

Harriet K. & Philip Pumerantz Library

Western University of Health Sciences
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Guide to Alumni Services

Fall and Spring Hours

Monday – Thursday

7:00 am – 11:00 pm

Friday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Summer Hours

Monday – Thursday

7:00 am – 9:00 pm

Friday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Closed Sundays

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ID Badges

The Western University ID badge grants access to all University buildings and is also the University library card. If you no longer have an ID badge please contact the Library's Circulation department prior to your visit for assistance.

Books

Alumni may use the library's online catalog to locate books, journals, media and other materials on a subject of interest. The Online catalog may be accessed online at <http://library.westernu.edu/uhtbin/cgiirsi.exe/x/0/0/49>. For assistance searching the online catalog inquire at any of the public service desks.

Circulation

Alumni may borrow up to 3 circulating items for a 2-week period with one renewal. You must present a Western University Identification Badge to borrow materials. If you no longer have a Western University ID badge, you may have a new one printed, or you may present a photo ID & library staff will verify alumni status.

Interlibrary Loan

We encourage alumni to use their local library for interlibrary loans, but we will provide this service for a fee. The costs for interlibrary loans are \$10.00 per item request. Books, journal articles, and other materials unavailable in the library may be obtained using ILLiad.

Document Delivery

The library provides a document delivery service for alumni at no charge. The library will copy and email, via ILLiad, journal articles from the current print collection. This service is not to be confused with interlibrary loans, which covers materials the library does not have in its collection.

ILLiad

ILLiad is the Harriet K. & Philip Pumerantz Library Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery System. Alumni may login to ILLiad <https://illiad.westernu.edu/illiad/logon.html> to submit requests for journal articles, books, and single book chapters. You may also track the status of your requests, cancel requests that you no longer need, and view journal articles received. Log into ILLiad using your WesternU Network username and password (same used to access your WesternU email).

When requesting articles using ILLiad please submit no more than 5 requests at a time. Users may only have 5 items in process at a time. Once material comes in, more requests may be submitted.

If you have further questions about ILLiad, please contact the Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Department.

Reference Services

The full range of reference services is available at no cost to alumni. These include but are not limited to, literature search requests, database assistance, and training.

The Reference Department is available for assistance Monday through Saturday during the following desk hours:

Monday – Friday:	9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday	11:00am to 4:00pm
Sunday	No reference staff available

Chat Reference

Pumerantz Library offers chat reference service to communicate in real time with a reference librarian. This service is available during reference desk hours. Chat reference is intended to offer brief reference assistance. To begin using this service, visit the chat web page located at <http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/library/library-chat-reference.xml>. For more detailed assistance please contact the library either by phone at 909-469-5323 or by email at reference@westernu.edu.

Photocopies

A self-service copy center is located on the third floor. Within the copy center are three photocopiers and the cost is \$.05 per page. For assistance with the photocopiers please inquire at the Media Resources Office or the ILL/Document Delivery Office. If assistance is needed on Sunday please inquire at the Circulation Desk.

University Print Management System

As an alumnus you may continue to use the print management system using your network login, or you may print on a per job basis. Please go to the Library's Circulation Desk for assistance with guest printing.

Subscription Electronic Resources

Alumni may use the library's subscribed electronic resources in the library only. Remote access is not available.

Free Electronic Resources

BiomedCentral

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/search/>

BiomedCentral is an independent publishing house committed to providing immediate free access to peer reviewed biomedical research. They provide free searching of their journals and also allow you to perform searches in PubMed and PubMed Central.

Clinicaltrials.gov

<http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/>

Clinical Trials.gov is a database that provides patients, family members and the public with current information about clinical research studies.

ERIC

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/>

ERIC is the world's largest source of education information with more than 1 million abstracts of documents and journal articles on education research and practice.

LactMed

<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?LACT>

LactMed is a free peer-reviewed database included in NLM's TOXNET system of databases. It covers information on drugs and lactation and currently has over 450 drug records. The records include maternal and infant drug levels, effects on breastfeeding infants, effects on lactation, and alternate drugs to consider.

National Drug Code Directory

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/ndc/database/Default.htm>

The NDC Directory is limited to prescription drugs and insulin products that have been manufactured, prepared, propagated, compounded, or processed by registered establishments for commercial distribution. The products have been listed in accordance with the Drug Listing Act and regulatory provisions concerning the submission of drug product information to FDA.

National Guidelines Clearinghouse (NGC)

<http://www.guideline.gov/>

The NGC is a public source of evidence based clinical practical guidelines; it offers clinicians a searchable free resource for clinical practice guidelines.

NLM Gateway

<http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov/gw/Cmd>

The NLM Gateway allows users to search in multiple retrieval systems at the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM). The current Gateway searches MEDLINE/PubMed, LOCATORplus, MEDLINEplus, ClinicalTrials.gov, DIRLINE, Meeting Abstracts, HSRProj, OMIM, and HSDB.

Orange Book – Electronic Version

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/ob/default.htm>

The Orange Book contains therapeutic equivalence evaluations for approved multisource prescription drug products (usually referred to as generics). The evaluations have been prepared as a resource for state health agencies, physicians, pharmacists, and the public to promote public education in the area of drug product selection, as well as to foster containment of health care costs.

PubMed

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?holding=westulib&otool=westulib>

PubMed is the National Library of Medicine's search service that provides free access to over 18 million citations in MEDLINE, PreMEDLINE, and other related databases, with links to full text articles in participating online journals.

Helpful Information

Library Email Addresses

Circulation	circ@westernu.edu
Reference	reference@westernu.edu
ILL/Document Delivery	ill@westernu.edu

Library URL's

ILLiad	https://illiad.westernu.edu/illiad/logon.html
Ask a Librarian	http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/library/library-ask.xml
Chat Reference	http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/library/library-chat-reference.xml
Online Catalog	http://library.westernu.edu/uhtbin/cgiirsi.exe/x/0/0/49
Literature Search Form	http://wsprod.westernu.edu/library/forms/literature.jsp