LIBRARIES

The Library's mission is to be an essential partner and engage in the intellectual life of the College. The Library is committed to information technologies and learning outcomes that enhance study, teaching, and research. The Library provides access to a wide range of licensed information resources and assists users in acquiring the skills necessary to use these resources effectively.

The PCOM Digital Library is an online collection of databases, mobile apps, e-books, full text journals, videos, and subject guides. The Library has invested in powerful discovery tools to facilitate access to digital resources and they are accessible 24/7 to PCOM faculty, students, and staff worldwide.

Philadelphia Campus

The OJ Snyder Memorial Library is located on the first and second floors of Evans Hall. It houses computers to support use of the PCOM Digital Library, print collections, a reading room, group study rooms, database center, and study space.

Georgia and South Georgia Campus

The Information Commons supports the use of the PCOM Digital Library print collections, computers, group study rooms, and study space. There are an assortment of models, including skeletons, muscle figures, and organs.

Collections

The print collections are comprised of textbooks, reference, leisure reading, and other items that circulate. Circulation desks also have electronic items.

OneSearch+ is a powerful discovery tool to the PCOM Digital Library; it simultaneously searches multiple databases (many of which contain videos, images and clinical simulations), books, full-text e-journal collections, and more. Many online resources contain mobile applications downloadable to smartphones for the "on the go" PCOM community. Embedded within PCOM's licensed collections are links to full-text resources and the interlibrary-loan gateway.

The Digital Commons@PCOM is an institutional repository that provides open access to faculty and student research, dissertations, theses and papers, and College historical collections.

Services

The library team provides outreach and instruction, reference, access, materials acquisition and processing, archives and research, and interlibrary loan services. Liaison Librarians collaborate with faculty to create curriculum focused subject guides and facilitate and maximize the use of e-resources. Liaison librarians are embedded in the curriculum with faculty to ensure that integration of information literacy and appropriate electronic resources are integrated into teaching programs.

Staffing

Get answers, information, support, and training from our professional library staff via chat or e-mail. Visit our circulation desks, which are open until 10:00 pm, for information and resources. We teach literature searching and information management to individuals and groups.

Consortia Memberships

Consortia provide a means for libraries to manage licensed resources more efficiently and for their staffs to have access to support and educational opportunities that enhances skills. PCOM is a member of the following:

TriState College Libraries Cooperative (TCLC): Pennsylvania faculty and students may borrow items from TCLC libraries by presenting a letter of introduction authorized by a PCOM librarian.

Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium Inc. (PALCI): A web gateway, which allows simultaneous searching of academic library catalogs in Pennsylvania. PCOM library users can directly initiate requests for most items found in PALCI using the LIB# on the PCOM ID card. The library also participates in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM): PCOM Library is a member of DOCLINE, the National Library of Medicine's interlibrary loan system.

NorthEast Research Libraries (NERL): PCOM Library maintains institutional licensing arrangements with NERL for online resources.

Lyraris: PCOM Library maintains institutional licensing arrangements with Lyrasis for online resources.

Social Media

The Library communicates with the PCOM community via campus TV, email, Facebook, and chat services.