



# Introduction to Library Resources

Graduate Student Orientation Fall 2020

Welcome, welcome to graduate education!

My name is Robin Ewing and I'm the University Library department chair. I'm going to give you a brief overview of Library services today.

I will do periodic check-ins to see if you have any questions. Post away in the chat box.

Dropping my name and email in the chat box:

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**You are not alone! Librarians are here to help you!**



**Ask A Librarian**

If you remember nothing else, I want you to know two things. One, University Library Faculty are here to help and Two, Ask a Librarian is how to reach us.

I'm dropping the link to the Ask a Librarian page into the chat;

<https://stcloud.lib.minnstate.edu/subjects/guide.php?subject=askalibrarian>

**In the chat box, share which part of research you most comfortable with.**



Before we get into the library's resources, I want to take a couple of minutes for y'all to think about your own experience and skills with finding, evaluating, writing about resources.

I think it's important to take this kind of inventory so you know where to focus your energy

Here's a diagram of the research process. You can find many different versions of this, some with more steps while others have fewer steps.

I want you to take a look at the circles and then share in the chat, the part you're most comfortable with. The "I've got this" part.

Your options are:

Understand assignment & choose a topic  
Conduct background research to focus your topic  
Find & select articles, books, & websites  
Read & evaluate your selected resources  
Incorporate research into your draft, cite sources  
Present your research

**Now share  
which one you  
need more  
experience  
with.**

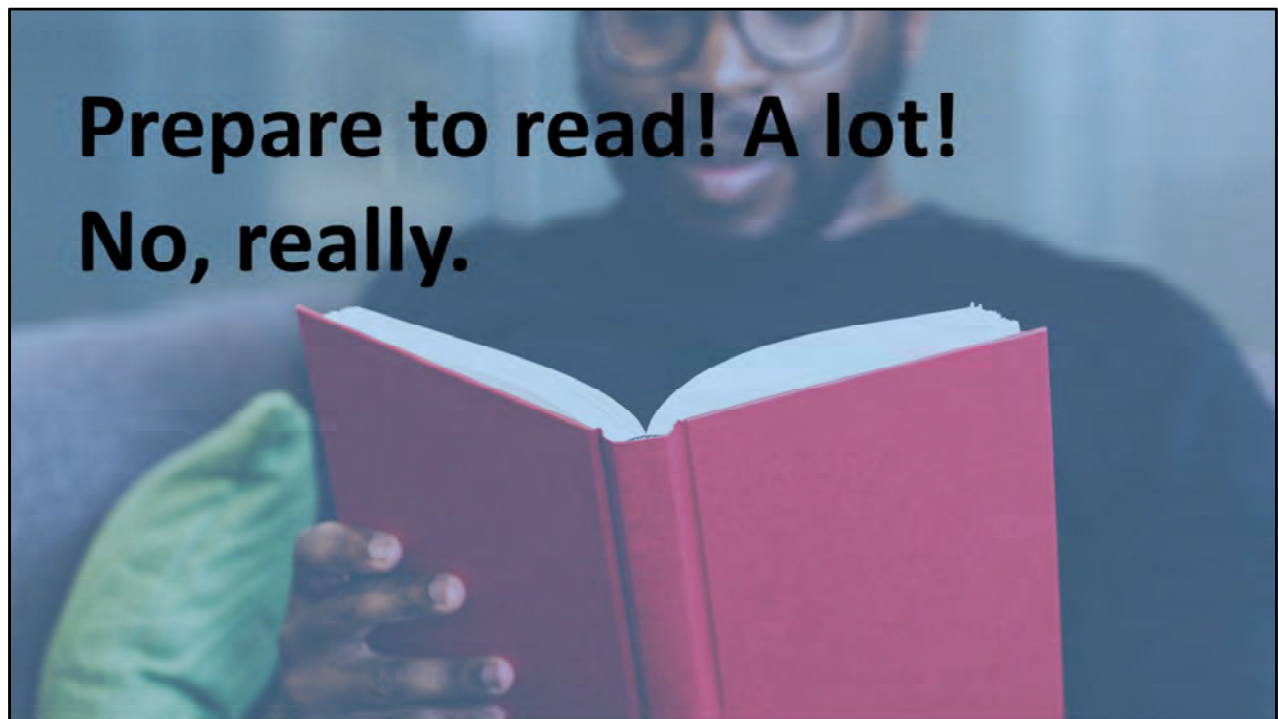


Now, share in the chat which one you need more experience with.




