10 Things You Need to Know about OSU Libraries

Libraries aren’t just buildings!

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 access our journals, books, and other resources.

1 Where do I learn more? The 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, research guides, and tutorials about using the library from a distance, etc.

2 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.

3 1Search: one-stop searching
http://search.library.oregonstate.edu
1Search is located on the library home page. It pulls together many of our full-text online journal articles, books, government documents, digital collections, and a lot of other stuff. It’s a good place to start if you want to find out what’s available on your topic. For help with 1Search check out the guide at http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/Primo.

4 Finding articles in online databases
https://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/az.php
Databases are the best way to find articles on a specific topic. After searching 1Search, it’s worth digging deeper with a specific database. We have databases for many different subject areas. Our database list is organized alphabetically and by subject area. To access full-text content, you must access the databases through the OSU Libraries’ website.

5 Accessing journals online
https://search.library.oregonstate.edu/primo-explore/jsearch?vid=OSU
OSU Libraries subscribes to many journals. In some cases, you can access full text of the journal online, which makes it very easy. If you need a copy of an article from a journal that we only have in print or do not own at all, you can fill out an interlibrary loan request form (see #7 below).
6. **Getting materials from OSU Libraries**
   [http://search.library.oregonstate.edu](http://search.library.oregonstate.edu)
   1Search lists the books, videos, government documents and other resources in our collection. You can have these resources sent to your home address (no P.O. Boxes). In 1Search, click on the title of the item. Under “Get It”, click on “Request OSU’s Copy” or “Place Summit Request”. Choose “Home Delivery” for your Pickup/Delivery location. We will send you the book via FedEx and include a shipping label for the return. Shipping time is about 4-5 days.

7. **Getting materials not at OSU Libraries (Summit)**
   [http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/content.php?pid=614701&sid=5247441](http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/content.php?pid=614701&sid=5247441)
   The OSU Libraries belong to a consortium of academic libraries in Oregon and Washington. If you live near a participating Summit institution ([https://www.orbiscascade.org/member/](https://www.orbiscascade.org/member/)), you can use your OSU ID to borrow materials from the institution. In many cases, this method is quicker than interlibrary loan (see #8 below). Don’t have an OSU ID? Get one at [http://fa.oregonstate.edu/business-affairs/id-center/get-id-card](http://fa.oregonstate.edu/business-affairs/id-center/get-id-card).
   
   Even if you don’t live near a participating library, you can still request books from Summit libraries and have them delivered to your home address using 1Search. This will add another 3-4 days to the shipping time.

8. **Getting materials not at OSU Libraries (Interlibrary Loan)**
   [http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/ill/](http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/ill/)
   The Interlibrary Loan department can get copies of books, journal articles, and other resources that are not in the OSU Libraries. First, set up your account at the above URL. Then you can request copies of journals articles and books not in the OSU Libraries or in Summit. Please note it may be quicker to receive library materials through the Summit system.

9. **Ebooks**
   [http://search.library.oregonstate.edu](http://search.library.oregonstate.edu)
   You may find ebooks helpful because you can read a chapter or get an overview without having to wait for it to arrive by FedEx. Ebooks are listed in 1Search just like print books. Limit your search to ebooks by using the “Resource Type” facets on the right side of the screen. Many ebooks can be downloaded or partially printed. For more information about ebooks, check out our guide: [https://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/1471-OSU-Libraries-Ebooks](https://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/1471-OSU-Libraries-Ebooks).

10. **For help with research questions or questions about Ecampus services:**
    
    Online Learning Librarian: Zach Welhouse, zach.welhouse@oregonstate.com, (541) 737-2376
    
    For general and research questions:
    - Library Information Desk, valley.reference@oregonstate.edu, (541) 737-7293. More contact options are at [http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/reference/](http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/reference/)
    - Online Help and Research Guides - [http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/](http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/)

    When you call the library, let us know you are an Ecampus student. It will help us get you to the right resources.