Get Ready to Succeed with the Library

The Libraries is a critical part of graduate students’ support ecosystem on campus. We support you as students, researchers, and teachers—from your first day to graduation day. This is a quick guide on what you can do in your first semester to get the most out of library resources and services.

Checking Out Library Resources & Services

Check out your first item
Use your RamCard to check out books, laptops, government documents, and more! Graduate students can check out up to 200 items and renew for up to 36 months. For online articles and e-Books, log in with your eID while browsing in our catalog. You can also request books or articles we don’t own through our Interlibrary Loan service.

- [lib.colostate.edu](http://lib.colostate.edu) (Library Catalog)
- [prospectorchome.coalliance.org](http://prospectorchome.coalliance.org) (Regional Catalog)
- [lib.colostate.edu/services/interlibrary-loan](http://lib.colostate.edu/services/interlibrary-loan)

Test your off-campus access
To access library resources off campus, you will simply log in with your eID when prompted while browsing in our catalog or databases. If you are using Pulse Secure, the campus VPN, you will need to sign up for DUO, CSU’s two-factor authentication tool.

- [lib.colostate.edu/off-campus](http://lib.colostate.edu/off-campus)
- [acns.colostate.edu/duo](http://acns.colostate.edu/duo)

Explore our databases
Visit our A–Z Database List and filter more than 300 databases by subject or database type, such as journal collections, data and statistics, standards, news sources, and media collections. If you’re not sure where to begin, your department librarian can introduce you to the databases most relevant to your interests.

- [lib.colostate.edu/databases](http://lib.colostate.edu/databases)

Link Google Scholar to FindIt@CSU
FindIt@CSU appears next to citations in many of our databases. This button will take you to that item in our catalog, where you can find the full text or request it from Interlibrary Loan if we don’t have it online. If you access Google Scholar through our A–Z Database List, the FindIt@CSU button will appear, whether you’re on campus or off campus.

- [lib.colostate.edu/databases](http://lib.colostate.edu/databases)
- [libguides.colostate.edu/googlescholar](http://libguides.colostate.edu/googlescholar)

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- (970) 491-1841 - Help Desk
- [lib.colostate.edu/askus](http://lib.colostate.edu/askus)
Sign up for ORCID

CSU has an institutional membership in ORCID, a registry of unique identifiers for scholars and researchers. ORCID iDs distinguish you from researchers with similar names, persist throughout your career, and are increasingly required for grant applications and publishing.

[link](libguides.colostate.edu/orcid-id)

Learn to manage data

Data management practices are becoming increasingly important in the digital age. Many funding agencies and journals require authors and grantees to share their research data. The Libraries’ Data & Donuts workshops cover data management plans, reproducible research, data cleaning, and data archiving and sharing.

[link](lib.colostate.edu/services/data-management)

Meet our specialty printers

Research posters are a popular feature in professional research presentations. We have poster printers at Morgan Library for you to use for a fee. If you want to take your project into 3D, we also have 3D printers to keep your research on the cutting edge. You can borrow 3D printing tools at the Loan & Reserve Desk, but bring your own filament.

[link](lib.colostate.edu/technology/printing-copying)

Put readings on reserve

Make required readings for your courses easy for students to access by putting them on reserve. E-Reserve is the default reserve service and allows 24/7 access to online reading throughout the semester. You can also put books you own or library books on Shelf Reserve, located at the Loan & Reserve Desk.

[link](lib.colostate.edu/find/reserve)

Add library resources in Canvas

Connect your students to library resources and librarians in Canvas to help your students find and use library resources and conduct the research they need to succeed in your courses. You can embed a library research guide into your courses or add a librarian to your course to collaborate on resource pages, tutorials, and quizzes.

[link](libguides.colostate.edu/canvas)

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