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DID YOU KNOW?



- You can get one-on-one research assistance from a librarian? Request a [research consultation](#) today!
- You can grab a laptop and study anywhere you would like in the Thomas Jefferson Library? Laptops are available for checkout at the Public Service Desk.
- There are scanners on the 3rd and 5th floors of the Library? After scanning, you can email or download your documents to a flash drive.
- 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 visit Café TJ in the library and get a cup of coffee, a sandwich, and other light snacks? Click here for [hours](#).



Thomas Jefferson Library



St. Louis Mercantile Library

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Get Help at Thomas Jefferson Library's Public Service Desk!

Students, faculty, and staff can visit the **Public Service Desk** — the one stop shopping for all of their library needs. Here you can get research assistance, check out books, reserve a study room, check out laptops, or ask any other questions about the Library. Stop in and see us today!



Check Out a Study Room

Do you have a group project and need a place to meet? Or, do you just want a quiet place to study alone? Check out a study room! There are eleven study rooms available on Level 5 of the Thomas Jefferson Library for group or quiet study. You can check out a key to a study room at the Public Service Desk on Level 3 with a valid UMSL ID card. 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.



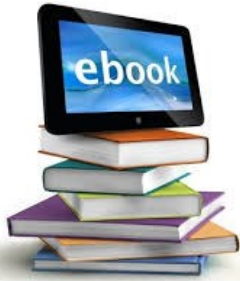
Do You Need Research Help?

Do you need help finding books, journal articles, or other sources for a research paper or homework assignment? Librarians are here to help! You can stop in and see us at the Public Service Desk or contact us by phone at 314-516-5057. You can also chat with us online by clicking on the green "Chat Now" link on the Libraries' homepage (note the link only appears when a librarian is available to answer your question) or by requesting a [research consultation](#) either in-person or via email.



Finding Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles Using Summon

Do you need to find peer reviewed journal articles for a research paper? What is a peer-reviewed journal article and where can you find them? An article that is "peer-reviewed" indicates that experts in the field have reviewed the article prior to publication. To locate peer-reviewed articles using Summon, start by typing in your topic in the [Summon search box](#) on the Libraries' homepage and click the search button. On the next page, you will have the option to narrow your search by clicking on the limits on the left side of the screen. For peer-reviewed journal articles, you should click on "Scholarly & Peer-Reviewed Publications" and "Journal Article." Doing this will then limit your results to only peer-reviewed journal articles. For more help with this type of search please [ask a librarian!](#)



Finding E-books at the Library

The UMSL Libraries offer access to a vast number of e-books that can all be viewed online through a web browser and many can be downloaded and read on an e-reader, iPad, smartphone, or other mobile device. E-books can be located by searching the [Library Catalog](#) or by browsing the Library's [e-book collections](#). Stop by the Library's Public Service Desk or contact us [online](#) if you need further assistance.

Accessing Full-Text Court Cases

Looking for the text of a court case? UMSL Libraries have the answer! LexisNexis Academic contains the **full text** of many **federal and state court cases**.

To access this database, all you need to do is follow these step-by-step instructions:

Start from the Libraries' [homepage](#) and click on the tab [Articles/Databases](#)



Next, click on "L" and choose LexisNexis Academic; then click on the Search LexisNexis link.

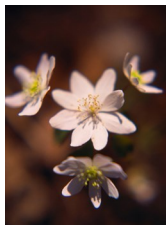
Once in the database, look toward the bottom of the page and click on [Look up a Legal Case](#) Federal and state cases.

At this point you have options to search for court cases by citation, parties involved, or by topic. For additional search options try clicking on "Cases" and then "Advanced Options." This will allow you to refine your search to a particular court (i.e., Federal Military Courts, U.S. Courts of Appeals, a specific state, etc.). Once your selection is made click on [Apply](#) then enter your search terms.

If you need additional assistance [contact](#) a Reference Librarian!

New Exhibits at the Mercantile Library

Photograph by
Heidi Lopata
Sherman



"A Bear Plunging into the Sea"
(part of the "Audubon and Beyond" exhibit)

Do you have time between classes or need a break from studying? Visit the Mercantile Library and see their new exhibits opening this semester:

- On display through June 2017, on Level 2 of the St. Louis Mercantile Library, "**Audubon and Beyond: Collecting Five Centuries of Natural History.**" This exhibit traces the natural history of St. Louis using many of the Mercantile Library's original collections and primary sources.
- October 2016- January 2017, Shopmaker Print Gallery- "**Laughing All the Way to the Ballot Box: Political Cartoons Through History.**" Come see historical political cartoons displayed from the Mercantile Library Collections.
- October 2016 to May 2017, Bates Gallery- "**The Nature of Light: Photographs by Heidi Lopata Sherman.**" Visit this exhibit to see the works of photographer Heidi Lopata Sherman.