Libraries are amazing places, but they are also complex and often confusing.

That’s unavoidable when you provide millions of resources to researchers in all subject areas... but it tends to result in a flood of details in answer to the simple question:

“What resources and services does the SFU Library provide?”

It’s more productive to start with a broader understanding of the modern academic library...

The SFU Library is here to support you at every stage between...

(a) when you choose a research topic, and
(b) when you hand in (or publish) a completed report/paper/article.

Just assume there’s assistance available each time you run into a problem, then ask us if you can’t find the details.

POINTS OF CONTACT: Can you tell me where I can get help with...

START

refining my topic?
researching the literature related to my topic?
practicing my English-language skills?
navigating a complex database interface?

obtaining books & articles from other universities?
planning my research study methodology?
understanding the pros & cons of different types of publications for my new article?

using research software to track/collate/analyse my results?
managing my time?

booking a quiet room for studying?
storing my research data and making it accessible to other researchers.
getting motivated to write my thesis?

FINISH

This handout is online! http://bit.ly/lib-econ-2017
SFU Library provides over 2 million books and access to over 500 online databases and 63,000 electronic journals, much of which is available 24/7 through the library’s website: www.lib.sfu.ca

The Library has many subject-specific and interdisciplinary resources, including EconLit, Business Source Complete, OECD iLibrary, JSTOR, and Compustat & CRSP via WRDS

These resources (and much more) can be found here:
- bit.ly/econ-resources (econ-related articles)
- bit.ly/financial-data (financial data)
- bit.ly/sfu-datasets (datasets)

Graduate students at SFU enjoy a semester loan period (subject to recall)

Renew your books online (up to 3 times) or in person (unlimited): bit.ly/sfu-library-renewing

The Library also loans out equipment such as laptops, headphones, digital voice recorders, and phone chargers

You can borrow books in person from many other Canadian universities with a special card: bit.ly/CURBA

Loans staff can answer questions related to borrowing (renewals, fines, etc.): 778.782.4345

If SFU Library doesn’t have the book or article you need, we can get it by interlibrary loan – at no cost to you! bit.ly/sfu-interlib

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The Research Commons also offers various workshops, research support software, and other services specifically tailored for graduate students, including support for publishing and research data management: bit.ly/research-commons

Stay current with research in your areas and the latest articles being published in specific journals by setting up RSS feeds or email alerts: bit.ly/sfu-library-feeds

If you aren’t sure how to set up RSS feeds or email alerts, a librarian would be happy to help

New resources arrive at SFU Library every week. You can find online lists for new books by subject, format, & location: bit.ly/sfu-new-books

You can get research help by phone, email, IM chat, or in person at all three campuses: www.lib.sfu.ca/help/ask-us/

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You can also schedule individual or group research consultations with Mark in the WAC Bennett Library.