

Know how to use the Web Search:

Students can now search our collections anytime-anywhere! Just visit the RSTC Library website page. There are a variety of methods for searching books and materials.

Know what databases are available:

Alabama Virtual Library

The Alabama Virtual Library provides all students, teachers, and citizens of the State of Alabama with online access to essential library and information resources. It is primarily a group of online databases that have magazine, journal, and newspaper articles for research. Through the AVL, an equitable core of information sources are available to every student and citizen in Alabama, raising the level of excellence in schools and communities across the state.

EBSCOhost

EBSCO Information Services provides a complete and optimized research solution comprised of research databases, e-books and e-journals—all combined with the most powerful discovery service and management resources to support the information and collection development needs of libraries and other institutions and to maximize the search experience for researchers and other end users. EBSCO offers more than 375 full-text and secondary research databases and over 420,000 ebooks plus subscription management services for 355,000 e-journals and e-journal packages. EBSCO also provides point-of-care decision support tools for healthcare professionals and organizational learning resources for training and development professionals. EBSCO serves the content needs of all researchers whether they access EBSCO resources via academic institutions, schools, public libraries, hospitals and medical institutions, corporations, associations, government institutions, etc.

PrepStep

PrepSTEP is a dynamic online learning platform from LearningExpress that can change the lives of students through academic success and preparation for today's workplace. PrepSTEP for Colleges and Universities is packed with tutorials, practice tests, e-books and high-stakes test preparation for self-guided skill building, career preparation and workforce readiness.

NewsBank

NewsBank consolidates current and archived information from thousands of newspaper titles, as well as newswires, web editions, blogs, videos, broadcast transcripts, business journals, periodicals, government documents and other publications. Using these online resources, researchers in libraries around the world can easily explore tens of millions of current and archived news articles and obituaries in order to pinpoint information from primary sources at the local, state, regional, national and international levels. NewsBank also offers online educational resources covering all academic curricula. Aligned with state standards and targeting all subject areas, NewsBank's school-focused solutions include primary sources and inquiry-based projects that support learning, enhance research and help develop critical thinking skills.

Know how to search the Edith A. Gray Library Book Collection:

ResourceMate is a search tool that allows students to easily search all available books in the RSTC collection. It can be accessed easily by visiting the RSTC Library website page and clicking on Library web search.