

Activity Title: Navigating the Library Website

Learning Objectives:

Students will be able to

- Locate and use the library's hours calendar
- Find the library's help resources and contact information
- Locate other critical resources on the library website, such as the Get Started Researching guide, floor plans, and undergraduate library FAQ

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

Resources:

- A list of five questions that can only be answered by finding information on the library website
- A PPT or handout of these questions
- A timer, like <https://timer.onlineclock.net/>
- (Optional) Mini whiteboards for teams to record their answers on
- (Optional) Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams

Summary: This is a very short, fast-paced activity that gets students familiar with navigating the library's website and finding some of the basic tools and information on it. We have provided a sample set of questions and answers, but you can customize this depending on what information you'd like your students to find.

Students work in teams to find the correct answers on the library website as fast as possible. You can stop after the first team has finished, but we recommend playing until three teams have finished to give all groups a chance to explore the site.

Instructions:

- Split your students into pairs or small groups.
- Explain the rules of the game to your students:
 - They will have 5 minutes to complete the activity
 - They must record their answers on their whiteboards/handout/a notepad for you to review
 - The first team to answer all the questions correctly wins
 - If a team feels they have all the answers correct, they can raise their hands to flag you down; if any of their answers are wrong, you'll tell them which ones and then walk away again. They can flag you down again as soon as they think they have corrected their answers.
 - The timer will begin as soon as you reveal the questions
- Reveal the questions slide and start the timer
- Once you have your desired number of finished teams or the timer has stopped, reveal the answers slide and demonstrate how to find each answer on the site
- (Optional) Award prizes to the top finishing teams

Sample questions:

- What are the library's hours on Tuesday, September 7th? (Open 7:30 am through the night)
- What is the Research Help Desk phone number? ((910) 962-3760)
- How many books can you check out as a UNCW student? (Unlimited)

- What room is next to TAC on the floor map? (RL 1039)
- What's step 1 in the "Get Started Researching" guide? (Choose a Research Topic & Make a Plan)