

# LIBRARIES & MEDIA SERVICES



- *Are you worried about doing research for a course paper?*
- *Do you need help in preparing a Power Point presentation?*
- *Do you need a place to work on a group project?*

Then take advantage of the following  
**Library Services for Students**

*We are here to help. Don't be afraid to ask questions.*

## **Web Site for Libraries & Media Services**

**www.library.kent.edu**

The library's Web site offers links to useful resources such as the Online Reference Shelf, Subject Guides, Style Guides (for citing sources), and, of course, KentLINK (the online catalog). Start your research here. Choose **Research Databases** to link you to over 200 databases that can help you find the kind of magazine, journal, and newspaper articles your faculty want you to use for papers.

## **Getting Reference Help from a Librarian**

### **\*\*Ask-a-Librarian**

Email questions to librarians or chat with a librarian. Add **IMaKSULibrarian** to your Buddy List. IM service available during the same hours as the Reference Desk. More information available at: **www.library.kent.edu/askus**

### **\*\*Subject Specialists**

Different librarians have different subject specialties. A list of librarians assigned to different departments is available at: **www.library.kent.edu/subjectliaisons** You can contact the librarian directly for help via email or ask for a referral at the Reference Desk. Six **branch libraries** on campus offer specialized resources and services. For links to hours and locations go to **www.library.kent.edu/page/10004**

### **\*\*The Reference Desk**

Don't be afraid to ask questions at the **Reference Desk in the Information Commons** located on the first floor of the library. During the regular semester in-person assistance is available until 9:00 PM Sunday through Thursday and until 5:00 PM on Friday and Saturday. You can also phone the Reference Desk with quick questions at: **330-672-3150**

### **\*\*PERCs (Personalized Research Consultations)**

PERCs give you a chance to work one-on-one with a librarian who will help you with class assignments related to library research. PERCs last from 30 to 60 minutes. Appointments need to be made two days in advance and this can be done in person at the Reference Desk or by calling **330-672-3150**.

## **Online Tutorials**

Tutorials are available if you want to learn about basic library skills including using the online catalog, basic database searching, and Web evaluation. Go to:

**<http://www.library.kent.edu/tutorials>**

## **Getting Started: Tips for Researching College Papers**

This workshop is offered multiple times throughout the semester in Room 333 of the Main Library. It covers basic research skills including the online catalog and Academic Search Premier (a general database). The workshop lasts about one hour and there is no charge. Sign up in advance by going to: **[www.library.kent.edu/60minute](http://www.library.kent.edu/60minute)**

## **Student Multimedia Studio (SMS)**

Located on the first floor of the Library in the Information Commons. Stop by to get help (just sign in at the counter in the SMS) or make an appointment. Tutorials on how to use Power Point, digital storytelling, and video editing are also available through the library's Web site. More information available at: **[www.library.kent.edu/sms](http://www.library.kent.edu/sms)**

## **Online Library Tour**

The Library Tour has gone online. Complete your First Year Colloquium Tour Assignment online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The tour provides helpful information on using the KSU Library system and the Main Library. Access the online Library Tour at **[www.library.kent.edu/library\\_tours](http://www.library.kent.edu/library_tours)**

## **Math and Writing Tutoring**

Drop-in math tutoring is available in the library from 12:00 to 7:00 PM Monday through Thursday. A writing tutor is available from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on those same days.

## **Quiet and Group Study Space**

Sometimes you need a quiet place to study away from the dorm. The library has designated quiet study space on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors of the Library. Small group rooms (available on a first come first served basis) are available on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> floors. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors are also designated as group study floors.

## **PALS (Portable Presentation Unit)**

If you want to practice a presentation you are doing for a class, think about using a PALS unit (computer, LCD projector, small screen). PALS can be checked out for up to three hours from the Audio Visual Services desk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the library. PALS are for use in the library only. Call AVS to reserve at **330-672-3456**.

For more information about any of these services, contact the Reference and Instructional Services Department at **330-672-3045**.