

LIBRARY LINKS

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What happens at the Reference Desk?

By: Carlie Fautz

Inside the Library, just past the IT Help desk, sits the Reference Desk. Equipped with knowledgeable students and experienced librarians, the reference desk is designed to give extra attention and help to students who are struggling. During the day, there will mostly be students manning the front desk; these students have been hand-selected and trusted to give the best help possible. The Reference Desk is open from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

A librarian can also be reached by visiting

<https://library.utahtech.edu/>

and selecting the “Ask a Librarian” banner to the right of the page. You will be patched to an available Librarian that can assist. This convenient, online assistance is available from 8am to 10pm every day.

You can call the Reference Desk directly at (435) 634-2081, or appointments are available through Navigate. Walk-ins are available during open hours as well. Librarians are ready and willing to work with students and staff alike. You’d be hard pressed to find a way Librarians CAN’T be reached. The reference desk is an outstanding resource that is greatly under-utilized. Don’t wait until you feel like you are drowning to reach out and get some extra help. Visit the Reference Desk today!

MEET SOME OF OUR NEW LIBRARIANS!

Emma Lanners

“I am the Open Educational Resources & Graduate Support Librarian. I received my Master of Library & Information Science (MLIS) in 2020 and have been leading the planning and implementing the OER initiative at UT for the past three years. I decided to become a librarian because I care about equitable access of information for everyone.



Libraries made a huge impact on me growing up. Plus, I've always enjoyed assisting others and doing research so the profession made a lot of sense to pursue. A trip to the Library of Congress in my early 20s sealed the deal. I enjoy reading fantasy along with anime, musicals, karate, going on long walks with my dog, and all things Lord of the Rings.”

Cameron Nielsen

“I have always enjoyed books and learning, especially history. In college, I was attracted to doing research, and I realized that I care a lot about the process of doing research well (more than I am interested in actually talking about the finished product, as it turned out!) I went to grad school with the idea of becoming a history professor, but soon realized that I would be happier being involved in the academic process in a way that didn’t involve so much grading. Being a university librarian is great because you don’t have to be so specialized (even as the Health Sciences librarian, I get to be involved in other subjects I enjoy), you only teach & grade a small amount. You still get to be involved in the research process, and you have a pretty varied selection of work tasks so you don’t become bored of doing the exact same thing every day. Plus the job market is a lot better than for history professors. I really enjoy helping people out with their projects, and I’m really passionate about enabling more access to information (I would personally scan, copy, and share files if it weren’t against the law!) I enjoy organizing and systematizing things for easier use later, which is what a library is at its core.

In my free time, I enjoy reading, listening to music, hiking, and painting. I mostly read nonfiction related to historical or current news topics, though I often listen to mysteries in audiobook format when I am doing chores around the house. Musically, I mostly listen to indie rock and classical (I have opinions about opera). Each break, I usually go on a trip to a nice hiking destination (other than here, haha!), so I spent Spring Break around the Mesa Verde region. I paint abstract landscapes in oils, still working on getting good after several years of not having time or space (now half of my garage is my “studio”).”



Borrowing Books and Media

The library offers a wide variety of materials that students can check out.

Not only is there a plethora of books (both physical and electronic), there is also an assortment of media items.

Some of those media items include:

DVDs—CDs—Anatomy models—Chess boards

Games—Calculators—Charging cords

Headphones—Newspapers—Magazines

White board markers—Most GE class textbooks



Once students have determined what they want to checkout, they can bring the items to the circulation desk on the 2nd floor or can easily use the self check-out kiosks. Materials can be checked out for 60 days or up to the last day of the semester, whichever comes first. Some of the media items have a limitation of 1-3 hours as a check-out time period.

If students need assistance locating materials, librarians and library aides can help. Students can always ask the circulation desk to direct them to the person who will best fill their needs.

How to Print

Do you need to print documents for a class assignment or personal use? Printing in the library on your personal computer or a library computer is easy. It simply requires funds being added to your account. To add funds to your account go to <http://print.utahtech.edu>. Enter your username and password.

On the left hand side, click the “Add Credit” button. Select the amount of funds you would like to add from the options provided. Select “Add Value”. Choose your payment method (Credit/Debit card, or electronic check). Enter required card or bank account information. Click “Continue”. If you can’t add funds to your account or would prefer to pay cash, you can pay the cashier on the first floor.

To print documents from the web go to <http://print.utahtech.edu>.

Enter your Utah Tech username and password

On the left, click “Web Print”

On the right, click “Submit a Job”

Select the printer you want to print to by clicking on the bubble next to the printer name

At the bottom of the page click “Print Options and Account Selection”

Type in how many copies of the document you want to print (10 copies max)

On the right, click “Upload Documents”

Click “Upload from computer” and select the document you want to print and click “Open”

Click “Upload & Complete” and it will print to printer you selected

Prints are 5 cents a page for black only and automatically deducted from the balance. If you’d like to print in color there is a color printer located behind the center help desk on the main floor.

By: Rebecca Ostler

Librarians: What do they do?

The library staff at Utah Tech University provide multiple services to assist students with their learning and research. Although commonly referred to as “librarians,” the library staff includes a variety of positions, including faculty librarians, circulation staff, technical staff, and student workers, all working together to support student learning and research.

Faculty librarians offer a variety of valuable services. One of the primary services provided by faculty librarians is information literacy instruction. Information literacy instruction teaches students to use the library’s research tools effectively to identify, evaluate, and connect with the most reliable and relevant sources for their research projects. Students can obtain this information through classroom visits, using the research aids on the library website, Canvas tutorials, or other available interactions.

In addition, faculty librarians also provide reference services. Reference services involve answering short questions or filling requests for specific items. Reference services can be done in person at the reference desk, over live chat on the library’s web page, via email, or over the telephone.



Students can schedule research consultations with faculty librarians for more in-depth research assistance. These consultations allow students to discuss their research projects in detail, receive professional advice on finding and using sources, and develop effective search strategies.

Along with circulation and technical staff, faculty librarians assist students in accessing hard-to-find sources through Interlibrary Loans. Student workers are also an integral part of the library team, helping with tasks such as checking books in and out, shelving, and staffing the various desks to answer basic questions.

Overall, the library staff at Utah Tech University works tirelessly to provide a wide range of services to support student learning and research. The library can answer any questions at Tel. 435-652-7714 or Email: library@utahtech.edu. For additional information go to library.utahtech.edu

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