Discover GSU’s Library Resources

Georgia State University is home to two libraries, the University Library and the College of Law Library. The University Library is the second largest Library in the state of Georgia. It provides students with access to extensive information resources, assistance with research and provides state-of-the-art technology. Its collection includes more than 1.5 million volumes, 28,000 electronic journals, 2,800 periodicals and newspaper titles, 350 databases, and nearly 8,000 active serials. Additionally, the Library is a Federal Document Depository with more than 820,000 government documents. The University Library has over 1.5 million visitors annually.

The Library is part of the GALILEO (GeorgiA Library LEarning Online) Interconnected Libraries (GIL) for the University System of Georgia. As a member, the Library is able to provide students and faculty with access to monographs and serials from other libraries within the system. Additionally, the Library provides interlibrary loan article requests and desk-top delivery to graduate students and faculty.

The Library is committed to supporting research and providing technologically current services to its patrons. All database links use XML programming and a new integrated search tool has just debuted online.

The Library is open 94 hours per week to accommodate faculty and students. When the Library is open, the online reference “chat” service is available. The subject librarian for public health also is available for consultations during the regular work week.

Click on this link for more information about the GSU Library:
http://library.gsu.edu/223.html.
Library Resources Specific to Public Health

The Library provides access to over 350 databases for GSU students and faculty. Databases specific to public health include MEDLINE (via PubMed or EBSCO), Global Health, PAIS (Public Affairs Information Service), Science Direct, Ageline, PsycInfo, Sociological Abstracts, and Web of Science. Statistical databases provided include Social Explorer, American Fact Finder, SourceOECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) and iPoll. SPSS (PASW) Statistics and SAS are loaded on all 389 of the Library’s computer workstations.

The Librarian identifies and purchases relevant resources, manages the budget for the health sciences collection and creates instructional materials to assist students and faculty in utilizing the collection. The Library collects primary source materials for public health at the research level with an emphasis on global works. Its monograph strengths extend to social determinants of health, health disparities, AIDS research, emerging infectious diseases, environmental and occupational health sciences, urban health, the built environment, immunology, virology, biostatistics, bioinformatics, epidemiology, research methods, genomics, and the use of geographic information systems. Other subject areas such as psychology, sociology, anthropology, communications, and ethics are also well represented in the Library collection. The Library also offers support in the areas of computer science, health administration, health policy, public administration, business, public health law, health ethics, and economics.

Online Chronic Disease Research Guide

GSU’s Library has created a special research guide for the online chronic disease program. By accessing the guide, students can connect to relevant information based on course syllabi. Examples of the types of materials in the guide include links to database and peer reviewed articles, tutorials on literature searching, lists of books available for check-out, citation style guides, and more.

The research guide is updated monthly. Check out “Current News” for the latest research articles and Library acquisitions related to chronic disease prevention and control. The Online Chronic Disease Research Guide also contains contact information for the subject librarian for public health.

Use this link to access the guide http://research.library.gsu.edu/chronicdisease.
Meet Your Subject Librarian for Public Health

Sharon Leslie, MSLS, AHIP, is the librarian subject specialist assigned to provide support to the students and faculty of the Institute of Public Health at GSU.

Ms. Leslie is available to assist students with medical/public health literature searching, database training, and she provides one-on-one research consultations. Before contacting Ms. Leslie for assistance, new students are encouraged to view the virtual online orientation to GSU’s Library.

Orientation to GSU’s Library

The Library has created tutorials to help students with understanding basic Library operations and online searching. Use this link to access them: http://research.library.gsu.edu/learnhowto.

Orientation to the Library’s Public Health Resources

New students enrolled in the program are required to view the web-based introductory training session about GSU’s Library. Material presented in the training session includes a general Library overview, brief overview of database searching, and other material based on the course syllabus. A link to the virtual orientation can be found on the course home page in the Library resource box.

How Can I Access Course Materials in Print and Online Formats?

GSU makes accessing course materials in print and online formats easy. Find out how by clicking on the links in this section.

Library Databases: Students may access Library databases from offsite using the same campus user name and password that they use for their email. See this web page http://library.gsu.edu/116.html for details about which passwords apply to particular Library services.
Print Materials: For print materials, distance learners may consult this guide which details how they may obtain materials from the Library and have them mailed to their home: http://library.gsu.edu/165.html.

Interlibrary Loan: Students can obtain articles the Library doesn’t subscribe to through Interlibrary Loan. Details on this service may be found here: http://library.gsu.edu/577.html.

How Can I Access the Library’s Support Services?

Technical Support Services: The Library offers technical assistance with searching library-provided databases, including

- Online “chat” on the main Library homepage http://www.library.gsu.edu.
- Email at the Research Support Desk (libref@gsu.edu).
- Access individual subject librarians http://library.gsu.edu/directory.php?subj=46

Disability Support Services: The Library provides support services to disabled students. Please refer to this page: http://library.gsu.edu/548.html.

Computing Support Services: The Library’s computing services are detailed here: http://library.gsu.edu/72.html.