

LaLINC

College students in Louisiana have check out privileges at academic libraries throughout the state through the LALINC network. For more details, click on **Library Services** > **InterLibrary Delivery Services** and then **LALINC**.

My Library Account

To renew a book, place a hold, or check on the status of what you currently have checked out, click on the words My Library Account. You will need to login using your 8 digit campus ID number; your password will be your birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy).

Off Campus Users

Off campus access to some material (databases, electronic journals) may require logging in with your Tech Webmail Username and Password. *This is different from the My Library Account login.*

If you experience difficulty with electronic access, click on **How Do I ?** under **Library Links** at the bottom right corner of the homepage. You may also call the Reference Desk at 257-4357.

At any time you can email the library with a question though the **Ask-A-Librarian** link.

Library Liaison

If you need further assistance, please contact your library COES representative, Kevin Cuccia, at kevinc@latech.edu or call 257-4357.

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A Quick Guide to Resources and Services for Engineering Grad Students

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Resources

The following resources are available from the Prescott Library homepage at www.latech.edu/library.

Searching for Books

Books available through Prescott Library can be accessed by clicking on **Books** and typing in a title, author, or keyword. You can also click on the link to the Library Catalog directly above the search box.

The Catalog lists books, electronic books, government documents (federal and state), and periodical titles (not contents).

The library subscribes to several **Electronic Book collections**. The **EBSCO** collection contains over 50,000 titles and can be accessed under the link **Books**. These books are also listed in the LaTech catalog by title, author, subject, and keyword. The **Knovel** collection contains the digitized version of over 500 engineering and science books whose contents are fully searchable, including tables and graphs.

Catalogs will give you the option of searching the Prescott Library catalog in addition to several others. Particularly useful is the **LOUIS Libraries Union Catalog** which allows you to search the catalogs of other academic libraries from around the state of Louisiana.

WorldCat is a database for identifying books on your subject that are located in libraries around the world. It should enable you to verify the bibliographic information of the items you need (author, title, publisher, etc.) which you can then order through InterLibrary Loan.

Searching for Journal Articles

Finding journal articles on specific topics is fairly easy. Click on **Databases > Subject List > Engineering & Science**. Then click on one of the subheadings listed. Choose from over one dozen indexes available, most of which now contain at least some full text articles. The **All** tab (**EBSCO Discovery Service**) provides a combined search of both the La Tech Library catalog and many of the journal databases.

If you want to determine if the library has access to a particular journal, simply click on the tab **Journals**. Type the title in the box then click on any available links to the full text, if available, and/or to a print version which will be found on the 3rd floor under the call number provided.

Gov Info

Clicking on this link will allow you to search for government information through the Prescott Library catalog. Moreover, you can access many useful sites listed under **Federal** websites. Some of the best sites for technical areas include the following:

Science.gov
National Technical Information Service (NTIS)
Patent and Trademark Office (US), Google Patents

Dissertations and Theses

Dissertations and masters theses written by graduates of Louisiana Tech University can be located by clicking on the link **More** then **Dissertations & Theses**. Type in a title, author, or keyword in the box to search the library catalog. One copy is available for checkout and will be located on the upper floors on the bookshelves. Dissertations and theses from other universities can be searched using the link to the database **Proquest Digital Dissertations**. Most of these are now available in full text.

Library Services

If Prescott Library does not own a book, a journal, or a conference proceeding paper, these materials can be ordered through **InterLibrary Loan (ILL)**. Additionally, the library has access to the document delivery service **ScienceDirect**, which enables individuals to order journal articles directly.

These services are available for free, but there are some restrictions. To register, please review the options and explanations provided under the heading **InterLibrary Services**.