We can help you save time at the find and select articles, books, and websites stage.

Graduate student often don't have a lot of time to spend searching for research. You've got to get to the reading and writing part as quickly as possible because they take the most time.



In case nobody has warned you yet, you will be doing so much reading. And that takes time.

## Tools for Getting Started

- Use Campus Card to borrow physical materials
- Click on the Library Card button to access your account 
  - See items you have checked out
  - Verify due dates
  - Renew items
- Use StarID and password to access online materials from off campus

Before you do anything with the Library, you'll need two tools.

You will need a Campus Card to use our physical materials

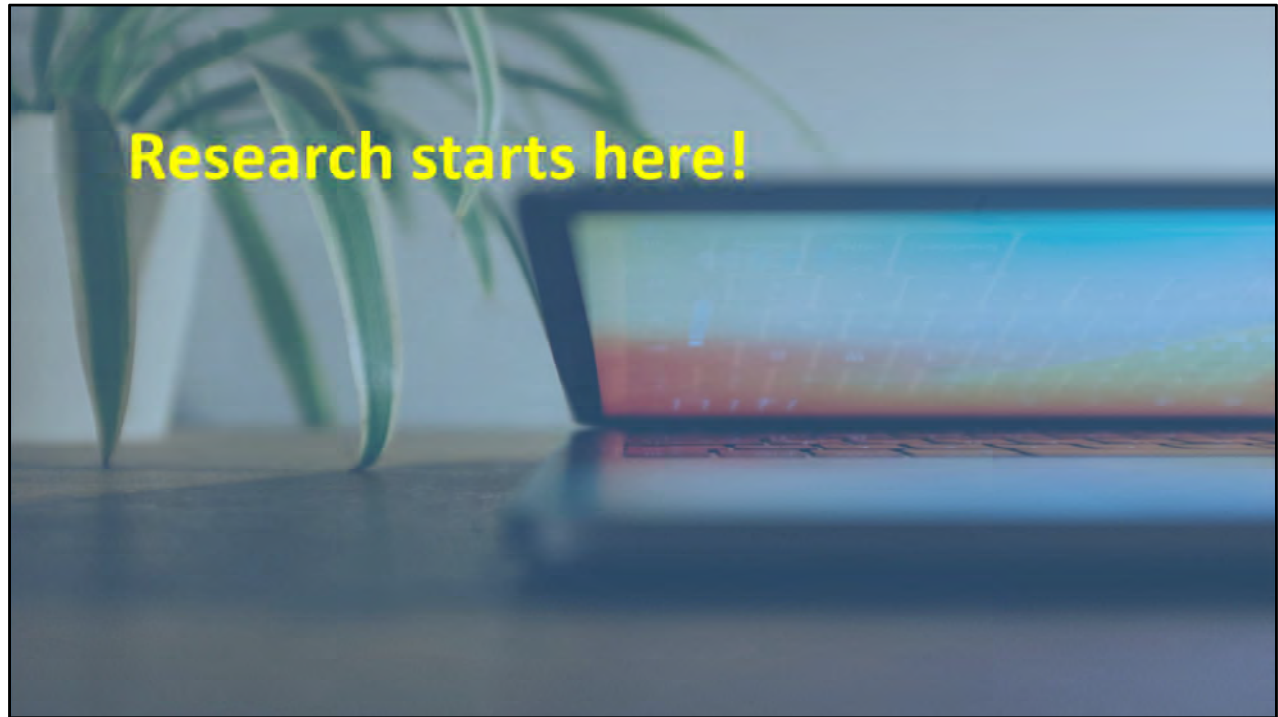
The Library Card button on the Library's website is how you can see what you've got checked out and to renew items

You can have up to 50 items checked out at a time,

Graduate students can check out books for 56 days

We send due date reminders to your SCSU email address

You will use your StarID to access online materials.

