

LIBRARY AND MEDIA SERVICES

Library

The Oakton Library supports the college's curriculum and is an essential part of the instructional program of the college. The Oakton Library faculty develop and teach customized Library instruction sessions tailored to the goals of course research assignments for on-campus and online courses. The Library faculty also provide instruction in effective online search strategies and successful research processes through workshops open to all students. In addition, Library faculty offer individual reference services and research consultations at the Des Plaines and Skokie campuses, and online via chat and video conference, during the Library's hours of operation.

The Oakton Library offers access to a collection of more than 100,000 books, a selective depository of U.S. government documents, and a selection of searchable online databases containing articles published in over 27,000 magazines, newspapers, and research journals. The Library's online resources are available to students from the Library's section of the college's website. A current Oakton Community College username and password is required for off-campus access to online resources by students, staff, administrators, and faculty.

At both the Des Plaines and Skokie campuses, the Oakton Library staff provides circulation and textbook reserve services for the Library's collection as well as interlibrary loan services to more than 7 million books through 90 member libraries of the Council of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI). District residents are provided access and limited circulation privileges to the Library's collection at both campuses. A valid Oakton Library card is required for checking out books and materials. More information about the range of Library services and course curriculum Library resources can be obtained at the reference desk at either campus.

Hours of operation when classes are in session:

Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sunday, closed

Hours change for the summer sessions and when classes are not in session. For more information, visit www.oakton.edu/library or call 847.635.1642 (Des Plaines) or 847.635.1432 (Skokie).

Media Services

Media Services provides Oakton personnel and students with the equipment and media necessary to support the college's curriculum and public events. Individual viewing of videos and media-based course lessons is available at each campus. Video and audio production equipment is available for class-related projects with instructor's approval. A full scale production facility and staff are available for curricular and other college business. In addition, Media Services receives streaming and satellite TV transmissions for special programming (including videoconferences) and operates cable television channels available in several communities. For more information, call 847.635.1994 (Des Plaines) or 847.635.1431 (Skokie).