

Google Scholar

Provides a search of scholarly literature across many disciplines and sources, including theses, books, abstracts and articles. Available at scholar.google.com/.

Note: Click on the Scholar Preferences to include Stony Brook University under Library Links. This will allow you to access the fulltext of articles when available. Google Scholar should not be used exclusively as many databases do not allow it to access their content.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

By Information?

The library provides workshops throughout the semester on topics such as research skills, APA/MLA citations and more. Some workshops are scheduled in the evening to fit your schedule. For more information visit www.stonybrook.edu/library/services/instruction/.

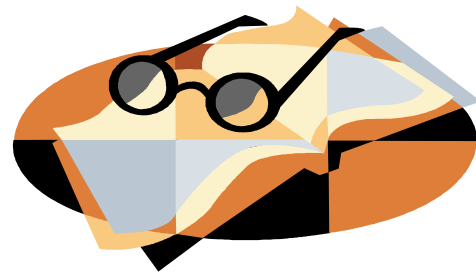
By Technology?

The TLT Student Help Desk provides small, hands-on workshops using technology. Workshops focus on technology applications that students may need to use in their coursework. Information @ <https://tlt.stonybrook.edu/StudentServices/FreeWorkshops/>.

Still Have Questions?

Contact Fiona Grady @ 632-1338 or fiona.grady@stonybrook.edu.

Library Resources for Non-Traditional Students



STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

www.stonybrook.edu/library/
Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library
Stony Brook, NY 11794-3331
Phone: 631-632-7110

Branches

- Chemistry Library
- Marine & Atmospheric Science Information Center (MASIC)
- Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy Library
- Music Library
- Science & Engineering Library
- Stony Brook Southampton Library

SBU Library Online Research Guide

Not confident about doing research? Take our self-paced online tutorial to get up to speed quickly. Focus on a problem area or go through the entire tutorial in about an hour. The tutorial is available at www.stonybrook.edu/library/tutorial/.

Among other topics, the tutorial covers how to:

- develop a research question
- select sources for research
- use the library catalog
- find articles in databases
- understand the difference between a keyword and subject search
- distinguish between popular and scholarly periodicals
- distinguish between primary and secondary sources
- evaluate Web sites
- cite sources and avoid plagiarism



Research skills rusty?

www.stonybrook.edu/library/tutorial/

Off-campus Access to Library Resources

Access to the library's web-based resources is available even when you are off-campus. When prompted for a username and password after clicking on a resource title, use your Stony Brook **NetID** and **password**.

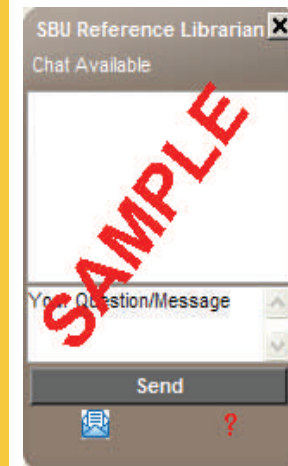
If you don't know what your NetID and password are, check your SOLAR account. Log into SOLAR using your Stony Brook ID number and SOLAR password.

Ask a Librarian

You can get help from a librarian even if you are not on-campus. Click on the Ask a Librarian link on the library's website, call

(631)632-7110 or email

askalibrarian@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.



IM widgets are available on several pages on the library's website so you can request help if you get stuck.

Don't waste time – get help!

Work Smarter, Not Harder

Galaxy

Galaxy is a new research tool that allows you to save time and discover new resources, while searching for articles or books.

A Galaxy Quick Search box is available on the library homepage and on Blackboard. For more information about Galaxy see www.stonybrook.edu/library/aboutgalaxy/.



Course Reserves

Your instructors may place materials on Course Reserves. These materials are usually on loan for a short duration due to high demand. Material will be located at the appropriate library and available at the respective service desks.

Use the [Course Reserves](#) link in the library catalog, STARS, to check the location of reserves by course number.



Finding Articles

Easily find articles by using the library's subscription databases containing electronic versions of articles from various journals and magazines. **Available 24/7, from your home, from the office, or on the road - as long as you have access to the Internet.**

Click on the Databases link on the library homepage www.stonybrook.edu/library/, then choose a database by title or subject.

Not sure which database to use? Select a subject from the drop down list for a list of recommended databases with brief descriptions so that you can choose the one most suited to your assignment.

Helpful Multidisciplinary Databases:

[Academic Search Complete](#)
[JSTOR](#)
[LexisNexis Academic](#)
[Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center](#)
[ScienceDirect](#)

These databases offer advanced search options such as filters for fulltext, peer-reviewed or scholarly journals, date and subject. Most databases will also provide a formatted citation for your References or Works Cited list.

Finding Books, DVDs, & Music

At Stony Brook

Use [STARS](#), the library catalog, to find books, journals, DVDs, and music available here on campus. The library catalog is available from the STARS link on the library homepage. You can renew items by [signing into the catalog](#)—no need to come into the library.

Journal titles ARE available in STARS but individual articles ARE NOT. For articles, use the Databases link.

Closer to Home/Work

Need a book and don't have time to get to our library? Try one of these options.

SuffolkWeb (www.suffolk.lib.ny.us/) Use the Suffolk County Catalog link to search for material held in all public libraries. Order online and have materials delivered to your local library for pickup. Helpful for finding fiction and DVD titles needed for classes.

Find the library closest to you when you need to use reference materials or find a quiet place to work or study.

WorldCat (www.worldcat.org/) Enter your search terms and zip code to see if a resource is available in your vicinity. This tool is especially helpful when looking for academic material that might not be available at your local public library or if you live or work close to another college or university.

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Oxford Reference Online Includes [The Oxford Dictionary of English](#).

Gale Virtual Reference Library