For Your Information

- Students may check out up to 20 circulating books for 3 weeks, and renew them twice.

- Copy machines and microform readers only accept cash. Photocopies and printouts cost $0.10 per page.

- Printouts from the Internet and periodical databases cost $0.10 per page, and require money in a printing account.

- Books that have been placed on reserve by instructors are located at the circulation desk on the library main level.

- A student who wishes to borrow books from the CSUB library must receive a referral form from the BC reference desk to purchase a discounted community card at CSUB.

- You may print copies of the Library Etiquette Guide for your students at: bakersfieldcollege.edu/library/faqs-guidelines

Web Page

- The library web page provides access to the Bakersfield College online library catalog, periodical databases, e-books, and many other useful links.

  Check us out at bakersfieldcollege.edu/library

Hours

Mon-Thurs.: 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Delano Campus
Mon-Thurs.: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fri-Sunday: Closed

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Class Orientations

Wish your students’ research papers and skills were better? We would love to partner with you for a class orientation specific to your assignment and subject area! A reference librarian will tailor-make a lesson and teach it to your class! Instructors should always check with the Library Reference Staff (395-4466) before bringing a class to the library.

Research Skills Workshops

Six different one-hour workshops introduce students to library resources and basic research methods! The current schedule is located at: bakersfieldcollege.edu/library/workshops

We will provide participating instructors with a list of their students and the workshops they attend after our workshops end.

- Finding Books and E-books
  Hands-on introduction to our online library catalog, print collection, and e-books.
- Finding Articles in Periodical Databases
  An overview of Gale Academic OneFile and EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier.
- Strategies for Effective Research
  Keyword searching and narrowing a topic.
- Google for Internet Searching
  Overview of advanced search techniques in Google, and appropriate web resources for academic research.
- Evaluating Internet Sources
  Determining the reliability of Internet sources.
- Avoiding Plagiarism
  An examination of plagiarism, documentation of sources, and copyright.

Periodical Databases

The library subscribes to numerous databases that contain more than 15,000 journals and newspapers. For off-campus access, use your employee or student ID number to log on.

e-Books

The library has over 150,000 e-books, which are available 24/7 online. They can be found on our library webpage by clicking on “Bakersfield College eBook Collection.” For off-campus access, use your employee or student ID number to log on.

Online Library Catalog

The Bakersfield College Library catalog includes our print collection and additional e-books. It is available 24/7 at: bakersfieldcollege.edu/library

Reserve Desk

Instructors may place books, copies of articles, and other course-related materials at the library circulation desk for students to borrow for a specified time period. To see what books are on reserve, click the “Reserve Materials” tab in the BC library catalog, and search by course number or instructor’s name.

Bibliographies and Handouts

Reference librarians have produced a variety of library handouts in response to frequently asked questions and repeat assignments. These include MLA and APA Style Guidelines (and other styles), resource lists on history primary sources, and many other topics. Please call us if you feel the library can develop a resource list to aid your students.

Library B1

Students in transfer-level courses can improve the quality of their research papers and learn the basics of library research by taking this 1-unit, transferrable course. The library’s web page contains additional information. Encourage students to take this valuable class!

Faculty Recommendations

The library welcomes suggestions from faculty for curriculum-related books and library materials that will enrich the library's collection. This is an opportunity for faculty members to lend us their expertise in building our subject-area collections.

Cerro Author

Made possible by a generous bequest by Delores Cerro, a local citizen who believed in the power of libraries to shape students’ lives, the Cerro Author program brings a prominent writer to the Bakersfield College campus each year for speaking sessions and meeting the students.

New Resources!

- LibGuides—We can embed subject- and project-specific brochures with library resources on our web page and Canvas!
- LibAnswers—We can create a searchable public knowledge base and FAQs to provide answers to students’ library and research questions, available on our web page.
- LibChat—Students and staff can ask questions online and get answers in real time from one of our reference librarians during library hours.