Library Orientation

Getting Up to Speed
The Challenge

TODAY

Information doubling every 2.5 years.

2020

Information doubling every 73 days.
Your Options

Learn to search, gather, manage, organize, and archive the information you need to be a successful student and soon-to-be health professional.
Information Resources at Rock Valley College

Information resources include:

- instructors and clinical experts
- textbooks and other course materials
- computer labs
- the Estelle M. Black Library and librarians
Estelle M. Black Library at Rock Valley College

The Estelle M. Black Library maintains a collection of over 100,000 items which includes books and periodicals, audiovisual materials, videotapes, cassettes, slides, films, maps, and compact discs.
The recent renovation provided a new entrance, new lobby, a variety of study spaces, and interior design improvements to the library.

Renovations to the RVC Library began in June, 2006 and were completed in August, 2007.
Online Library

The Online Library offers access to:

- Library Catalog
- Collections
- Library databases
- e-journals

http://library.rvc.cc.il.us/
Online Catalog

Our state-of-the-art online catalog, integrated library system, and internet capabilities offer a wide variety of materials to support the instructional and research needs of students, faculty, staff and district residents.
Course Reserves

Course reserves are
• requested by your instructor
• within the Library
• for limited periods of time

Open Library Catalog > click on Course Reserves tab
Reference Collection

The Reference Collection is selected and acquired to support the research, teaching and information needs of the Rock Valley College with emphasis placed on support of the academic programs.
Online Databases

The RVC Library provides access to over 52 online databases for locating magazines, newspapers, journals, and other materials.

*The online databases can be searched by subject or alphabetically.*
Library Journals
(steps to online access)

1. Click on Library Journals

2. Type in name of journal
   example: Sociological Inquiry

Journals are published at regular intervals (e.g., daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly) in a printed copy or online format. You can search a journal by subject or keyword and browse issues online.
Off-Campus Access

Off-Campus access to the Online Library:

• is available 24/7
• can provide full-text books and articles
• sometimes requires your Student ID

Your Student ID appears on your registration statement and is available through the Circulation Desk or the Office of Admissions & Records in the Student Center.
Matching Your Needs to the Information Resource

Need help with a clinical problem?
Consult experts/instructors.

Need facts?
A reference book, encyclopedia, or almanac can help.

Need the latest?
A current journal article could be what you need.

In depth info?
Come to the Library.
How We Can Help

The Estelle M. Black Library and its staff can help you as we provide:

- a collection of materials, both print and electronic, to supplement your textbooks and your teacher’s lectures
- personal assistance in finding materials
- computers and Internet access for completing your assignments
- reserve materials set aside by your instructors
How To Get Started

To get started:

• sign-up for a Library & Research Methods class or workshop

• visit or contact a librarian at the Reference Desk of the Estelle M. Black RVC Library

• check on the availability of library resources and materials

• check out the library resources and materials from the Library
Conclusion

If you have questions contact us
Reference telephone: 815-921-4619

Librarians

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