About the Library

Mission:

The Luzerne County Community College Library supports the objectives of the college by providing resources and services to meet the information needs of LCCC students, faculty, staff, alumni, as well as the residents of Luzerne County.

Facilities

The library is located on the LCCC main campus in Building 6. There are over sixty seats available for quiet study in carrels or at group study tables. Library users have access to 15 research computers in the library, all of which have both research capabilities and Microsoft Office applications such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Users may print any documents (except for PowerPoint slides) from all computers in the library. The service is free, but the library does encourage conservation of resources in order to keep from having to charge for it. Users also have access to three other computers that are dedicated to searching the library's SirsiDynix online catalog (http://luzerne.ipac.dynixasp.com). With the catalog, users can tell if the library owns a particular book (or other item) as well as the item's location.

A photocopier and two microform-reader printers are also available for use at a charge of $.10 per copy. A new digital microform-reader is also available for use. Library patrons may not print from this new reader, but digital images may be saved to portable storage devices and/or e-mailed. The library has a collection of audiovisual materials, most of which do not circulate. However, library users may use these materials in the Viewing Room, Room 601. Two group study rooms - Rooms 602 & 603 - are also available for students either with a reservation or on a first come, first served basis. The library is accessible to people with disabilities.

NOTE: While the library recognizes that library patrons have busy lives and need to eat and drink on the go, it is the policy of the library that food or drink may not be consumed in the building's public areas. Library users who do consume food or drink in the public areas of the building may be asked to leave.

Resources

The library collections are on open shelves to which library users have direct access. The library's collections contain over 60,000 book volumes, arranged according to the Library of Congress Classification System (http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/lcco/); over 100 print periodical subscriptions, arranged alphabetically according to title; over 500 audiovisual items; and over 11,000 items on microform. The library subscribes to over forty research databases including: Academic Search Premier, Business Source Premier, Encyclopedia Britannica Online, ERIC,
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**JSTOR, Lexis-Nexis Academic, Literature Resource Center, Opposing Viewpoints in Context, Nursing & Allied Health Source, Science in Context, and Biography Reference Center.** The library research databases can be accessed off-campus [here](https://depts.luzerne.edu/library/offcampus.jsp) by LCCC students, faculty, and staff with a valid college e-mail account.

**Services**

During all library hours, professional librarians provide assistance at the reference desk. The librarians will help students become information literate, which includes learning how to find, evaluate, and use information ethically. The professional librarians provide individualized assistance in the use of: reference sources, research electronic resources, the Internet, and the library online catalog.

Typically, students in the First Year Experience (or FYE) courses will receive a basic introduction to the library and to information literacy skills. Faculty members may also schedule Information Literacy classes at the library for other courses as well. Students may borrow books or obtain copies of articles via the library's [interlibrary loan](https://depts.luzerne.edu/library/ill.jsp) service when the requested items are not owned by the library – although it may take up to two weeks to receive materials from other libraries. College students have access to eReference services including Ask Here PA [here](http://www.askherepa.org/), a 24-hour/7-day-a-week service, and the LCCC [Ask A Librarian](https://depts.luzerne.edu/library/helpform.jsp) service. For more information on the services available at the library, please call the reference desk at either 570-740-0661 or 1-800-377-5222 ext. 7661.

The circulation desk staff members provide directional information, issue library cards, check out and check in library materials, and maintain the course reserves collection. Books may be borrowed for two weeks. Contact the staff at the circulation desk for more information at either 570-740-0415 or 1-800-377-5222 ext. 7415.