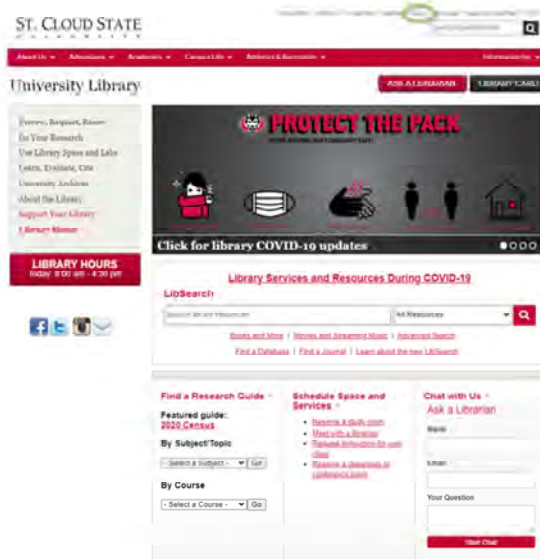


Your laptop is going to be your best friend during graduate school. And finding resources to support your research starts online.



# Online Library

<https://www.stcloudstate.edu/library>



I'm going to drop this link for the library's homepage into the chat,  
<https://www.stcloudstate.edu/library/>

I'm going to show you one guide to help you get started but it's not the only way or place to get started. We have multiple entry points for resources and you will end up figuring out which path works best for you.



Before I go any further, I want to check the chat for questions, comments.

## Resources to support your research

- Research Guides
- Research Consultations
  - Offered online
  - Individual or small group
- Open Access and Open Educational Resources
- Interlibrary Loan

### Accessing print materials:

- [Husky Fetch](#) – no physical browsing
- [Library Resource Digitization Request](#)
- [Library Access for Distance Students](#)
- Stay tuned!

### Online materials

- Streaming video and music collections
- Ebook collections
- Online databases

Research consultations

Online this semester via Zoom, can be individuals or groups

More on them in a minute

Research guides, I'm going to show one for graduate level research

Open access resources are integrated into our research databases and we're working on expanding this

Accessing print material: the shelves are closed to our users right now so no browsing  
However, our Husky Fetch service will pull the books for you. Link is on the research guide

We will mail books to students living out of town. Link is on the research guide

We will digitize one chapter of books for you as well. Link is on our COVID-19 page.

Drop link in the chat

<https://stcloud.lib.minnstate.edu/subjects/guide.php?subject=covid19>

### Interlibrary loan

In the academic library world, we're on the smaller side and don't have access to the same materials you would find at the University of Minnesota. However, libraries help each other out through a service called Interlibrary Loan.

I anticipate most of your ILL requests will be for articles and that service is working smoothly

We have recently resumed ILL service for books. There may be some delays in getting the books. The books will be quarantined at the lending library's location first and then sent to us. Once we get them, you will receive a notice it's arrived.

# Graduate-Level Research Guide

- Graduate-Level Research Guide
  - <https://guides.mnpals.net/stcloudstate/subjects/guide.php?subject=graduate>
  - Always under construction!
  - Selected list of resources



Moving on. I mentioned earlier that we have a guide for you to explore.

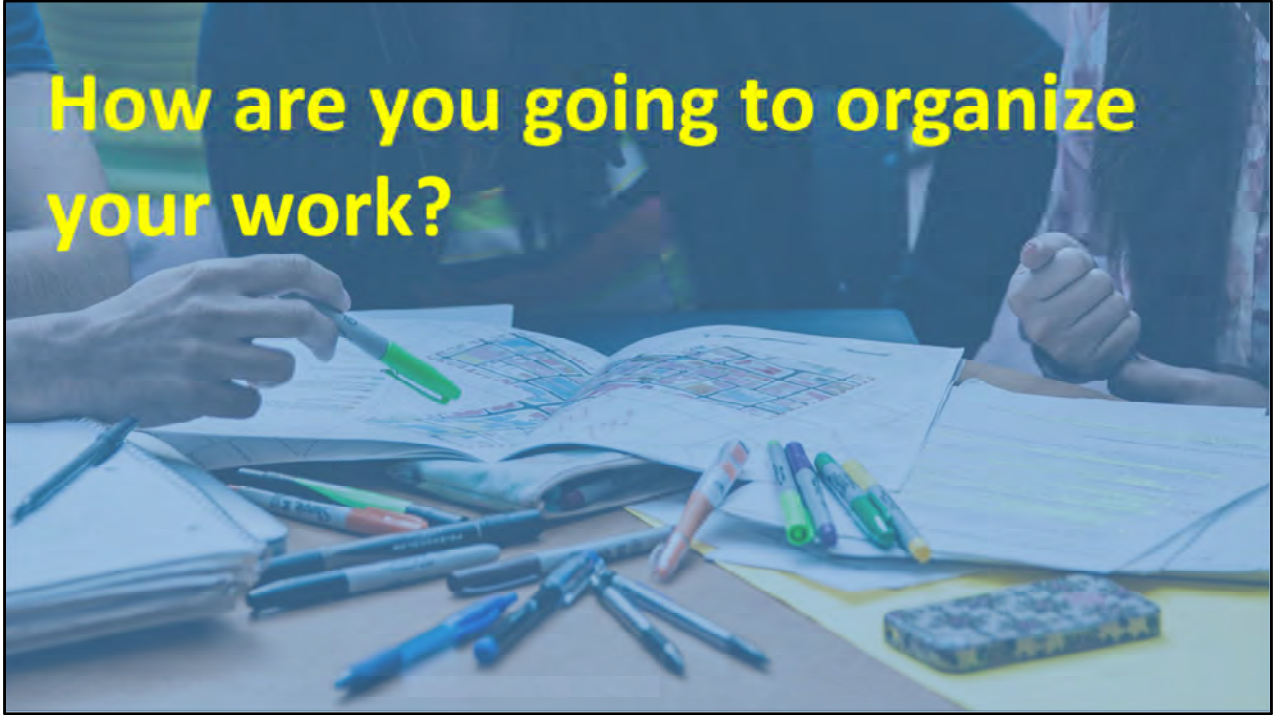
It's cleverly called the graduate-level research guide

