

# Downs-Jones Library

Handbook

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### YOU ARE HERE (CAMPUS MAP)



#### ABOUT THE LIBRARY

The Downs-Jones Library is the central study space on campus, located between the Student Union and Evans Hall, and across from Jackson-Moody. It was remodeled in 2013, and is open to all students, faculty, and staff. As the location of one of the campus Wi-Fi ("AirRam") hotspots, it has reliable high-speed internet and is a popular area for students to relax between classes, do research, read a magazine, check out a novel, or work on projects. Professional librarians are available to assist students with exploring, using, and citing the library's print and online resources. The Downs-Jones Library has two levels and is an ADA-compliant building.

#### LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours remain consistent across spring, summer, and fall terms. The library is closed for University and federal holidays. During finals week, the library may remain open until 11:00 PM.

Sunday	2 PM – 10 PM
Monday	8 AM – 10 PM
Tuesday	8 AM – 10 PM
Wednesday	8 AM – 10 PM
Thursday	8 AM – 10 PM
Friday	8 AM – 5 PM
Saturday	12 PM – 5 PM

#### LIBRARY POLICIES

The library has two levels. The **upstairs level is for talking**, teamwork, and socializing. The **lower level is a silent study area**, where there is no talking allowed. Librarians will ask anyone in violation of this policy to move to the upstairs floor and continue their conversation there.

**Food and drinks** are allowed in the library. Students are responsible for keeping their area clean. All trash and crumbs must be disposed of in the appropriate trash cans. Recycling bins are available. Any spills must be cleaned up immediately or reported to a librarian.

**Cell phone conversations** are not allowed in the library. People talking on their cell phones will be asked to take the call outside. Please place your cell phone on "mute" or "vibrate".

**Sleeping** is not allowed in the library under any circumstances.

All **music and movies** must be watched with headphones on. Headphones are available for checkout from the library desk.

**Flyers** can be posted on the library bulletin board located on the upstairs floor by the men's restroom. Out of date flyers will be removed by librarians. Flyers posted at the library desk must be stamped by Student Life prior to posting. Any flyers, handouts, or advertisements found on windows, doors, or tables will be removed and recycled.

Librarians cannot **edit, critique, or proofread** student assignments. All requests for writing assistance must be taken to the Writer's Studio in Jackson-Moody 103.

The librarians are responsible for keeping order in the library, and may ask students to refrain from disruptive activities as needed.

#### YOUR LIBRARY ACCOUNT

You only need one username and password combination to use all the library's online resources. With this account, you can see what books you have checked out and renew them before they are overdue, access peer-reviewed journal articles in the databases from home, and place a hold on a book so it will be reserved for you next time you come to the library.

Your username is your my.HTU username, but when you first log in, you will need to set up a password. It is OK to use the same password as your email or my.HTU. If you change your library password, it will not affect email or my.HTU.

To set up your account, click on the "Your Account" button on the library home page. Look for a "Set/reset password" button under the password entry field. This link can also be found as a "Sign In" button in the top right-hand corner of many library search pages.

Click on "Set/reset password", and type in your my.HTU username. The system will email you a one-time password reset link. Your new password will be good for the entire time you are a student at HT. Use it all across the library website!

#### **USING THE WEBSITE**

The library website is at <a href="http://htu.edu/academics/library">http://htu.edu/academics/library</a>. To find it, start at <a href="http://www.htu.edu">www.htu.edu</a>, hover your cursor over "Academics", and look for "Library" in the dropdown menu. From my.HTU.edu, look for a link to "Library Resources" on the left-hand side of your home page.

To search for books, eBooks, journal articles, or information on any topic, type your keyword/s in the large central search bar on the library main page and click the magnifying glass-shaped "Search" button.

To search specifically for books and eBooks, click on the "Search for a Book" link in the Research menu.

To see if the library has your textbook, click on the "Course Reserves" link in the Visit the Library menu.

To find a specific database, click on the "Explore Databases" link in the Research menu.

Your library account username and password are your login for all library resources.

Stuck? Click on the "Chat with a Librarian" button on the library home page. This is an online chat feature that puts you directly in touch with a librarian who can answer your questions and walk you through the research process, without any need to pick up a phone. This service is available whenever the library is open.

#### **DOING RESEARCH**

Resources available in the library building or through the library website include:

**Books...** are in-depth, focused investigations of a single topic. Authors have researched their subjects extensively and assembled their findings in an organized format to inform others. The Downs-Jones Library organizes books using the Library of Congress system, used nationwide by large libraries and academic (university) libraries. It is different from the Dewey Decimal System, largely used in public libraries. To find a specific book, click on "Search for a Book" or type the title into the main search bar on the library home page. Select the *Books* icon before searching. If you see the book you want, look for a string of numbers and letters like "TS171.57 .G73 2017". This is the book's address on the shelves, which librarians can help you find. We are working to update and improve the print book collection. Find our newest books on the shelves at the top of the staircase.

