What You Can Find in Ellender Memorial Library

Books, CDs, Videos

We have books on almost any subject in Archives and in Circulation (our standard shelving location). In addition, CDs, videos (DVDs and VHS), and other multimedia items are available for checkout. Other useful items can be found at the library including microfilm of century-old newspapers and genealogy records in Archives as well as a model skeleton in Circulation. Our collection, the bulk of which is located on the second floor of the library, is fast approaching 600,000 titles. For students, faculty, and staff, the NSU Colonel Card serves as the library card. Below is a chart of the loan periods for different types of items and more information can be found on our Homepage: http://www.nicholls.edu/library.

Loan Periods * These items must be used in the library department they are housed in.

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Searching Online & E-Books

The Online Public Access Catalog (also called OPAC or eLibrary) will allow you to find books, videos, and periodicals (journals and magazines), and it is conveniently located under the top section of the Library’s Homepage.

On the Homepage, we offer links to various versions of this searchable catalog, including a Basic Search with a pull-down menu and a Power Search that allows you more control (combine searches and set limits for location, format, type, etc.). If you know the call number for the item, there is a Call Number Search link. There are other helpful links including shortcuts to look up items on Reserve or to Renew Books.

In addition to our print books, we have a large number of E-Books (electronic scans of actual books, cover and all) at our EBSCO eBooks site (http://www.nicholls.edu/library/help/ebooks/). The library's E-books can be found by searching our catalog, or you may search EBSCO directly. If you want to download an e-book or online journal to your computer or portable device, just create a free EBSCOhost account. Both the Catalog and EBSCO 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. For more on properly using the computers, see the Student Computer Use Policy: http://www.nicholls.edu/academic_computing/lab-policies/student_use/
If you need help searching the internet, take a look at our page that offers some suggestions: http://www.nicholls.edu/library/help/finding_web_sites.

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_guides. 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/.

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, or you can call 448-4654 or 448-4625 for help.

**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 the standard shelving location, on the library’s second floor. Also, we have created study areas with desks, tables, chairs, and/or sofas on each floor the Library for your convenience. For more on using the study rooms, see the Study Room and Carrels Policy: http://www.nicholls.edu/library/policies/study-room-and-carrels-policy/.

**Library Departments by Floor**

1st Floor

Archives—right, as you walk in

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

MEW Lab—to the back of the library across from the restrooms (not affiliated with the Library, just housed there)

2nd Floor

Main Office—to the left, off the stairwell

Reference, Circulation, Standard Shelving Location, Interlibrary Loan—to the right, off the stairwell, through the double doors (where the books are)

3rd Floor

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

Serials—go straight as you come off the stairwell

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

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