

Library Services

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Mission:

We offer access to information and promote lifelong learning.

Albert P. Brewer Library (Decatur Campus) and Huntsville Campus Library

Print books, eBooks, online databases, magazines and journals, newspapers, books-on-CD, and Reserve materials are included in library holdings. Workstations offer access to Microsoft Office application software (Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint). In addition, students can access MyCalhoun, Blackboard, and Outlook from workstations.

The online Library Catalog offers access to print and eBook collections at the Huntsville Campus Library and Brewer Library. EBSCOhost eBooks offer online, full text content that support the academic programs. Credo Reference offers full text, online access to online reference books. When accessing an eBook off campus, you must enter a Username (A Number) and Password (Same password as MyCalhoun).

Calhoun students (including Dual Enrollment) and employees have access to licensed, online databases offered through the Alabama Virtual Library plus databases licensed by the college. Thousands of magazines, journals, newspapers, and trade publications offer full-text articles. Off Campus access requires a Username (A Number) and Password (Same password as MyCalhoun).

The Library Instruction Room (Brewer Library) and MultiMedia Room (Huntsville Campus Library) are equipped with student workstations for hands-on use and may be scheduled by instructors and other groups by contacting the circulation staff at 256-306-2774 (Decatur campus), 256-890-4777 (Huntsville campus), or email circ@calhoun.edu. Learning space is available with technology for groups of students for collaborative study.

Librarians offer one-on-one assistance in conducting library research. Inquire at the Reference Desk in person, by telephone, or make a request via email at reference@calhoun.edu.

Librarians also offer personalized library instruction for day and evening classes upon request by the instructor. To schedule a class, call 256-306-2774 (Decatur campus), 256-890-4777 (Huntsville campus), or email reference@calhoun.edu. Online tutorials for searching selected databases and eReference guides are available through the Library website.

Reciprocal borrowing privileges are in place for all Calhoun students and faculty to borrow books at the libraries of Athens State University, Drake State Community and Technical College, and Alabama A&M University without a charge. The UAH Library charges a \$25 annual fee for the checkout of materials. All cooperating libraries require verification that the student is registered at Calhoun for the current semester. Community patrons are also invited and encouraged to register for a Calhoun Library Card. A driver's license and social security number are required for registration as a Borrower.

TILT (The Information Literacy Tutorial), offered in ORI 110, teaches the basics of information literacy and library instruction --how to select, access, evaluate and use information resources available to Calhoun students through the Brewer Library and Huntsville Campus Library.

For more information, including hours, the Library blog, Twitter, and Facebook, please access the Library website.