Did You Know?

- There are study and video/listening rooms and whiteboards available on Level 5 in the Thomas Jefferson Library? Students should go to the Service Desk on Level 5 to request keys for these rooms.
- Looking for one-on-one research assistance? Research consultations can be done in-person, via email or chat. If you would like to request a Research Consultation please visit the Libraries' homepage.
- You can access many of our collections of e-books from the Libraries' homepage? You can also search for e-books in the Library Catalog.
- You can search for books on your smartphone? The AirPAC, a mobile version of the MERLIN Catalog is available. Visit http://laurel.lso.missouri.edu on your smartphone and you will be automatically redirected to the AirPAC.
- Laptops can be checked out in the Thomas Jefferson Library at the Circulation Desk for 2 hours with your UMSL Student ID? Wireless access is available throughout the Library.

Staying Up Late to Study for Finals?

For your convenience, the Thomas Jefferson Library will be open extended hours before and during Finals Week. The Thomas Jefferson Library on North Campus will remain open until midnight Sunday – Thursday, April 29-May 3 and May 6-10.

Getting Around the Ward E. Barnes and Thomas Jefferson Libraries

Confused about which floor is which in the Thomas Jefferson Library? Check out this guide.

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Which Library Database Should I Use?

You may know that the library lists databases by subject, but did you know that they are also arranged by type? You can now search for e-books, book reviews, images, primary sources, statistics, biography, maps and audio or visual. For example, if you select Images, the link will take you to a list of databases in the library that include a variety of images. Selecting Book Reviews will take you to a list of databases where you can limit the search to just book reviews. Visit the Reference Desk for assistance or email us at e-ref@umsl.edu.

Finding Historical and Current Demographic Data

Do you need demographic data for a paper or project? Access Social Explorer, a database that provides access to U.S. Census data from 1790 to the present. Much of the data is available down to a street level. You can also create thematic maps of the available data to easily visualize the demographics of a certain area. Ask at the Reference Desk for more information or get help online.

Finding Books in the UMSL Libraries

There are several ways to find books on your research topic: The UMSL Library Catalog (which lets you search books available on the UMSL Campus), the MERLIN Library Catalog (all four UM campuses), the MOBIUS Union Catalog (60+ academic library catalogs across Missouri), and WorldCat (a Catalog with listings of millions of books and locations all over the world). It is recommended you start with the UMSL library catalog, then branch out as needed. If UMSL does not own a book you want, you can request it from another library. Ask at the Reference Desk for assistance.