

Undergraduate 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

[Schedule a virtual appointment](#). For the fall 2020 semester, appointments are happening via Zoom.

[Contact us](#) via [chat](#), [email](#), or text (267-415-8925). See all the options at library.temple.edu/contact-us.

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

Use [Library Search](#) to find relevant resources related to your topic—locate books, ebooks, scholarly articles, newspaper and popular magazine essays, scholarly journal articles, media resources, select archival materials, and electronic sources through one simple step.

Looking specifically for [online resources](#)? We have you covered, with a wide variety of online journals, streaming video and music, and more.

Research Guides, developed by expert librarians for specific topics and courses, provide an overview of the best, most reliable, and most important sources. Get started on the right track at guides.temple.edu.

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.

Go online and 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**.

Study spaces

We offer spaces for study, though 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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Visit the **Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection** for 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.

Leisure Reading Collection

Visit the first floor of Charles Library and browse current bestsellers, popular fiction and nonfiction, mysteries, science fiction and fantasy, how-to manuals, self-help books, and more.

Special Collections Research Center

scrc@temple.edu | 215-204-8257

Visit the **Special Collections Research Center** (SCRC) to access 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.

LIBRARIANS

Most academic disciplines at Temple have their own dedicated librarian. Whether you want to connect with a knowledgeable specialist about subject-specific research within your major, or you're hoping to understand research techniques for a course in an unfamiliar subject, our librarians have the answers. **Contact your librarian directly** or **schedule an appointment**.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

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.

CONNECT

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