10 Things You Need to Know about OSU Libraries

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The OSU Libraries provide access to many services and resources that Ecampus students can use. Even if you are located in another state, you can still get access to our journals, books and other resources.

Where do I learn more? Ecampus Library Web Page
(http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/Ecampus_Library)
We have a web page designed for Ecampus students and faculty. There is information here about ordering books, getting journal articles, contact information, guides and tutorials about using the library from a distance, etc.

Where do I start? Research guides (http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/)
Course guides and subject guides can help you find the best sources. Check the course and subject guides pages for recommendations. If you don’t see a guide for your course, use the subject guide.

Finding Articles (Online Databases)
(http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/research.php/db.php?arg=A)
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