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St. Louis Mercantile Library

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Do you have a group project and need a place to meet? Do you just want a quiet place to study alone? Check out a study room! There are study rooms available on Level 5 of the Thomas Jefferson Library. You can check out a key to a study room at the Public Service Desk with your UMSL ID. Rooms are available for two hours at a time on a first come, first served basis. Study rooms need to be vacated 30 minutes prior to the Library’s closing time.

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New Primary Source Databases Available at the Library

The UMSL Libraries have purchased new databases that provide access to a wide variety of primary source materials. One of these new databases is called Archives Unbound. Archives Unbound consists of topical-collections of full-text, primary, historical documents. A wide-range of subjects are covered including African American history, American Indian, Asian American, LGBT, African, and Women's Studies.

Another newly acquired primary source collection is the American Antiquarian Society's Historical Periodicals Collection. This collection provides access to American periodicals from 1691—1912. Access this database to research about life in the United States from the Colonial Era through the Civil War and Reconstruction to the early twentieth century.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous Mercantile Library donor, we also now have access to the historic *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and *New York Times* online. These databases provide full text access to the newspapers from the beginning of their publication.

For more information about these databases and other resources, please see our Primary Sources Guide located on the Libraries' homepage: <https://libguides.umsl.edu/primary-sources>



New Research Guides at the Library



A new research guide system, LibGuides, was recently set up in the Libraries. LibGuides enables us to more easily create, revise, and enhance research guides for students. The system is also designed to create guides that are mobile-friendly so you can easily view them on your phone or tablet. Research guides have been created for most major subject areas such as Business, Psychology, Biology, Philosophy, Education, History, and many more. Check out these [guides](#) to find out how to locate books, journal articles, and other resources for your research topics. We have also created guides to help you with citing your sources, finding newspaper articles, writing about controversial topics, finding full-text articles, and locating primary sources.

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K-12 Textbook Collection at the Library

The Thomas Jefferson Library has a collection of classroom textbooks used in grades K-12. These textbooks are primarily used by students in the College of Education. The Textbook Collection is located on level 5 of the Library and the books are arranged by subject areas including health, math, spelling, composition, music, science, and much more. For more information see the Textbook Collection [Guide](#).

