



At the Library

News for Students

Welcome to the Mott Library! We hope you are ready for a great school year. The library staff are here to help you gain the maximum benefit from your educational experience at Mott.

Our librarians are here to help you find the information you need — whether in print or on the Net. Stop by to see us and say hello ... or if you prefer, get the help of a librarian through our [Research Help Now](#) web link. Using this service, you can email a question to a librarian or ask questions via "live chat." See more about this in a related story. Do you have questions about using the Mott Library and how we can help you? If so, take a look at our [FAQs](#)! And if those don't answer your questions, just ask someone at the Reference or Circulation Desks.

We hope you will visit the library often. We have online resources as well as other excellent research material, lots of reserve materials from many professors, great places to study, computers for word processing and checking email, a "café" where you can get coffee, soda and snacks, and lots of great books and magazines for your leisure reading! Make us your home-away-from-home! We'll be here to help you when you need us!



Talk to a Librarian via Live Chat! Or, email a question!

Research Help Now is a virtual, online reference service provided by librarians from 16 academic libraries in the state of Michigan, including librarians from the Mott College Library. Clicking on the *Research Help Now* icon at www.library.mcc.edu (or researchhelpnow.org) will connect you to the service. The virtual librarians at *Research Help Now* will help you with any question of an academic nature.

The library is now **Wi-Fi!!**



Over the past year, many new and exciting upgrades have taken place at the Mott Library. One of the most recent is that wireless internet is now available. Your laptop must be configured by Educational Systems (RTC 2110) before you can use the wireless connection on campus.

Cramming for an exam? Need a place for your group to work together? It's @ the library! We can help make your college experience an all-around success.

Library **FAQs**

1. Do you have my [*substitute your class name*] textbook?

We don't buy textbooks, but some professors place a copy on Reserve at the library for student use. Check at the Circulation Desk, or ask your professor if she has a copy in the library.

2. What do I need to check out materials from the library?

Your student ID card and a picture ID.

3. What does it cost to borrow books from the library?

There is no cost to check out library materials — however, if you do not return materials by the due date, you will be charged a late fee of 25¢-50¢ per item daily.

4. How long can I keep the book I borrow?

Most library books may be checked out for 3 weeks, with one 3 week renewal available. Ask at the Circulation Desk for specific information.

5. How can I find the book I want?

The library uses the Library of Congress call number system. You may use the computers in the lobby area to find the book's call number on PALnet, the library catalog. The reference librarian will be happy to help you use the PALnet catalog and find the book you need.

6. Do you have information on...?

The library collection contains more than 100,000 books on a vast number of topics. And if we don't have just what you are looking for, we can request a title through interlibrary loan. See a librarian for help with this.

7. What are "online resources" and why do I need them?

"Online resources" refers to our subscription databases that provide easy access to an immense collection of journal, periodical and newspaper articles, many of which are full-text. These provide the "scholarly research" your professor will be looking for in your research paper! And—this is information you probably won't find on Google!

8. I do my best research after midnight. I guess I can't use the library resources, can I?

The library's extensive collection of electronic resources are available online 24-7. Just log on to the library webpage and access the online resources using the 14-digit barcode number on your Student ID.

9. How do I log on from home?

Go to www.library.mcc.edu.

10. Someone else has checked out the book I need. How can I get it next?

You may request it. When you click on "Request Item," (below and to the left of the book title) in the library online catalog (PALnet), you will be asked to enter your "Borrower Barcode #" — the 14-digit number on your student ID. When the book is returned, we will hold it at the Circulation Desk and give you a call.

11. Do you have someplace where I can type my paper?

Yes. The Joe Bommarito Humanities Computer Lab is located on the 1st floor. It is open during library hours, unless reserved by a faculty member for a class. Check the schedule posted at the front of the lab.

12. Can I bring food into the library?

You may, (but not in the computer labs or at the computer workstations). We just ask that you dispose of your waste in the receptacles provided and keep lids on beverages.



Library Hours

Mon-Thurs	8 am - 9 pm
Friday	8 am - 5 pm
Sat & Sun	noon - 5 pm

Exceptions (Thru November)*

Labor Day, 9/4/06	Closed
Thanksgiving, 11/23/06	Closed
Friday, 11/24/06	noon - 5 pm

*Please pick up a complete schedule at the Reference Desk.

Southern Lakes Branch

Call 762-5013 for hours



The Library at Your Fingertips: From Home, You Can. . .

- *Renew your library books (on or before the due date).
- Find out when a book is expected to be returned/*Request the book.
- Find out when the library is open.
- Get help in writing your bibliography. (See Citation Guides)
- Print an Interlibrary Loan Request Form to request a book/article from another library.
- See what new Best Sellers are available for check out. (click on the [Library Catalog](#) tab, then choose [Friends Collection](#))
- Connect to the webpages of other area libraries and MEL, the Michigan Electronic Library. (Go to the [Area Libraries](#) tab, click on the library webpage you want to visit.)

*You will need the 14-digit number from your Student ID card.

Savvy students know the best source of information isn't usually Google.
The ultimate search engine is @ your library: A librarian.