# Vernon College Library

## Faculty & Staff

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## Remote Access to Databases

The library provides off-campus access to full-text periodical databases supporting all subject areas. To access remotely:

- Go to the [Library Homepage](#).
- Select “Access to Databases” in the left menu column.
- Choose a main subject area.
- Select a database.
  
  After selecting a database, you will be asked to login with your library card number and PIN. You may contact the library staff by phone or email to request or to verify the library card number.

  Phone: 940-552-6291 extension 2227  
  Email: librarian@vernoncollege.edu

### Database resources include the following:

- **Academic Search Complete**: Academic Search Complete is the library’s premiere multidisciplinary database.
- **Ovid Nursing Community College Extended Journal Collection**: This nursing collection offers full text access to over 35 nursing specific journals.
- **CQ Researcher**: CQ Researcher features 44 yearly reports on current issues published by the Congressional Quarterly Press. Reports include topic overviews, pro/con essays, statistical information with tables and graphs, and related websites.
- **Opposing Viewpoints in Context**: In addition to the pro/con essays, the database offers access to related articles, reference material, websites, and primary source documents.
- **Literature Resource Center**: The Literature Resource Center offers full text access to critical content, literary timelines, and author biographies.
- **Literary Reference Center**: Researchers may access literary criticism, reference materials, and an entire library of classic short stories and novels.
- **Learning Express Library**: Learning Express Library offers online access to practice exams based on current licensing tests in the fields of nursing (NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN), law enforcement, cosmetology, automotive technology, electronics, emergency medical services, and dental assisting.
- **Books in Print with Reviews**
**Print Collections:**
The Vernon College Library maintains book collections at all campus locations with over 26,000 volumes housed in the Wright Library in Vernon. Collections include reference materials as well as general circulating titles supporting all academic areas. The online catalog lists titles held at all VC library locations.

**Access to Print Collection on Vernon Campus:** Internet instructors and faculty based in Wichita Falls may request books from the main collection in Vernon. Requests may be submitted in person at any library location or filed electronically via the Interlibrary Loan form located on the library homepage. Upon receipt of your request, the books will be mailed to your designated campus. Books may be returned to any VC library location.

**E-books:**
E-books are conveniently accessible via the library catalog. To limit your search to online availability:

- Go to the library catalog (also accessible from the library homepage).
- Select “Search the Catalog.”
- Designate “Online” from the “Select Location” drop down menu.
- Enter your search criteria.
- Click on the title of the book to view the catalog record.
- Click on the E-Resource link towards the bottom of the catalog record.
- Select the “eBook Full Text” to open the eBook.

**Library Instructional Support:**

- **Library Instruction:** The library offers brief orientations or customized course specific library instruction available at the request of faculty. Presentations address information literacy competencies including database search strategies and techniques. Instructors may contact Stephen Stafford at extension 3281 at CCC or Marian Grona in Vernon at extension 2220 to schedule a class presentation.
- **Research Guides:** Research guides are available to support student research in all subject areas. These customized, course specific guides offer research tips and help in searching the library databases. Research guides are available via the “Research Assistance” link on the homepage.

**Interlibrary Loan:**
VC faculty and staff may submit Interlibrary Loan requests in person or online to obtain books, articles, and other informational materials which are unavailable within the VC Library System. Request may be filed electronically via the Interlibrary Loan form. Researchers may go directly to the page or link to the site from the library homepage.

**Reserve Collections:**
The library will assist faculty in maintaining reserve collections with books, articles, and other academic materials circulated in-house for a period specified by the instructor.
**TexShare Card Program:**
A TexShare Card entitles cardholders to full borrowing privileges and services offered by participating public and academic libraries throughout Texas including the Moffett Library at MSU. Instructors may contact the library staff in person, by phone, or by email (librarian@vernoncollege.edu) to request the card.

**Electronic Reference Assistance: Email or Chat**
Library assistance is available via email and live chat. The chat room is accessible via the “Ask the Librarian” link on the library homepage.

CHAT ROOM SCHEDULE
9:00 am - 11:00 am Monday - Friday
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Monday - Thursday
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Monday - Thursday
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Sunday

**Purchase Recommendations:**
The library welcomes faculty participation in the selection of library materials. Instructors may submit recommendations via the Purchase Recommendations form. Instructors are also welcome to submit publisher catalogs or lists with multiple selections to any library staff member.

**Evaluation of Library Services:**
Surveying user opinions and recommendations is essential in improving existing services and in developing new programs which more effectively serve the informational needs of all VC students and faculty. Faculty are surveyed annually in the spring. Distance learners and students attending classes on-site in Vernon are also surveyed in the fall, while on-site students in Wichita Falls are surveyed in the spring.

**Media Services:**
The Media Services Department supports faculty with the circulation of technologies, audio/video tape duplication, and lamination services. Faculty may contact Gene Frommelt, Media Specialist, at extension 2221 to reserve laptop computers and video projectors. VC instructors are also asked to contact the Media Services Department to report necessary equipment repairs.