

Laurier Library Resources and Services: Graduate Student's Guide

The Laurier Library is your academic hub for learning and a space for community building and creative expression. Library staff are your partners in research and learning, delivering the resources and services you need to support your learning and success. Go to [Laurier Library](#) or [Graduate Students Guide](#).

LIBRARY AT A GLANCE

Library Locations

- The “Library” building on the **Waterloo Campus**, holds the largest portion of the physical collection and has plenty of work space;
- The “Digital Library and Learning Commons” on the lower level of **Brantford Campus’** Grand River Hall next door to the Brantford Public Library holds part of our physical collection; and
- The “Social Work Library” in the **Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work in Kitchener** houses the physical social work collection.

Go to [Hours & Locations](#).

Library Resources

The Library provides access to hundreds of thousands of electronic resources (including books, databases, and journals) and holds one million physical resources (including books, journals, and multimedia). Research materials by type can be located on the Library's website. Go to [Research Materials](#).

Study Spaces

There are plenty of rooms, tables, and carrels for everyone in each of the Library's locations, but the Waterloo Campus library has a specific study space for graduate students. The **Graduate Commons** is on the third floor. If you need to study, set up in one of the individual carrels or work with friends in a group study room or presentation practice room. Some spaces can even be reserved ahead of time. Grad students registered with the Accessible Learning Centre and PhD candidates at advanced levels can reserve private study rooms. Go to [Graduate Commons](#) or [Study Areas](#).



Laurier Library, Waterloo Campus

Computers, Printers, Scanners and Copiers

The Library has many computer workstations available at all locations. Go to [Computer Workstations](#).

You can print, scan or copy anything you need at the Library. Submit your print jobs online at <https://printme.wlu.ca> to be picked up at any campus printer with your OneCard. Go to [Printing, Copying & Scanning](#).

Course Readings

You can find the assigned readings for your courses online using Ares system. Go to [Course Readings \(Reserves\)](#).



Graduate Commons, Laurier Library, Waterloo Campus

CONDUCTING YOUR RESEARCH

Whether you prefer to start your research process with background reading to narrow down your topic, by speaking with a Librarian in your subject area, or by diving right into the most current articles, the Library can be your starting place. The Library offers online and



in-person research assistance. Chat online or meet one-on-one with Library staff who can help you find what you're looking for.

Starting to Search

The Library's Primo catalogue is our key portal to search for and get access to books, articles and other expertly selected resources. Access our subject guides or course guides to find top research sources and materials for your coursework. Go to [Catalogue](#), [Course Guides](#), or [Subject Guides](#).

The Collection

We have a large collection, both online and in print, for a university of our size. Online resources are, of course, available 24/7 and most print books can be borrowed for whole terms. You also have direct access to much of the print collection at the University of Waterloo and the University of Guelph, and you can also borrow in-person from most Canadian university libraries.

The Library's Archives and Special Collections includes documents and items from Laurier's past as well as

primary documents and rare items related to the environmental conservation movement in Canada, the Lutheran Church in the community, and the history of KW.

If you've found something in our collection but it's checked out, you can request that it be recalled if you really need it. If you can't find something in our collection, we can usually find it somewhere and get it to you.

Go to [Research Materials](#), [Laurier Archives](#), [Borrowing](#), or [Request from Other Libraries](#).

Research Workshops

The Library provides instruction sessions tailored to the needs of Graduate Students. We also offer a series of workshops in conjunction with the ASPIRE program. Go to [Instruction Services](#).

Citations

Managing citations is a critical part of academic writing, academic integrity, and the entire research process. The Library can help you learn how to cite properly. We provide free tools to help you better manage citations. Go to [Manage Citations](#).

MEET YOUR LIBRARIAN

We have Librarians assigned to every program subject and campus at Laurier. These helpful folks are an invaluable resource for Graduate students. You can book a Librarian for one-on-one assistance. Go to [Subject Librarians](#) for a list and [Book a Librarian](#) to make an appointment.

ACCESSING RESOURCES OUTSIDE LAURIER

You can request resources from the University of Guelph, the University of Waterloo, The Annex (an off-campus storage facility) or other Laurier campuses through Primo, free of charge. Books or hard copies take one to three business days for delivery. Electronic resources are delivered by email, in PDF format, as copyright and licensing allow.

If your initial Primo search comes up empty, you can use Laurier’s interlibrary loan service. You can locate and access resources from university libraries across Ontario and around the world by requesting it through RACER. Most items are received free of charge.

Go to [Request from Other Libraries](#).

ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVITY

Laurier’s Visual Arts & Culture

The Robert Langen Art Gallery (RLAG) serves as the visual arts centre for the campus and community. RLAG presents four professional artists each academic year. Exhibitions are open and free of charge to the campus community. The Library/Gallery plays host to various arts and culture activities and events during the academic year, including Music in the Library, the Edna Staebler Book Awards, Artist Lectures and a Holiday Market. Go to the [Robert Langen Art Gallery](#).

Makerspace

Let your creativity shine! All Laurier students are welcome to visit the Laurier Library Makerspace located on the main floor of the Waterloo Campus library on Maker Mondays from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Discover what you can create!

LIBRARY JOBS & VOLUNTEERING

The Library is one of the largest student employers on campus. Students gain valuable work experience and income. If you want to offer your ideas on how to make the Library an outstanding place, consider joining the Library Council or Library Students Advisory Council. Go to [Employment in the Library](#), [Laurier : Divisional Councils](#), or [Student Advisory Council](#).

YOUR NEXT STEP...

Do you have more questions about the Library’s resources and services? Your next step is to [contact your Librarian](#) or one of our friendly User Services staff, online or in person at the Library Services and Circulation Desk on the main floor of the Waterloo Campus library. We are here to help you.

Go to [Ask Us](#).



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Grand River Hall, 173 Colborne Street, Brantford, ON N3T 2G8 ([Brantford map](#))

Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work, 120 Duke Street West, Kitchener, ON N2H 3W8 ([Kitchener map](#))