LIBRARY GUIDE

Our Mission:
The Library further's Olin College's mission by selecting, developing, deploying, and managing resources and services that foster learning, discovery, and inspiration. We strive to embody Olin's philosophy of continuous innovation by leveraging emerging technologies and practices to serve Olin and the broader learning community.

Located on the 1st and ground floors of the Olin Center, the physical library space encourages thought, discovery, serendipity, play, tranquility, and inspiration. Our virtual space strives to provide cutting edge access to information. The library staff achieves these goals through the development of outstanding resources and services, as well as the cultivation of space to work in groups, tinker with toys, and find solitude. The library is staffed from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility is open to members of the Olin community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by using an ID card. Access to electronic library resources and more information on library services and policies can be found on the Library’s Portal at: http://library.olin.edu.

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Email suggestions.library@olin.edu to suggest a book for purchase.

Email reserves.library@olin.edu to ask a question about reserves or to submit a request for materials to be placed on reserve.

Email reference.library@olin.edu with ready-reference questions or to request a research consultation.

Email interlibrary.loan@olin.edu to request materials not owned by Olin College Library. Please indicate which resources you have already checked (i.e. which database you searched for a journal article).
LIBRARY SERVICES:

The library provides access to a collection of books, journals, indexes, databases, and other resources in electronic and print formats. Subject areas include engineering, science, technology, math, physics, art, photography, design, creativity, and pedagogy. Print resources can be searched in the catalog at http://library.olin.edu/catalog. Books may be borrowed for four weeks using the self-checkout machine.

Through agreements with other area college libraries, Olin community members may borrow and access materials from Babson, Pine Manor, Regis, and Wellesley. Delivery of items from above italicized schools to Olin College may be requested by placing a hold in the online catalog. Your library ID# on your Olin ID card and your library PIN are required to place holds.

Reference assistance is provided via drop-in or scheduled appointments.

Research consultations can be scheduled for individuals and student teams. Help with database use and other in-depth instruction is available. Library, subject, database, and course guides are under continuous development and are available in the library and on the website.

The library can acquire or borrow materials from other libraries or document providers through interlibrary loan or document delivery services.

Course support is available through reserves, course-specific resource guides, tailored library instruction, web page development, bibliographic analysis of student work over time, and curriculum or assignment development involving information literacy.

Information literacy is promoted through library instruction. Online modules for competency-level research skills are being developed in support of college-wide academic goals. In-class customized library instruction can be requested by faculty.

The library develops educational exhibits in the library that promote college ideals and highlight curriculum-related themes or special topics of interest.

The library serves as a resource to inform the Olin community about current issues and hot topics such as copyright guidelines.

DIRECTORY:

FIRST FLOOR
Art & Photography collections
Atlases
CD’s, DVD’s (fiction) and videos
Chess and Go sets
Circulation desk with self check out machine
Copier/printer/scanner (OC150R01)
Course reserves
Display boards
Display center with library publications and guides
Intuos2 Pen Tablet
Legos, Mindstorms, K’nex, and other building kits
Library staff offices
Magnetic white boards
Pedagogy collection
Study rooms
Sustainable engineering design collection
Two public workstations
TV with DVD player and headphones

LOWER FLOOR
Circulating and reference books - “stacks”
DVD’s (non-fiction)
Individual study desks
Journal collection
Microfiche/film reader
Newspapers
Two public workstations