**eBooks...** are essentially the same as print books, containing the same information, level of credibility, and sometimes formatting as a physical copy of that same title. Click on "Search for a Book" and look for the blue *View eBook* button beneath your results, or use the main search bar on the library home page. eBooks can be read online or downloaded to tablets or phones. Depending on your data plan and the speed of your internet access, eBook pages may take a few seconds to load. The pages of some eBooks can be copied from or printed out. eBooks expire after a set period of time and are automatically removed from your device. Some titles can only be read by one person at a time.

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles...** are scientific and rigorously conducted studies of the researcher's area of expertise. They are also called **Scholarly Sources**, and are regularly used in university-level assignments. **Peer-Reviewed** means that other experts in the field have looked

over the article and approved it for publication. These research articles are published in specialized periodicals that are read by students, experts, and other scholars. For easy searching, they are collected in **Research Databases**, which can be searched by keyword through the main search bar on the library home page, or found through the "Explore Databases" link in the Research menu. These articles are highly focused and designed to answer a specific question. They use technical terms. They may be reports on drug trials, social experiments, statistical analyses, criticism of other studies, or summaries of new data. When searching for journal articles, look for the filters on the left-hand side of your screen. Select "Full Text" to get only articles you can read right now. Select "Peer-Reviewed" to get only scholarly sources. For help or to get an article not available in Full Text, ask a librarian.

**Primary Sources...** are original documents written by people who were present at the event they are describing in their own words. They include diaries, letters and emails, scientific studies, speeches, photographs, interviews, eyewitness testimony, legal proceedings, government documents, birth certificates, artworks, autobiographies, editorials, and original social media posts. Primary sources are the closest a researcher can get to a historical event, but they are not without bias. When using a primary source, consider what you know about the speaker or writer, and what forces might be shaping their view of the world. Like all sources, primary sources can be wrong or misleading. Primary sources can be difficult to find, so begin your search for these sources early, and ask a librarian for assistance if needed.

Magazines... are a form of periodical: a short collection of timely and current articles, letters, advertisements, and commentary published weekly or monthly, and not meant to be kept for long. Magazines cover current events and focus on a single area of interest such as sports (Sports Illustrated), personal finance (Fortune), fashion (Vogue), popular science (Smithsonian), health (Men's Health), a region or area (Texas Monthly) and politics (Time). Magazines are a good place to find news about recent events or breakthroughs in a particular field. They tend to be written for a popular audience and avoid excessively technical terms, making them easier to read than academic journals. Some magazines may be used for research assignments.

Leisure Reading... is material read for personal reasons or entertainment. It is not considered a research source, except for literary criticism or reading response assignments. The Leisure Reading collection, located on the upper floor by the stairs, includes recently published novels, poetry, short story collections, memoirs, and graphic novels. These titles are available to encourage all library patrons to enjoy reading, and cover a range of topics, genres, and styles. Don't see a book you'd like to read? Ask a librarian for it and we will do our best to get it for you.

#### **COMPUTERS**

The Downs-Jones Library has 24 PCs and 4 Macs, available to all students. There is no time limit on the use of the computers.

Your **username** is the first part of your university email address (before @htu.edu) Your **password** is the same as for your university email or for my.htu.edu

Do not log in as **guest** or **patron.** These accounts are unable to print, and are public. Your downloads, documents, and browser history will be visible to the next person to log in as **guest** or **patron.** 

Files saved to the computer on the Desktop or in the My Documents folder remain on the computer after you have logged off. However, since the library is the main campus computer lab and frequently busy, there is no guarantee that you will be able to access that specific machine again. Save all work to a flash drive (jump drive, USB drive, memory stick, etc.) before logging off.

Protect your account by logging off when you leave your computer!

#### CHROMEBOOK LAPTOPS

The Downs-Jones Library has a limited stock of Chromebook laptops available for **1-week checkout** by students. To check out a Chromebook, you must be a current student and have your student ID. Chromebooks **cannot be renewed** online.

Chromebooks cannot install additional software, including Microsoft Office. Users must have a @gmail.com address to log on and use Google Documents and Drive.

There is no charge to check out a Chromebook, unless the laptop is returned **late, damaged, or without the included charger cord**.

- Late fees for Chromebooks are \$5.00 per day.
- If a Chromebook is checked out and never returned, the student will be charged \$215 for a replacement Chromebook.
- If a Chromebook is checked out and returned broken, the student will be charged \$215 for a replacement Chromebook.

If there are no Chromebooks available, students can put themselves on a waiting list by placing a Chromebook "on hold" online.

