

Podcast 1 Transcript: The Beginning of the Semester is Here! Help!

Hi, my name is Randall Bowman and I am one of the librarians in Belk Library. Today I am talking with Christie, one of the library student workers.

Christie, the beginning of the semester is here. You have worked in the library for four years and now you are looking forward to student teaching and graduation. Based on your experience how can Belk Library help students with research assistance?

I work at the circulation desk and am so glad that I have had the experience to get to know all of the ways that Belk Library can make my life easier when it comes to papers and projects.

The information desk is a great place to ask questions about all sorts of things in the library. The librarians can help you get started with your research and help you find materials such as books, articles, and newspapers.

But what if I don't want to come to the library . . . the weather is great and I want to sit outside and study! Or if I am not living on campus?

The best thing is if you don't want to come to the library you can access online resources too.

Start with the library web site. If you are off campus you can access all of the journals and databases through clicking the link on the library web site homepage that says "off-campus access." You will be able to access all of the journals and databases just as if you were sitting in the library. On the homepage you will find the library catalog, list of databases, Journal Finder, and lots of other library resources. It is also a good idea to check out the research guides as well. Subject librarians have created these pages for your specific topic. Just click on your subject and you will find tons of information in any discipline offered at Elon. The subject librarians are also available for one on one consultation. You can email them and the contact information is right on the subject guide.

What if I don't have time to wait for an email response? I need help immediately!

If you can't find what you need there are easy ways to contact a librarian in person. You can even IM the library. Our screen name is askbelk. You will chat with a librarian. You can also call the librarian at the information desk at 278-6599. They are there to help

Thanks Christie! Those are great suggestions. Best wishes with student teaching!