Study at one of the libraries on campus and talk with a librarian for research help. See map for locations; hours on the Libraries’ web site, library.osu.edu
The Libraries have lots of study spaces, including areas for quiet study and group study spaces for working with friends and classmates. The Thompson Library includes the Grand Reading Room, the Buckeye Reading Room, and the Campus Reading Room. Department libraries including Architecture, Geology, and Biological Sciences/Pharmacy, provide spaces for quiet study.

Need a place to study?

Need to study late?

The 18th Avenue Library is open 24/7 (access from 11:30 p.m. - 8 a.m. requires a BUCK ID).

The Thompson Library is open Sunday - Thursday nights until midnight.

For a list of University Libraries locations and hours see library.osu.edu
Need advice from an expert?

Make an appointment with one of our subject librarians. See the complete list on the Libraries’ web site, under “Find/Librarians.”

Looking for information?

The Libraries’ web site, library.osu.edu, provides instant access to thousands of articles. Online catalogs help you find the books you need from the OSU Libraries, other Ohio colleges and universities through OhioLINK, and libraries from around the world.
Special Collections

University Libraries Special Collections collect, preserve and promote the use of distinctive collections, unique resources and primary research materials. These diverse collections are available for use by Ohio State students.

library.osu.edu/about/departments/special-collections

Exhibits

University Libraries’ exhibits present important and relevant stories connecting distinctive collections with today’s issues. Changing exhibits are on display at the Thompson Library and the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum.
Students, faculty and staff with a campus office or a Columbus campus dormitory address can have library items delivered there, or select a convenient library location to pick up items.
Need help with your writing or research?

Writing and research tutors offer sessions in the Thompson Library behind the Reference & Information Desk on the first floor (rooms 120/122A). Writing Center tutors are available Monday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.

The Undergraduate Research Office peer tutors are available in room 120, Monday - Friday, 1 - 3 p.m.

Hungry?

Stop by the Berry Café in the Thompson Library, or the Terra Byte Café in the 18th Avenue Library.

Need an article?

“Article Express,” available through the Libraries’ web site, is a free service that provides electronic delivery of journal articles to you from both OSU and non-OSU library collections.
Stressed during finals?

During Fall and Spring finals week the Libraries and Student Wellness Center provide Study Break Spot at the Thompson and 18th Avenue libraries where you can take a break from studying by playing board games & other fun activities.

University Libraries and the Student Wellness Center team up to bring you Pause4Paws, visits by therapy dogs to help de-stress during finals. Check the Libraries’ web site for the schedule during that time.

Looking for a computer?

There are computers available at libraries across campus, with the greatest number at the 18th Avenue Library and the Thompson Library.

Laptop problems?

If your laptop won’t connect to OSU Wireless, has been infected with a virus or is running slow, the staff at the BuckeyeBar can help. Located inside the Neil Avenue entrance of the Thompson Library, BuckeyeBar staff can help current students, faculty and staff of Ohio State.

BuckeyeBar hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*The BuckeyeBar is a service of the Office of the Chief Information Officer.*
Looking for music or movies?

The Music and Dance collection in the 18th Avenue Library includes rock, rap, pop, jazz, folk, world, blues, country, classical, Broadway musicals and movie soundtracks. The Libraries also have DVDs and videos, including recent movies, TV programs, biographies, documentaries and more.

Check the Libraries’ catalog to see what’s available.

Need to store your stuff?

Daily lockers are available at the Thompson Library. Check at the Circulation Desk at the Libraries’ east (Oval) entrance. Scholarly lockers are allocated using a lottery system; see the Libraries’ web site for details.

Need study space for your group?

Rooms are available for group study. The Thompson Library and the 18th Avenue Library have rooms that can be reserved up to three days in advance. Check this site for complete details: library.osu.edu/find/circulation-services/group-study-room-reservation
Can’t get to the library?

You can have books mailed to your campus mailing address. Just select “COL CAMPUS OFFICE/DORM” as the pickup location when requesting the book.

Need help with your research but can’t make it to the library?

Reference assistance is now available in Younkin Success Center and the Smith-Steeb dorm.

Smith-Steeb: Monday - Wednesday, 7 - 9 p.m.
Younkin Success Center: Sunday - Thursday, 6 - 9 p.m.

Borrow a textbook

University Libraries offers select General Education textbooks for check-out at both the Thompson and 18th Avenue libraries.

For more information and a list of over 200 courses covered by the GE Textbook Project, see: go.osu.edu/GEtextbooks.