I'm going to drop the link to the Graduate-level research guide in the chat:

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I'm going to step out of PowerPoint and show the guide

# How are you going to organize your work?



On the citation styles link, we note some resources Mendely and Zotero that can help you organize your resources. Enable you to integrate citations into your works.

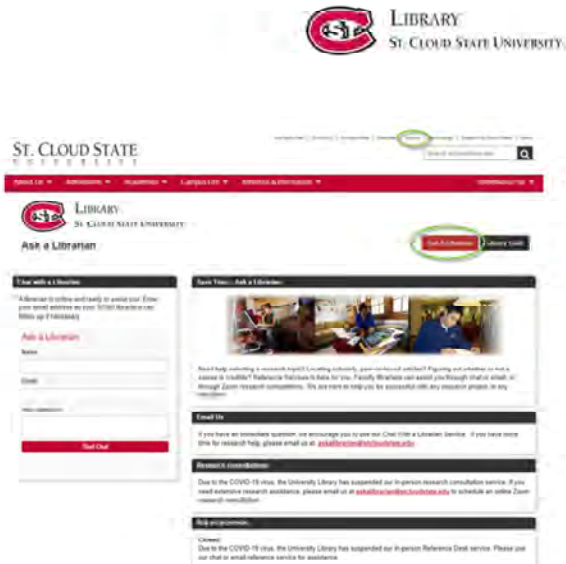
Try them both out. If they don't work for you, move on. But you need to figure out something that works for you.

Share in the chat any tips you have for organizing information

# Contact Us

## Ask a Librarian

- 24/7 chat
- Email:  
[askalibrarian@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:askalibrarian@stcloudstate.edu)
- Research consultations



I mentioned this earlier but here are the ways we can help you. Wherever you see the Ask a Librarian button, you can access the page with the ways we can help you

I want to talk a bit about Research consultations


## Individualized meetings

- Online
- Plan your search strategy for literature review
- Identify specific, relevant sources targeted to your project, saving you time
- Use library tools effectively, finding the information you need when you need it



Librarians can help you find the right tool to use to find the resources you need.



A close-up photograph of three darts with red and blue flights hitting the bullseye of a target. The target has concentric rings of red, green, and blue, with numbers 1 through 10 visible. The darts are positioned diagonally across the frame, with their silver barrels and sharp points clearly visible. The text "Librarians can help you find the right words to use." is overlaid in a bold, black, sans-serif font in the upper left quadrant of the image.

**Librarians can help you find  
the right words to use.**

This happens in like all consultations, sometimes the trick to finding resources is knowing the right words used in your discipline. You know how you'll learn this words?

Did I mention you'll do a  
lot of reading?



Yep, you'll learn the terminology, the methods, and theories through the reading you'll do

## Fall Hours



### Library building hours:

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Campus Card required to enter Library

Miller Center Lobby, Extended Study  
Computer Lab, and Online Library  
available 24/7

Before I forget, here are the Library's hours this semester and you will need campus card to enter the library.

**You got this!**



## Questions?

Unmute your mic or ask in the chat!

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