. However, two other rooms are available to both undergraduate and graduate students for quiet study (rooms 202 and 401).

We also offer spaces for study, including bookable study rooms, although currently in reduced capacity to adhere to physical distancing guidelines. On our website, you can book study rooms at [Charles Library](#) ahead of time and read about available study rooms at the [Ginsburg Health Sciences Library](#) before your visit.

COLLECTIONS

The Libraries hold more than 4.5 million volumes in our general collections, electronic materials, and rare and unique special collections.

Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection

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The [Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection](#) offers a first-hand account of African and African American history and culture. The Blockson Collection, located in Sullivan Hall, houses rare African American publications, photographs, manuscripts, visual and performing arts materials, and more, dating from the 16th century to today.

For the fall 2020 semester, the Blockson Collection is currently open for research by appointment only. For more information about scheduling an appointment, please send an email to the Librarian, Aslaku Berhanu, at aberhanu@temple.edu or give her a call at 215-204-4723.

Special Collections Research Center

scrc@temple.edu | 215-204-8257

Our [Special Collections Research Center](#) (SCRC) provides access to unique and rare archival materials for your class work and personal research projects. The SCRC, located on the first floor of Charles, is home to university archives; rare books and manuscripts; the regional Urban Archives collection; artists' books; contemporary culture publications; and more.

For the fall 2020 semester, SCRC is open for research visits by appointment only. SCRC is also booking class instruction sessions, which can be in-person, synchronous, or asynchronous. Contact us with questions or fill out the instruction session request form, and we'll be in touch with you.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Temple University Libraries offers faculty and students funding opportunities in support of our mission to advance teaching, learning, and research at Temple University. Whether the goal is to support faculty professional development, find ways for our students to have a more affordable education, provide unique research material, or support outstanding student research, Temple University Libraries is honored to demonstrate the ways in which we facilitate learning and research.

We invite you to explore our different grants, fellowships, and competitions:

- [Innovative Teaching with Makerspace Technology Grant](#)
- [Library Data Grants](#)
- [Open Access Publishing Fund](#)

Visit our [Grants, Fellowships, and Competitions](#) page for any updates or [contact us](#) to request additional information.

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

Beyond the Page public programs, exhibitions, and workshops

Each semester, the Libraries host a series of talks, panels, exhibitions, workshops, and programs. This fall, events and workshops will be virtual. Visit library.temple.edu/events for more info, and tag us at #BeyondThePageTU.

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