Durham Tech Library Newsletter

Virtual Library Services for the Fall Semester

Classes are online and the library is too! Follow the library blog for up-to-date information about library services and events.

Ask us about—

- ✓ Setting up research appointments for you and your students either over video chat, audio chat, or email. Email your preferred librarian or the general library email account (library@durhamtech.edu) to set up an appointment.
- ✓ Creating self-paced tutorials and instructional materials, including search strategies and library instruction for specific assignments or topics, for your class. Fill out the library instruction form.
- ✓ Providing access to journals, articles, ebooks, streaming videos, and other resources both through individual database searches and through Search Library, our "search it all at once" tool (the Search Library box on the Library homepage). Log in using your Durham Tech username and password just like you'd use for Sakai.

Craft Virtually with Us

In collaboration with the Student Government Association, the library is co-sponsoring Crafternoons online throughout the Fall 2020 semester.

Virtual CRAFT-ER-NOON

Check the library's blog and social media for more information.

Instructional and printable materials will be provided for each craft.

August 2020 — Planners/Notebooks
September 2020 — Mug Painting
October 2020 — Paper Eye Masks
November 2020 — Paper Star Wreaths

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On-Campus Library Services for the Fall Semester

Masks covering the nose and mouth are required for anyone on Durham Tech campuses.

When possible, the Main Campus Library will be open Monday through Thursday during the fall semester. The Orange County Campus will have limited hours as well. Hours may change; check the library homepage for the most up-to-date hours. Contact the library to arrange for services outside the current schedule.

When the library is open, we will need to maintain physical distancing to keep everyone safe, so if you can ask online, please do. We have designated study spaces while we're open, but current health guidelines encourage short trips.

Need to return a book or DVD? We have two outdoor return boxes on Main Campus—one is outside the building doors to Building 5 and the other one is in the traffic circle near the flagpole (Parking Lot C).

Want to check out a book? Email the library and we'll arrange for checkout and pickup at the Main Campus Library. This includes ILL and books from other campus libraries.

Need to put a textbook on reserve for student use? Drop it off at the Main Campus Library. After use, books will be quarantined for 3 days, so encourage students to call or email before coming to make sure their textbook is available. If students need to rent or buy a textbook to use at home for the entire semester, have them contact the bookstore.

Have a student who needs a laptop or internet access?

Do you have a student in your class who is completing their coursework on their cellphone or who is having trouble with at-home internet access?

Check out the Durham Tech Computer and Internet Assistance for Students during COVID-19 page. After students complete the form linked on the previous page, students will be contacted by Maggie West, Coordinator of Student Wellness and Basic Needs, to review their application.

If they qualify, they can check out a Chromebook laptop for the semester and be connected to low-cost internet options. They may also qualify for a low-cost computer or technology scholarship.

Have you checked out the Library Blog?

Subscribe to the Durham Tech Library Blog for news, updates, book and video reviews, new items in the collection, book recommendation lists, library events, and more!

OER News: A New Resource Guide

Open Educational Resources can help cut textbook costs while providing high quality academic resources. Interested in learning more? Check out the new OER LibGuide. Additional resources are still being added, so check back regularly.

Want more information or want to chat about OER and how you can incorporate them into your courses? Contact librarian Stephen Brooks (brookss@durhamtech.edu).

Reading Challenges for 2020 x2

Joining the Read Great Things Challenge for 2020 is the Above Average Reading Challenge. You can start and finish at any point in the semester, though celebrations for "winners" and participants will be held in December. Join our Teams reading group for book recommendations and Q&As.

Read Great Things 2020

Are you interested in reading more or expanding your reading beyond your favorite genres? If so, consider participating in the Read Great Things Challenge for 2020!

In order to win, read books in 10 of the following 12 categories:
- A book of short stories or essays
- Someone else's favorite book
- A book recommended by a celebrity book club
- A book that has won an award
- A book about nature or the great outdoors
- A book that is part of a series
- A bildungsroman
- A book that has been translated into English from another language OR A book in a language other than English
- A controversial book, either currently or at some point in history
- A book with a one-word title
- A book about or that features voting or civic engagement
- A book suggested by a Durham Tech librarian either in-person or on the Durham Tech Library Blog

Don't like to be controlled by categories, but want to up your reading goal for 2020? This is the challenge for you.

Just read 20 books. Any 20 books. That's it! If you're also participating in the Read Great Things Challenge, those books can definitely count towards your goal.

Let's Collaborate!

National and statewide studies show a high correlation between student success and library usage, so help promote student success by partnering with your librarians **through library instruction** and **assignment consultations**.
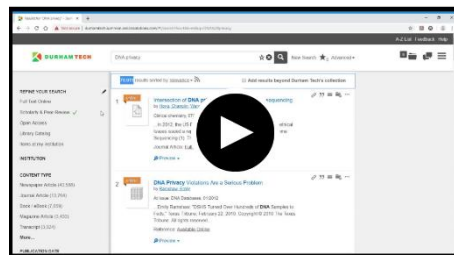
Library instruction is available for all classes and for a variety of topics, including information literacy, effective search strategies in databases and on the internet, selecting college- and subject-appropriate resources, evaluating and understanding scholarly journal articles, citation assistance, and much more!

Instructors can request a library instruction session through the Library Instruction Request form under Library Forms. Note: We are no longer using the eform.

Feel free to reach out to your librarians when planning assignments as well—we're willing to help recommend local digital and physical resources that will be the best fit! We can even create a research guide for your class.

Research Assistance: Video Tutorials

Did you know the library has video tutorials? Check out the Research Assistance link on the Library homepage.

Check out the Search Library Instructional Video for tips and tricks on how to get the best search results from Summon, the all-in-one search.

Other videos available: Academic Integrity & Plagiarism, finding and Using ebooks, finding primary sources in the library database, how to use Research Guides, and more.

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Orange County Campus Library 919-536-7238 ext. 4211

Via **email** library@durhamtech.edu

Via ChatStaff
- Staffed by Durham Tech Librarians 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. M-F
- After-hours chat available 5:00 p.m. -8:00 a.m.

And through the Library Blog, Facebook, and Instagram