

# Research & Writing Resources @ GSU

## GSU Library

### Library homepage

- Go to the GSU homepage ([www.gsu.edu](http://www.gsu.edu)) click on Learning (on left under Life at Georgia State) → Libraries → University Library ([www.library.gsu.edu](http://www.library.gsu.edu)).

### To see if the GSU Library owns a book, journal, video, etc....

- Search the Library's online catalog, [GIL](#) (from Library homepage, click on Books under Find Information).
- Use **Keyword Search** for topic searches and **Exact Search** when you're looking for a specific item. Note that you may limit your search by Title, Journal Title, etc.
- In the catalog record for an item, note the **Call #**, **Location**, and **Status**.
- For journals available in print, note the **Volumes Owned** and **Recent Issues** to see what year/volume coverage the Library has.
- You may see [**electronic resource**] next to some titles, which tells you that some or all of the journal/book is available electronically. Within the catalog record for such items, click on the hyperlink next to **E-Resource** to access the electronic full text.
- To find out the physical location of the item you need (if it's in print), click on the hyperlink in the catalog record that says **Location**. Then click on **University Library Floor Plan**.



### To search for articles on a topic...

- The most efficient and effective way to find scholarly articles on a topic is to use online research databases.
- From the Library homepage, click on [Find Articles & More](#) (on gray sidebar to the right) to see what databases and electronic resources are available through the GSU Library.
- Click on the first letter of database you want to search or **Browse by Subject** → Health Sciences.

### To quickly find out if the Library has electronic full text of articles in a specific journal...

- Search the [Electronic Journal Locator](#). From the Library homepage, click on **Find Journals** (on gray sidebar to the right), type the journal title in the blank and click **Search**. If the title you need is available electronically it will appear as a red hyperlink; check the date coverage by clicking on the red **i** with a circle around it to the far right (under the Actions column). Scroll down until you see the **Availability** section and check the line that says **Available from...** (Tip: Remember that this is only searching *electronic* journals; the Library may have the journal in print. To see what years/volumes/issues the Library has both electronically *and* in print, search GIL, the online catalog. Electronic journals in the catalog will have "[electronic resource]" next to the title.)

### To get the full text of articles in a database...

- If you do not see a link for HTML or PDF full text within the database itself, click on the  button next to the article you want. (Tip: You may have to go into the record for an individual article to see this Find It @ GSU button.) Once you click this button, a Find It @ GSU screen will appear that will direct you to one of three places:
  1. **Electronic full text via another source (or sources).** In most cases when electronic full text is available, the database will automatically populate the blanks for year, volume, issue, and start page so that all you need to do is click the  button to access the full text.
  2. **Georgia State University Libraries' catalog.** This hyperlinked text will appear after a message saying, "Sorry, no electronic full text is available." The system is pointing you to your next option, the catalog, so you can see what volumes/issues the Library has in print. Just because the Library doesn't have it electronically doesn't mean we don't have it! If you are a faculty member, you may want to take advantage of the **Desktop Article Delivery** service (see below).
  3. **Illiad**, an interlibrary loan system for requesting articles (among other materials). This will appear after a message saying, "Sorry, no electronic full text is available."

### To access Library resources from home...

- From the Library homepage, click on [Off Campus?](#) (on gray sidebar to the right).
- In general, when accessing Library resources from home you will be asked for one or both of the following:
  1. Your **library barcode #**, the second # on your PantherCard that begins 2078...
  2. The **GALILEO password**, which changes every semester. Instructions for getting this password can be found at the Off Campus? page mentioned above.

### To request materials from other libraries if the GSU Library doesn't have what you need...

- From the Library homepage, click on [Interlibrary Loan](#) (under Library Services) for details on the different interlibrary loan options.
  - For a book not available at GSU Library, search the [Universal Catalog](#) (AKA **Statewide GIL Express Catalog**) to see if another University System of Georgia (USG) library has it. If you locate the book in the Universal Catalog, click on **GIL Express Request** at the top of the screen to request it. (Tip: You need to go to the Universal Catalog record for the specific book before clicking on GIL Express Request.)
  - For a book not available from another USG library or for an article not available at the GSU Library, make your request through [Illiad](#). You will have to register the first time you use Illiad.

### To have an article or book chapter from the Library's print collection scanned and emailed to you...

- *If you are a GSU faculty member, you are eligible for special library services. One of these services is [Desktop Article Delivery](#). To read more details about this and other faculty services, go to the Library homepage and click on **Faculty Services** (under Library Services).*

### To look up full journal titles from abbreviated titles...

- Go to the PubMed database, click on [Journal Database](#) under **PubMed Services** on the left, and type in the journal abbreviation. Click Go to get the full journal title. (Note: Non-biomedical/life science titles are not included in the Journals Database.)

### To get help with research or library-related services...

- Visit the [Ask-A-Librarian](#) page on the Library website (under Library Services) for general questions. Librarians are available in person at the **Research Support Desk** on the 2nd floor of Library North or by phone, email, chat, or IM.
- CHHS also has two **Liaison Librarians** who are available for more in-depth research assistance. Click on their names below to read about the types of services they can provide:
  - [Todd Prusin](#) is the liaison for Nursing and Public Health.
  - [Susan Smith](#) is the liaison for Nutrition, Physical Therapy and Respiratory Therapy.
- Todd and Susan have developed subject-specific online **Research Guides** to assist students and faculty with research. Links to the individual guides are below.
  - [Health Sciences](#) (general and nursing resources)
  - [Nutrition](#)
  - [Physical Therapy](#)
  - [Public Health](#)
  - [Respiratory Therapy](#)

### To find out how to format citations in your paper...

- Check out the [Cite a Source](#) page on the Library website. (From the homepage, click on More... under Find Information).

## Writing Assistance

### To get writing assistance...

- Contact [The Writing Studio](#) in the Department of English. Their services are available to all faculty and students, undergraduate and graduate.
- Visit the [Writing Across the Curriculum](#) website. It has a [Writing Resources](#) section with links to style and grammar guides, dictionaries and thesauri, online writing labs, etc.