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Where in the World is the Barnes Library?

The Ward E. Barnes Library moved to North Campus over the summer. The Barnes Library's collections in Optometry, Nursing, and Education have merged with the broader Thomas Jefferson Library collections. Check the UMSL [Library Catalog](#) for location, call number, and status of books, (most will be located on Levels 1 and 4) and other materials. **For additional help, ask at the Thomas Jefferson Library Reference desk.**

In addition to books, Education, Nursing, and Optometry print journals (including current journals) from 2000 to the present can be found on Level 5.

Other items of note on Level 5 include the Barnes Library skeleton, a lounge seating area, and the **Children's Literature Collection** and the **K-12 Textbook Collection**. The Children's Literature Collection along with a display area is located on the shelves nearest to the skeleton. The Children's Literature Collection includes juvenile: biographies (jb), fiction (jf), information (ji), poetry (jp) and folk / fairytales (jt).

The K-12 Textbook Collection is located on shelves directly behind the Children's Literature Collection. Call numbers for K-12 textbooks are: f= foreign language, he= health, la= reading/ language arts/spelling/handwriting/ grammar, ma = math, mu = music, sc = science and ss = social studies. For additional help in finding an item on TJ Level 5, ask at the 5th floor service desk.

Did You Know?

- The UMSL Libraries offer access to a vast number of e-books that can all be viewed online through a web browser? One of our largest collections, the EBSCO eBook [collection](#), contains over 130,000 titles that can also be downloaded and read on an e-book reader, laptop, smartphone, iPad, or other mobile device. Complete instructions are available for downloading on the Libraries' [homepage](#).
- You can get one-on-one research assistance from a librarian in person or via email or chat? Request a [research consultation](#) online to schedule your appointment.
- Summon and many other databases will format your citations for you? For more information visit the Library's research [guide](#) for help citing sources.
- You can grab a laptop and study anywhere you would like in the Thomas Jefferson Library? Laptops are available for checkout at the circulation desk with charges lasting two hours.
- Study rooms are available in the Thomas Jefferson Library for group or quiet study? Reserve a room [online](#).



Barnes Library Skeleton



K-12 Textbook
Collection (left)

Study Area near
Children's Literature
Collection (right)



Just Scan It!



Need to make a copy of some documents, a book chapter, or class notes? UMSL Libraries provide scanning machines (free to you) on the 3rd and 5th floors of the Thomas Jefferson Library. The scanners are easy to use – just follow the prompts on the video screen, then email it or download your copy to a flash drive. **Ask a Librarian for assistance.**

Preparing for the workplace or graduate school?
Maybe need a little help with College ALGEBRA...
Get help @ the LIBRARY!



Getting ready for the next step? Looking to start the interview process or maybe considering graduate school? The Library has your back. Assistance for everything from brushing up on your computer skills, interviewing tips, getting ready to take a licensing exam or graduate entrance test. Maybe you need help with college algebra. The University Libraries have sources to help get you there.

Learning Express Library is a comprehensive, interactive online database available remotely anytime you need access from the University Libraries' [webpage](#). It includes interactive practice tests and tutorials designed to help you succeed. Practice tests and study guides are available for many licensing exams such as the **NCLEX-RN** examination for nursing, **GRE** (Graduate Record Examination), **GMAT** (Graduate Management Admission Test), MCAT (Medical College Admission Test), **LSAT** (Law School Admission Test) to name a few.

Help is available for putting together your resume; interviewing tips and brushing up on workplace skills in areas such as writing, computers, and math.

Accessing the resources of Learning Express is available a couple of different ways once you link in from the University Libraries' webpage. From the main page use the search box to enter a keyword that describes what you need assistance with; EXAMPLE algebra. Or choose from the dropdown list found on the top banner; EXAMPLE: All Centers – College Center and then choose Math Skills Review, Reading Skills Review, Grammar and Writing Skills Review or Science Skills Review. Each center offers an extensive list of review sets, practice exercises and e-books to choose from.

Need assistance with College Algebra? Check out what Learning Express offers; Algebra, Patterns and Functions practice sets, Basic Algebra practice sets, just to name a few. Several e-books are also available such as Algebra in 15 minutes a Day which offers a complete course in algebra skills and each step takes just 15 minutes. Express Review Guides are available for Algebra I and Algebra II.

Important Note: All users must register to use the Learning Express Library.

Stop by the Reference Desk if you need any help locating materials or assistance using the databases.

New Exhibits Open at the Mercantile Library

The Saint Louis Mercantile Library, located on levels 1 and 2 of the Thomas Jefferson Library Building, has a full slate of new exhibitions opening this semester:

Director's Choice: Acquisitions, Donations and Discoveries for the Mercantile Library's Collection: 1984-2014. In recognition of John Hoover's 30th anniversary of service to the Mercantile Library, this exhibition covers some of the highlights of John's collecting during his tenure, including Indian captivity literature, literary firsts of Missouri, the works of John James Audubon and presidential papers and pictures. Located on level 2. Open now.

Merchants on the Map: Selections of original business records from the Mercantile Library's special collections through time marking the 250th anniversary of the founding of St. Louis. Located on level 1. Open now.

A Mirror of National Growth and Change: artist George Caleb Bingham and his prints of American frontier life. Located in the Mercantile Library atrium. Opening October 15th.

Mapping St. Louis History: An Exhibition of Historic Maps, Rare Books and Images Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Louis: This exhibition will explore the growth and development of St. Louis from the city's first appearance on a map to the present day. Located on level 1 of the Library. Opening October 20th.

