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Undergraduate User Guide

ABOUT

Welcome to Temple University Libraries, an essential resource that will help you make the most of your studies and time at Temple. The Libraries are your central hub for books and articles, research support, study space, cultural programs, and so much more.

At the Libraries, you have access to:

Over **4.5 million** print and e-book titles

A **world-wide collection** of other lending libraries

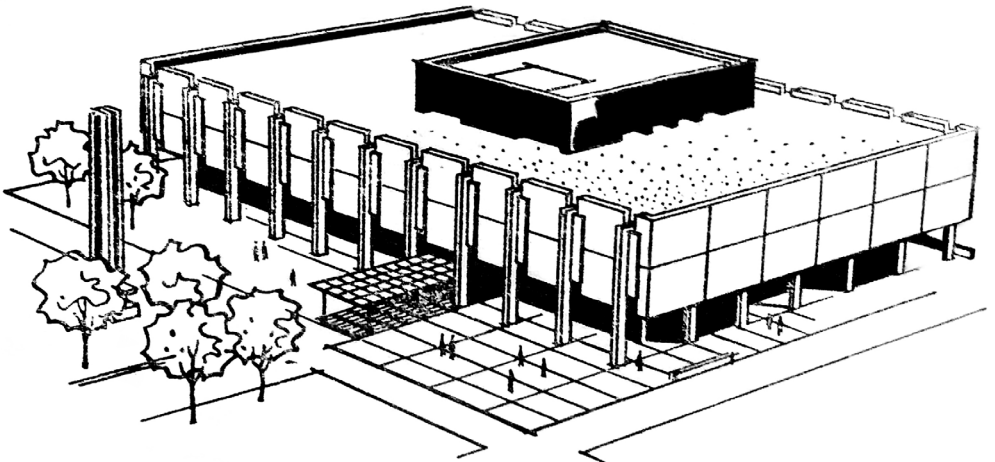
Librarians to assist you with your research

Movies and TV shows for loan and streaming, including new releases

Our rare and varied **special collections**

Free programs, exhibitions, and film screenings

For library hours at all locations, visit library.temple.edu.



SERVICES

Consult With a Librarian—get tips on starting research, help choosing and using the right resources , or talk in depth about your research project

Visit our services desk or **schedule an appointment** at paleystudy.temple.edu/appointments/.

Ask a Librarian via chat, email, or text at library.temple.edu/asktlibraries.

Find Materials—locate a specific title or resource, or browse broad topic and subject areas

Use **Library Search** to find ALL the resources related to your topic—locate books, e-books, scholarly articles, newspaper and popular magazine essays, scholarly journal articles, media resources, select archival materials, and electronic sources through one simple step (library.temple.edu).

Research Guides, developed by expert librarians for specific topics and courses, provide an overview of the best, most reliable, and most important sources. Get started on the right track at guides.temple.edu.

Borrow Materials

Use your **OWLcard** to check out library materials.

If we don't have a book, article, or DVD, there's a good chance one of our lending partners does. Request unavailable items through **E-ZBorrow** or **ILLiad**, found under the Quick Links on the library home page.

Digital Media Tools and Computing

Borrow electronic **devices and equipment** like iPads, Kindles, Chromebooks, GPS units, cameras, audio recorders, and tripods from the Media Services desk on Paley Library's ground floor.

Go online and access **electronic resources** both on- and off-campus, or get some work done at one of our public computers.

Print in all Libraries using your free print quota, which includes 300 pages/semester preloaded on your OWLcard. Color and black-and-white printers also accept Diamond Dollars and/or cash, and wireless printing is available through our "Print on the Go" service.

Copy or scan materials in color or black-and-white. Copiers accept Diamond Dollars and/or cash, and scanning is always free.

Ask **Tech Lab Assistants** for help; they are on-hand at the service desk seven days a week.

Digital Scholarship Center Services

The Digital Scholarship Center (DSC) at Paley Library is your space to explore the latest technologies and methods in the digital humanities, digital arts, gaming, making, and more. Expert DSC staff members can help you:

Create in **3 dimensions**, including virtual reality with the Oculus rift, Unity, 3D printing, 3D scanning and laser cutting.

Experiment and build with electronics in our **makerspace**.

Work with mapping and **GIS technology** to better explore our world.

Visit the **DSC blog** at sites.temple.edu/tudsc/.

Study Spaces

We offer spaces for study and meeting, including designated quiet zones, group and individual work areas, gaming spaces, and media viewing rooms.

Book group study rooms at paleystudy.temple.edu.

COLLECTIONS

The Libraries hold more than 4.5 million volumes in our general collections, electronic materials, and rare and unique special collections. All special collections must be used on site.

Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection **blockson@temple.edu | 215-204-6632**

Visit the Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection for a first-hand account of African and African American history and culture. The Blockson Collection, located in Sullivan Hall, houses rare African American publications, photographs, manuscripts, visual and performing arts materials, and more, dating from the 16th century to today.

Leisure Reading Collection

Visit the main floor of Paley Library and browse current bestsellers, popular fiction and nonfiction, mysteries, science fiction and fantasy, how-to manuals, self-help books, and more.

Media Services

tulmedia@temple.edu | 215-204-8204

Visit the ground floor of Paley Library to check out movies, equipment, and electronic devices at the Media Services desk.

Special Collections Research Center

scrc@temple.edu | 215-204-8257

Visit the Special Collections Research Center (SCRC) to access unique and rare archival materials for your class work and personal research projects. The SCRC, located on the ground floor of Paley, is home to university archives; rare books and manuscripts; the regional Urban Archives collection; artists' books; contemporary culture publications; and more.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

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