#### To place a hold on a Chromebook:

- Search "Chromebook" on the library main search bar at http://htu.edu/academics/library
- Click on the first result
- Click on the blue "Place Hold" button
- Sign in with your username and library password (see Your Library Account)

- Select "Any Copy" from the "I need..." dropdown menu
- Check the box next to "Downs-Jones Library Circulation Desk Chromebooks"
- Press "Submit"

You will receive an automated email when your laptop is available for checkout.

#### **PRINTING**

All computers in the library print to a central printer, david/DOJO-HPM570. Laptops cannot print.

Printing in the library in black and white (default) costs 10 cents per side.

Color printing is 25 cents per side.

There are no discounts for double-sided printing (default).

For help with changing the printer settings, please ask a librarian.

Payment must be in **cash** at the central library desk. Pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, \$1 bills, \$5 bills, and \$10 bills are accepted.

#### **COPYING AND SCANNING**

Copying (making a reproduction of something you have already) and scanning (creating a digital image to read or send on the computer) are done by the same machine. It is located upstairs, against the wall furthest from the front doors.

The library **copy machine** charges 10 cents per page and only copies in black and white. The machine only accepts coins. Change for small bills can be made at the library desk. The copier has 8.5x11 paper only, and cannot accommodate anything larger.

Use of the **scanner** is free. It does not use ink or paper. The scanner does not scan directly to email. You must insert a flash drive to use the scanner.

The scanner can see its entire screen, and can scan both pages of an open book at once. In some settings, it can scan multiple pages to a single document for easier review.

Please ask a librarian for help with the copier or scanner if you are unfamiliar with the machine. Visual instructions are available at the machine for quick help.

#### RESERVE TEXTBOOKS

The library has some textbooks that are required for certain courses. The library does not buy textbooks, and depends entirely on donations and loans from the professors teaching those

courses. The final decision about which textbooks are available in the library is at the discretion of the professor who owns the book.

To find out if the library has the textbook you need, ask at the main desk, or check out the Course Reserves link on the library home page, under the Visit the Library menu. Courses are listed by four-letter subject (BIOL, KINE, PSYC, etc.) and course number.

Textbooks check out for 2 hours, and must remain inside the library building. Students are required to hand over their student ID card, which will be kept at the main desk until the book is returned.

Textbooks may be photographed, photocopied, and/or scanned. Ask a librarian for assistance.

#### **STUDY ROOMS**

Study rooms in the library can be reserved at the library desk for 30 minutes to 2 hours. The student making the reservation must show their student ID at the library desk.

#### **Spaces Available**

- Group Study Rooms: Two rooms fit 2-6 people.
  - Contents: table, chairs, whiteboard, dry erase markers.
  - o Food and drink permitted, but students are solely responsible for cleanup.
  - o Upstairs.
  - Primarily for student and faculty use.
  - o Students without a reservation or a group may be asked to vacate the room.
  - Exceptions can be made upon request for individual students attending a school or job interview over a video call.
- Multipurpose Room: One conference room fits **10-25** people.
  - o Contents: movable but connected tables; chairs; projector/smartboard; laptop.
  - Whiteboard available upon advance request.
  - Food and drink permitted, but attendees and participants are solely responsible for cleanup. Trash can and recycling bin must be removed from the room upon end of session.

#### **CHECKING OUT BOOKS**

To check out books, bring your selections to the library desk and present your HT ID. You must have a current HT ID card to remove books from the library. Some titles cannot be checked out, including material from the Archives (downstairs), Reserve Textbooks (behind the main desk), and Reference (marked as REF).

By checking out a book and removing it from the library, you accept responsibility for that item and its condition when returned. Please look after your borrowed books.

Students may check out up to 15 books at a time for three weeks, and may renew the books twice either in person or online. Books returned late incur fines of 25 cents per day, per item. Books never returned or considered lost incur fines of \$45 per item. This supports purchase of a replacement copy.

Faculty and staff may check out up to 20 books at a time for four weeks, and may renew the books three times either in person or online. Faculty and staff are not charged late fees, but books never returned or considered lost incur fines of \$45 per item. This supports purchase of a replacement copy.

All members of the HT community are eligible to check out books. However, patrons with fines of \$50 or more may be blocked from removing books from the library until their fines are paid.

To check the status and due dates of your books, or renew a book, click the "Your Account" button on the library home page.

To place a hold on a book (it will be pulled from the shelves and held at the main desk for you), search for the book in the catalog and click on the title. Look for the "Place Hold" button and click on it. Sign in and fill out the short form. You will receive an email when the book is ready.

#### **TEXSHARE**

The TexShare program allows patrons of Texas libraries to check out books from other Texas libraries that they visit. TexShare cards are available free at the library main desk, and allow all HT students, faculty, and staff to visit and use the resources of the University of Texas, Austin Community College, the Austin Public Library, and many other libraries all across the state.

