

Boston University Libraries

As faculty, you have access to the vast collections at BU Libraries and the expertise of librarians and archivists to support your scholarship, teaching, and professional growth. You can connect with:

- Physical and digital collections including books, newspapers, audio, and video
- 540+ specialized research databases and digital streaming services
- Extensive archival holdings
- One-on-one support with a librarian or archivist

Course Support

Class Visits and Instruction: Librarians and archivists can visit classes to discuss library resources, tips and tricks for research, citations, and more. All workshops can be tailored to discipline-specific approaches, your course curriculum, and specific assignments.

- **Library Instruction:** Librarians offer disciplinary expertise in finding, obtaining, and accessing sources. They can deliver personalized workshops on keywords, disciplinary databases, research methods, and citation management.
- **Archival Instruction:** Archivists can partner with you to integrate primary source evaluation into your course. You can introduce students to materials in special collections across journalism, poetry, politics, literature, politics, social movements, and more.

Appointments: One-on-one appointments are available in-person and virtually for you and your students. This includes support for finding sources, accessing materials, or anything else related to teaching and research.

Library Guides: Topical guides are available online related to disciplines, research methods, and more. Librarians and archivists can also create new specialized and curated guides for classes or topics in alignment with your curriculum.

Course Reserves: Place library materials on reserve for your students to access in the library or online. This includes books, electronic books, articles, and more. To create a materials list for your class this term, contact mugarres@bu.edu.



Advancing Your Scholarship

Appointments: Librarians and archivists provide one-on-one support with your research, including identifying relevant materials, accessing resources, and calculating scholarly impact for promotion and tenure.

Material Requests: Request books, articles, films, and other items not available at BU through our Interlibrary Loan services. You can also suggest a resource for the libraries to consider purchasing.

Scholarly Publishing Support: We support the global reach of scholarship produced at BU through several services. Librarians advise on scholarly publishing, transformative agreements, and open access questions. BU's digital institutional repository, OpenBU, enables you to share, disseminate, and preserve your work.

*“The BU Libraries were also critical to the success of my courses in the Writing Program...For students new to university-level writing, **librarian presentations steered them toward becoming skilled researchers and navigators** of academic sourcing.”*

– PhD Candidate, History of Art & Architecture

Ask a Librarian Service

Librarians are available on weekdays to address immediate questions with the Ask a Librarian chat service. Any member of the BU community can connect by visiting bu.edu/library/ask.

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