

Library Orientation

What You Can Find in Ellender Memorial Library

Books

We have **Books** on almost any subject imaginable, as well as videos, CDs, and other multimedia items (for example, we have a model skeleton and in our Archives Department, an actual cannonball). Our collection, the bulk of which is located on the second floor of the library, is fast approaching 500,000 titles. These can be checked out, using your student I.D.

Loan Periods

	Students	Faculty/Staff	Courtesy Card Users
Books	3 Weeks	End of Semester	3 Weeks
Most Videos, CD's, and LP's	2 Hours *	7 days	2 Hours *
General Videos	7 days	7 days	7 days
Most Reserves	2 Hours *	2 Hours *	2 Hours *

Searching for Books

The Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) will allow you to find books, videos, periodicals (journals and magazines), and is conveniently located at the top of the Library's Homepage (www.nicholls.edu/library).

We offer various versions of this searchable catalog, including a **Simple** one with a pull-down menu, a **Guided Search Page** (<http://www.nicholls.edu/library/guidedsearch.htm>) that helps you limit by format, book type, etc., and a **Power Search** that allows you to combine searches. The simple search allows you to search by *author, title, keyword, subject, or periodical title*.

In addition to our print books, we have a large number of **E-Books** (electronic scans of actual books, cover and all) at our NetLibrary (<http://www.netlibrary.com>) site. The library's E-books can be found by searching our catalog, or you may search NetLibrary directly once you set up your account (ask any librarian for help doing this). Both the Catalog and NetLibrary can be searched from your home computer. ☺

Computers / Printers

In addition to *books*, the Library also offers the use of *computers* and *printers* to all NSU students. You can use the computers to search the internet and check your e-mail (you will be given a free Nicholls e-mail account through the WAC Lab). If you need help searching the internet, take a look at our page that offers some suggestions: http://www.nicholls.edu/library/finding_sites.htm .

Keep in mind when searching the web that not all websites are accurate and authoritative. To help you find the better websites, we have various **Subject Guides**, ranging from business, to education, to literature (including Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror), at this url: (<http://www.nicholls.edu/library/subject.htm>). You might also consult a dependable web directory like RefDesk (www.refdesk.com), The Internet Public Library (www.ipl.org) or Voice of the Shuttle (<http://vos.ucsb.edu/>). These sites, run by scholars, evaluate websites for you and find only the best.

Article Databases

In addition to checking e-mail and searching the internet, you can use these computers to search for published *articles* in the databases located on the Library's **Electronic Research Database Page**, where they are listed in alphabetical order: <http://www.nicholls.edu/library/database.htm>

Better yet, some of these databases will return hits that are **Full Text (FT)** or **Linked Full Text (LFT)**—which means all you have to do is print the article from your computer screen. When you are *accessing these databases from home*, you will be asked to authenticate yourself as a Nicholls student. The page which asks you to input a user name and password will be self-explanatory.

Roughly arranged by subjects, these databases include the following:

- **Business:** ABI/Inform Complete; Business Collection (JSTOR); Business Source Complete; Commerce Clearing House Internet Tax Research Network; Lexis Nexis Academic; The Million Dollar Database; Regional Business News
- **Generic/Current Events:** ABI/Inform Complete; Academic Search Premier; AP Photo Archive; Lexis Nexis Academic; MAS Ultra - School Edition; Military and Government Collection; Newspaper Source
- **Legal Research:** Legal Collection; Lexis Nexis Academic; Military and Government Collection; National Criminal Justice Reference Abstracts

- **Computer Science / Math / Hard Science:** ACM Digital Library; Arts and Sciences Collection (JSTOR); Computer Science Index; Computer Source; Internet and Personal Computing Abstracts; MathSciNet; Science and Technology Collection
- **Agriculture / Marine Biology / Biology:** AGRICOLA; ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts; Oceanic Abstracts; Biological Abstracts; EBSCO Animals
- **Education:** Digital Dissertations; ERIC; Mental Measurements Yearbook; Professional Development Collection
- **Literature / Humanities / Music:** Literature Resource Center; MLA International Bibliography; Art Abstracts; Arts and Sciences Collection (JSTOR); International Index to Music Periodicals
- **Nursing / Pharmacology / Medicine:** CINAHL; Clinical Pharmacology; Cochrane; Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition; MEDLINE; TOXLINE
- **Geoscience:** GeoRef; Sanborn Maps
- **Library Science:** Library Literature; Library, Information Science, and Technology Abstracts; Library and Information Science Abstracts
- **Sociology / Psychology:** Mental Measurements Yearbook; PsycInfo; Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection; Social Services Abstracts; Soc Index; Sociological Abstracts
- **Books:** WorldCat (will allow you to search *anywhere in the world* for a book)

Study Rooms

We also offer **Group Study Rooms**, on a first come, first serve basis, to groups of three or more. These are located in Stacks, on the library's second floor.

Library Departments by Floor

1st

Archives—right, as you walk in

Ellender Lab—left, as you walk in (not affiliated with the Library, just housed there)

MultiMedia—to the back of the library, behind the pirogue display

Interlibrary Loan—to the back of the library, behind the pirogue display

2nd

Main Office—to the left, off the stairwell

Reference and Circulation—to the right, off the stairwell, through the double doors

Stacks (where the books are)—to the right, off the stairwell, through the double doors

3rd

Multipurpose Room—to the left, as you come off the stairwell

Serials (Magazines)—go straight as you come off the stairwell

Government Documents (Federal and State)—to the right, off the stairwell