Library Instruction

We customize library instruction to meet your needs, both on an individual basis or on a class basis. Video instruction is also available on the library’s website.

For more information or to schedule a session, please contact Cori Biddle, information literacy librarian, at cbiddle@bridgewater.edu or 828-5415.

Locating Library Materials

FIRST FLOOR
- DVDs, CDs and VHS
- Reference Collection
- General Collection 000 – 360
- Current Journals
- Printers

SECOND FLOOR
- General Collection 361 – 999
- Juvenile Collection
- Brethren Room
- Instruction Room
- Conference Room

GROUND FLOOR
- Back Issues of Journals
- Microforms
- Special Collections

Directory

General Information ................... 828-5413
Reference Desk ............................. 828-5642
Administration .............................. 828-5410
Special Collections ...................... 828-8018

NEED HELP?

Our staff is available to help! Stop by during library hours or contact the reference desk at reference@bridgewater.edu or 828-5642.

Hours of Operation

Library Hours

- MONDAY – THURSDAY 7:45 a.m. – midnight
- FRIDAY 7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- SATURDAY 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- SUNDAY 1 – 11 p.m.

Hours for holiday periods, summer sessions and other special occasions will be posted at the library entrance and at bridgewater.edu/library.

Special Collections Hours

To schedule an appointment, contact Stephanie Gardner, special collections librarian, at 828-8018.

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540-828-5413 • bridgewater.edu/library
The Alexander Mack Library is an integral part of the intellectual life at Bridgewater College. Built in 1962–63 and named for the founder of the Church of the Brethren, the library provides access to:

- **160,000+** books, journals, and DVDs
- **40,100+** full-text online journals
- Borrowing resources from **7,500+** other libraries through interlibrary loan
- Individual and group study seating for more than **200** students
- Laptops available for use within the library with wireless access to the Internet

The Cleo Driver Miller Gallery, located on the second floor of the library, serves the community as both a teaching space for the visual arts and a formal exhibition space for student exhibitions as well as works by local and nationally recognized artists.

### Circulation Policies

**Loans**—Books circulate to students and community holders for 28 days and to staff and faculty cardholders for 120 days. Books from the Browsing collection circulate for 28 days for all patrons. Audiovisual materials circulate for seven days for students and community holders and 14 days for faculty and staff. Reference books and periodicals do not circulate.

Your ID card must be presented for each transaction. Since the ID cardholder is the person responsible for fines or loss of materials, the library asks you not to lend your ID card to another person for checking out library resources.

**Renewals**—Materials may be renewed once at the end of the loan period unless they have been requested by someone else.

**Reserves**—Course reserves have a loan period of three hours and are available at the circulation desk. There is a two item limit per checkout for in-library use only. ID cards must remain with library circulation while reserves are on loan.

**Fines**—The fine for overdue items is $0.25 per day. Replacement charges vary and will include a $20 fee.

**Using Local Libraries**—Reciprocal library borrowing privileges are available at Eastern Mennonite University, James Madison University, Mary Baldwin College and Shenandoah University. Bridgewater patrons must abide by the lending policies of those libraries when borrowing their materials.

### Interlibrary Loan Service

Interlibrary loan assists scholarly research by obtaining materials unavailable at the Alexander Mack Library from other libraries. Receipt time varies from overnight delivery to three weeks, depending on the source of the requested material. The borrowing period is determined by the lending library. For more information or to submit a request online, go to bridgewater.edu/library and click on “Interlibrary Loan.”

### Special Collections

Special collections is committed to providing first-hand access to historical materials for Bridgewater students, faculty and independent researchers. Special collections includes published and non-published archival resources in the areas of:

- Bridgewater College
- Church of the Brethren
- Virginia, Shenandoah Valley and Rockingham County history

Access to these Collections is by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, contact Stephanie Gardner, special collections librarian, at 828-8018.