

## **LBWCC Libraries / Learning Resource Centers**

### Introduction

LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center services are available on the Andalusia, MacArthur (Opp), Greenville, and Luverne Campuses.

Access to the LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Centers' web pages is via the homepage for Lurleen B. Wallace Community College: <http://www.lbwcc.edu/library.aspx>. Look for the button labeled Library.

A full-time M.L.S. librarian is available on the Andalusia campuses.

Contacts: Mary Beth Green, Andalusia Campus or Greenville Resource Room – Extension 2266, 5368 & 3110 or [mbgreen@lbwcc.edu](mailto:mbgreen@lbwcc.edu).

Vacant, MacArthur Campus – Extension 5368 or 5370.

Michael Callahan, Greenville Campus – Extension 3110

Laura Elliott, Luverne Campus – 334-335-2187

The mission of the LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Centers is threefold: (1) to acquire and organize informational and educational resources in support of instruction, (2) to provide expert library staff, and (3) to integrate LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center use into the curriculum.

### Services

The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center has several strategies and activities in mind to support faculty and student information and research needs. Please sign up for participation in some of the following:

Curriculum Design—The librarians will be glad to suggest and research ways to integrate the use of information into your particular curriculum. Assistance with student assignments, distance learning projects and faculty research is available and encouraged. Evaluation of web sites and recommendations are available.

Reserves—The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center staff will place materials on reserve. Notify the LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center staff in advance about books, videos and/or other resources that are needed to be used by several students during the same time period. These materials will be kept near the service desk for “IN HOUSE USE ONLY.”

Selective Dissemination of Information—The librarian will notify you by e-mail of newly received printed and electronic resources (print and electronic, in the LBWCC

Libraries/Learning Resource Center, by subscription and on the Web) that match your teaching interests when requested.

Alabama Virtual library (AVL) Access—The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center staff trains in the use of AVL. An AVL card may be necessary when accessing AVL resources from off campus if you live near one of our state's borders or if you plan to use it while you travel outside of the state.

Orientation Sessions—The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center will hold orientation sessions to introduce students and faculty to the LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center and its' resources.

Equipment—The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center not only order audiovisual materials in support of the curricula but also provide the needed equipment for use in the LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center or in the classroom. The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center order equipment, maintain equipment and will check out equipment, such as VCR/DVD players, laptops and projectors, for extended periods of time. Requests need to be made early so equipment will be available. A photocopier is available for photocopying materials.

Community Commons—(1) The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center provide students, faculty and staff with comfortable, functional spaces for lounging and studying. Facilities are available for individual or small group use. (2) Since many inquiries about events and college offerings come to the LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center via telephone calls or visits, it is important that LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Centers be given the most current and accurate information possible.

Loan Services—Faculty are encouraged to request resources from a different LBWCC campus. A courier service is in place to get requested materials from one campus to another. Faculty is also encouraged to ask for resources that cannot be located on any of the LBWCC campuses. As members of the state interlibrary loan consortium, LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Centers are capable of getting resources from other libraries via the Interlibrary Loan Service.

Users with Disabilities—The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Centers are accessible for patrons with wheelchairs and maintains at least one computer workstation for wheelchair access. Wheelchair accessible study carrels are provided. For special needs, contact the respective LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center.

## Resources

LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Centers provide paper and electronic resources in support of programs, career-oriented associate degrees and certificates. Resource collections include books, videos, DVDs and other formats.

Faculty's input into the acquisitions of materials is imperative. Requests and suggestions are welcomed.

### Alabama Virtual library

*The Alabama Virtual library (AVL) is a library.*

*No matter where one lives in Alabama, there is access to a world of magazines, newspapers, journals and reference books but not in the traditional library sense. The AVL provides the library but in digital form (subscription-based databases available via the Internet). The AVL can be used to answer reference questions, do homework, and do research.*

- AVL provides access to databases that are not free on the Internet
- It is possible to limit findings to refereed (scholarly) information
- AVL provides advertisement-free information
- AVL guarantees personal privacy
- AVL gives access only to citizens of the State
- Vendors agree to fair-use (U.S. Copyright) course-packs/ reserves/ links
- Quality databases are selected to fill needs in Alabama (The AVL Advisory Council has a database selection committee in place)
- Visit the AVL web site – <http://www.avl.lib.al.us>. FAQ's – <http://www.avl.lib.al.us/FAQs/index.php>

### General Campus Information

#### Andalusia Campus

The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center at Andalusia provides library materials, services and facilities necessary to support the College's instructional programs, career-oriented associate degrees, and certificates. The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center on the Andalusia Campus is located on the second floor of the William H. McWhorter Learning Resources Building. With a collection of over 40,000 volumes, the LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center includes reference books, audiovisual materials, and current periodicals. Students have access to current and reliable research materials on-line including full-text magazine articles, electronic reference books, encyclopedias, medical information, and statistical resources through the databases offered by the College and the Alabama Virtual library. The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center provides services such as reference, interlibrary loan, and bibliographic instruction to its clientele.

#### MacArthur Campus

The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center on the MacArthur Campus, located in the Library Complex with Opp Public library, is the information center for faculty, staff, and students. LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center staff members assist with finding information and by offering library orientation and instruction by building collections in support of curricula needs. From desktops anywhere, anytime, users can access the web catalog to see what print and audio-visual titles are available and use specialized databases to find articles and electronic books. Visit the LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center to use computers, to

check out print and audio-visual collections, to consult with helpful LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center staff, or to simply relax and read a current magazine.

#### Greenville Campus

The LBWCC Libraries/Learning Resource Center on the Greenville Campus is located in the Student Services Building. The collection consists of selected reference sources, periodicals, audiovisual materials, and access to the on-line full-text databases offered by the College and the Alabama Virtual library. Requests for information not currently held may be made electronically by e-mail to the library personnel on the Andalusia Campus. A contractual agreement is in place with the Greenville-Butler County Public library.

#### Luverne Center

Students located on the Luverne Campus have 24/7 access to the collections and resources of the LBWCC Libraries through the web page <http://www.lbwcc.edu/library.aspx>. Requests for information may be made electronically by email or by phone to the library personnel on the Andalusia or MacArthur Campuses. A contractual agreement is in place with the Luverne Public Library.