Library Tips and Tools for Grad Students
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- Find the name and contact information for the subject librarian for your discipline at http://libresources.wichita.edu/subjectlibrarians. Your subject librarian will answer questions, give training on using library resources, consult with individuals and groups, and more.

- If your subject librarian and Kathy Delker are not available and you need help fast, use the “Ask a Librarian” service http://libresources.wichita.edu/askalibrarian to ask questions via chat, phone, email, or text. The hours for the "Ask a Librarian” service are the same as the hours for the Reference Desk/Chat in Ablah Library. These hours are shown at http://libresources.wichita.edu/hours.

- Find 24/7 research assistance by clicking on the “Research Guides” tab above the SmartSearch box on the UL homepage https://libraries.wichita.edu/home. There are subject guides, course guides, and “How Do I” guides, all of which can be searched by keyword in the “Search Research Guides” box.

- For more focused searching go to a subject database for articles and the UL library catalog for books instead of searching SmartSearch. On the UL’s homepage https://libraries.wichita.edu/home click on the “Databases” tab to find databases by title and subject; click on the “Library Catalog” tab to search for books, DVDs, music recordings, and other library materials.

- Search Google Scholar through the UL’s link to Google Scholar on the “A-Z Databases” webpage http://libresources.wichita.edu/az.php to save money. Doing this tells Google Scholar you are affiliated with WSU and causes Google Scholar to provide links to all the articles for which the UL has paid through subscriptions to databases.

- Use the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service to obtain items not owned by the UL. Some articles may be delivered in less than 24 hours, and some books may arrive in less than a week. Log in to the ILLiad ILL request system at http://libraries.wichita.edu/friendly.php?s=ILL.

- Find information about theses and dissertations resources available through the UL that will help you with your research in the “Theses and Dissertations” research guide http://libresources.wichita.edu/theses. WSU theses and dissertations are included in the UL’s Shocker Open Access Repository (SOAR) http://soar.wichita.edu/.

- Download EndNote from your myWSU “myTools” page. EndNote organizes and formats citations, stores full text documents, inserts references into your papers, creates lists of references, and shares your resources with others whom you specify. There is a “How Do I . . .” guide to EndNote on the UL website http://libresources.wichita.edu/endnote.

- Borrow technology equipment such as iPads and portable projectors from the Ablah Library Circulation Desk http://libresources.wichita.edu/equipment.
Attend library workshops to learn more about research skills and library resources. To see information about workshops and other events in the UL go to “WSU Library Events – Upcoming Events” http://wichita.libcal.com/calendar/events.

Visit C-Space, an area for collaboration and experimentation with advanced media technologies in Ablah Library http://libresources.wichita.edu/creationspace.

Apply for the semester loan check-out privilege if you are a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA). Click on the “Services” icon on the UL’s homepage https://libraries.wichita.edu/home. Then click on “Requests Forms” button at the bottom of the navigation panel on the left of the screen. The link to the “Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) Form” is under the header “Faculty, GTA & Instruction.” The direct link to this form, which includes the “Library GTA Policy,” is http://libresources.wichita.edu/id.php?content_id=14775336.

You are invited to attend the following workshop:

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University Libraries (UL) can make your life easier, especially when it comes to doing library research. Come to this workshop to learn about library resources that help you avoid article charges, the EndNote software program provided by the UL that reduces the effort required to format research papers and citations, technology equipment such as iPads and portable projectors that you can borrow, subject librarians who are available for individual and group consultations, and much more. Besides brief demonstrations, there will be time for questions and answers. The University Libraries invites all graduate students, especially new ones, to attend. Registration is appreciated but not required.

Come to one of the following sessions. They will all be held in room Ablah 217. Go to WSU Libraries Events – Upcoming Events http://wichita.libcal.com/calendar/events to register.

- Tuesday, Feb. 5 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 7 5:00-6:00 p.m.