Faculty Information Sheet

Contact Information

Dr. Bernard Firestone, Interim Dean of Library and Information Services; Dean’s Office: 516-463-5411
Home page: www.hofstra.edu/library

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday:  8 AM – midnight (Reference desk opens at 9AM closes at 9 PM)
Friday:                        8 AM – 9 PM (Reference desk opens at 9AM and closes at 8 PM)
Saturday:                    9 AM – 9 PM (Reference desk opens at 11 AM)
Sunday:                     10 AM – 11 PM (Reference desk opens at 1 PM and closes at 9 PM)
These hours apply while classes are in session during the Fall and Spring semesters. The Library is closed for certain holidays and has different hours during Intersessions and summer. Check the Web site for more detailed information.

Departments and Services

ACCESS SERVICES

➢ Circulation
  • The loan period for faculty is six months from the date of checkout with online renewal. Faculty may have a maximum of 50 books checked out at one time.
  • Faculty may authorize Student Assistants to borrow books for them by filling out a form available at the Circulation Desk, located on the main floor of Axinn Library. Please note that faculty are responsible for these books.
  • Faculty may request on-campus book delivery of materials from Axinn Library. An online request form is available on the Library’s Faculty Services Web page, or you can request via the online catalog using the My Library Account Feature.
  • Call Sarah McCleskey (463-5076) with questions about Circulation.

➢ Periodicals
  • Print periodicals are located on the ground floor of Axinn Library.
  • Faculty may request electronic delivery of articles from print journals held by Axinn Library. An online request form is available on the Library Faculty Services Web page.
  • Faculty may borrow a maximum of 5 periodicals for a period of 3 days.
  • Faculty may enter the closed stacks by showing their Hofstra ID.
  • Call Sarah McCleskey (463-5076) with questions about Periodicals.

➢ Reserves/E-Reserves
  • Books from the circulating collection, as well as personal copies of books that we do not own, can be placed on reserve.
  • Journal articles and other print materials that meet the University copyright policy may be placed on Electronic Reserve. At the beginning of the semester, expect at least a two-week turnaround time for E-Res and three days for paper reserves.
  • Call Sarah McCleskey (463-5076) with questions about Reserves.

FILM AND MEDIA LIBRARY

• Hours: Monday – Thursday 8AM – 7 PM, Friday 8AM – 4PM.
• The Film and Media Library, located in Memorial Hall, Room 025, houses a collection of approximately 10,000 items, primarily in VHS and DVD video. Faculty may check out videos for 7 days; students must watch on-site.
• In-house facilities for the use of materials include one class screening room, two small-group viewing rooms, and carrels for individual viewing and listening.
• Films on Demand, a database of streaming video titles from Films for the Humanities and Sciences, is available on the Library’s Research Databases Web page.
• Contact Sarah McCleskey (463-5076) to request purchase of audiovisual materials for the collection.
• To schedule the use of media materials or screening facilities, call 463-5986; for audio visual and computer projection equipment, call 463-5989.

REFERENCE

➢ The Harold E. Yuker Reference Library contains a comprehensive collection of over 40,000 volumes, including encyclopedias, dictionaries, almanacs, indexes and abstracts, bibliographies, directories, biographical sources, and atlases.
The Reference Desk is located on the main floor of Axinn Library. It is staffed 77 hours per week during Fall and Spring semesters by library faculty, who provide research assistance to both students and faculty.

Call Professor Carol Simon (463-6530) with questions about Reference Services.

Electronic Resources

Hofstra subscribes to over 150 electronic databases that provide access to either citations or the full text of articles from scholarly journals. Currently, 100,000+ e-books and 60,000+ full text e-journals are available. These resources are available from faculty offices, from workstations within the library, and in most cases, from off-campus as well.

Call Professor Howard Graves (463-6429) with question about Electronic Resources.

Library Instruction

The Library offers a rich instruction program with active learning opportunities that serves students at all levels. Our offerings include:

- One or more instruction sessions designed to prepare students for specific assignments
- Course-integrated workshops
- Once-credit courses (Library 1) taught as part of the First-Year Connections Program

To schedule library instruction for your class, either submit an online Library Instruction Request form (http://www.hofstra.edu/library/library_libaxn_libinstruction_request.html) or contact the Reference Desk.

Call Professor Carol Simon (463-6530) with questions about Library Instruction.

Interlibrary Loan

The Library will attempt to borrow materials it does not own from another library. This service is available to any Hofstra student, staff or faculty member. To request material from Interlibrary Loan, you will first need to establish an account with Hofstra’s electronic interlibrary loan service, ILLiad (https://illiad.hofstra.edu/illiad/Axinn/)

Setting up an account requires you to use your Hofstra University Network User Name and Password and entering some personal information and preferences. Unless you wish to make changes later, you will not need to enter this information again.

Call Professor Bill Caniano (463-5963) with questions about Interlibrary Loan.

Government Documents

The John W. Wydler Government Documents Depository is a virtual depository of federal and NYS government information located at http://libguides.hofstra.edu/GovInfoGuide.

Call Professor Georgina Martorella (463-4980) if you have questions about Government Documents.

Curriculum Materials Center

The Curriculum Materials Center (CMC) holds a collection of instructional materials intended for the training of classroom teachers and other school professionals. Its holdings include materials at levels ranging from pre-kindergarten through grade 12, and consist of professional books and journals, children's and young adult literature, textbooks with teacher's guides and workbooks, realia, games, manipulatives, videos/DVDs, educational software, and other classroom aids.

Call Professor Amy Catalano (463-5956) with questions or to schedule a class in the CMC.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS – GROUND FLOOR AXINN LIBRARY

The ground floor of Axinn Library houses the University Archives, the Rare Books and Manuscripts Collections, and the Long Island Studies Institute.

These special collections offer unique research opportunities for scholars and students alike.

Because of the unique nature of these collections, the materials are restricted to in-library use only.

LIBR 201, a graduate-level independent study course on original documents, is available.

Call Professor Geri Solomon (463-6407) with questions about Special Collections.