

University of North Carolina at Wilmington
W. M. Randall Library
UNI 101: Introduction to Library Resources

Transcript

Hi, my name is Brittany O'Neill, and I'm the Information Literacy Librarian at UNCW. I'm here to help students develop and apply their research skills as they embark on their first college-level projects here at UNCW. If you ever need assistance using Randall Library's resources, please reach out! We'll talk about how to get help later in this video.

Today, I'm going to introduce you to Randall Library and how we can support you through your research in this course and beyond. If nothing else, just remember that I'm here to help!

The library is not just a building full of books – we have those, too, but so much more.

Let's start on the Randall Library website accessible at library.uncw.edu. Here is where you can search most of our content in the main search box. We'll get into how to use that search effectively in another video. In addition, you can access our list of databases on different subjects; explore subject guides to aid in your research; and search the catalog for books, ebooks, and other materials housed in the library. This is also where you can find the library's hours, book study rooms, and view tutorials.

Now that we've gotten a taste of the library's resources online, let's visit the library itself! Make sure you bring your One Card – it's your key to checking out materials, printing, and more! We have kiosks around the library to help you navigate, so if you don't remember where everything is, don't worry!

When you enter Randall Library, you'll find a collaborative area. This area offers computer workstations, printers, and plenty of places to study – even a technology-enhanced collaborative space so you can practice presentations and projects. We even have spots to charge up your phone, grab a coffee, or borrow a laptop!

This part of the library also serves as a one-stop-support-shop. Here, you can visit the Technology Assistance Center for tech support or iPrint desk to print out a poster for a class project. Got a nagging research question or need guidance on using library resources? Visit the Research Help Desk to get help from Peer Navigators, Graduate Research Assistants, and Randall librarians with things like choosing a topic, creating a search strategy, and evaluating your sources.

You can also 'check out' the Circulation desk to borrow books and DVDs, pick up a book you requested from another library through interlibrary loan, or get something your instructor put up for your class in course reserves.

The first floor also houses our digital makerspace, which offers tools like 3-D printing and access to a podcast recording studio. Our first floor is a collaborative floor, so you'll find lots of group study spaces to hang out and work on projects together. Need to concentrate? The second floor is our quiet floor, where you'll find plenty of quiet study spots. If you want to decompress, you can visit the Retreat at Randall, our relaxation and wellness room. The second floor is also where you'll find most of our books and other print materials, like maps and government documents.

Want to look at a piece of Southeast North Carolina history or catch a glimpse at UNCW's past? Make an appointment to visit Special Collections and University Archives. There's a lot to Randall Library, and we didn't even cover it all! Stop in and visit our website to explore what else we offer.

As you're exploring, you may have questions about developing a topic, crafting a search strategy, choosing the best sources for your assignment, or anything else that might come up. If so, we're here to help! Visit the Research Help Desk on the first floor or check out the Get Help tab on our website. Here, you can submit questions, chat with a library staff member for support, or request a one-on-one research consultation with a librarian. I'm just one of many librarians at UNCW who are here to help you navigate the research process. If you've declared a major, now's a great time to get to know your subject specialist librarian, too! Every student has a dedicated librarian who is an expert at navigating information in your specific field. You can find out who your librarian is and get contact information for me and the other liaison librarians on this page or by visiting the Find Your Librarian link on our website.

Now that you know more about the library, we hope to see you in Randall soon.