TexShare card holders must abide by the rules of all libraries that they visit, and responsible for returning their books to the original library – *not* the Downs-Jones Library – on time and in good condition. You are liable for any late fines, lost item fines, or damaged item fines charged by the original lending library.

#### INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Interlibrary Loan is a cooperative lending program between libraries worldwide. If you need a book that cannot be found within a reasonable driving distance, or a journal article from a publication the university does not subscribe to, Interlibrary Loan can get that item for you free.

Ask a librarian for help placing an Interlibrary Loan request. Articles may take 3-5 days to be scanned and sent to you. Books must go through the United States Postal Service, and may take 1-2 weeks to make the trip. You will receive an email when your request is ready for pickup or download.

Interlibrary Loan items must be returned in good condition to the Downs-Jones Library on or before the due date printed on the attached paper slip. You are liable for any late fines, lost item fines, or damaged item fines charged by the original lending library.

#### **FINES AND FEES**

Library fines exist as an incentive for patrons to

- return items on time
- return items undamaged
- return items at all

This keeps library items available to the entire campus community for as long as possible. **Please be gentle** with library items – they are only on loan to you. **Do not** write in, tear, fold, bend, or otherwise mark library items.

Books **returned late** incur a fine of 25 cents per day, per item. Due to their high demand and high value, Chromebooks returned late incur a fine of \$5.00 per day.

Books that are **never returned** – more than 4 months overdue – incur a lost item fine of \$45.00. This allows the library to purchase a new copy or otherwise replace the item. Because of their higher value, Chromebooks that are never returned – more than 4 months overdue – incur a lost item fine of \$215. If the laptop is returned but the associated charger has been lost, this situation will incur a lower fine of \$45.00.

Books or Chromebooks returned so **damaged** that they can no longer be checked out to new patrons are considered "lost" and incur the same fines as a lost item.

- Fatal damage to a book may include but is not limited to severe water damage; covers
  or pages torn; spine cracked; pages missing, colored on, or otherwise defaced; food
  stains; or dust jacket missing.
- Fatal damage to a Chromebook may include but is not limited to broken hinges, cracked casing, ruined or blacked-out screen, corruption by virus or other malware, water damage, or broken or missing keys.

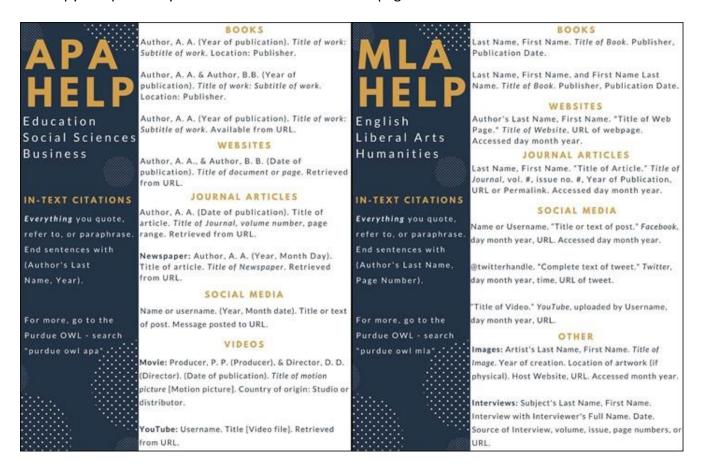
Fines may be paid in the library in cash, or in the business office with cash, credit or debit cards, or – in some circumstances – financial aid. To pay fines in the business office, students must pick up a receipt from the library. Please remember to contact the library again after the fines are paid so they can be removed from the patron's record.

Fines do not accrue interest over time, but must be paid before graduation or upon withdrawal from the university. Students with outstanding library fines will not be permitted to graduate.

#### CITATION HELP

Citations must follow these formats to be correct. Always credit every source you use using both in-text and full citations.

If you are citing a source from a library database, look for a button labeled "Cite". Clicking on this and selecting a citation style will automatically create an appropriately formatted citation. Just copy and paste to your References or Works Cited page!



APA, MLA, and Chicago style guide handouts are available in the library.

For help, ask a librarian or check out the Purdue Online Writing Lab at <a href="https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/">https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/</a>.

#### **EVENTS IN THE DOWNS-JONES LIBRARY**

#### **Scheduling**

- The Downs-Jones Library requires two weeks' notice before any event can be staged in the library.
- Event organizers **must** visit the library at least three days before the event, preferably earlier, to evaluate the space.
- Huston-Tillotson and the Downs-Jones Library reserve the right to refuse events and reservations, if the event is disruptive to university operations, destructive of or damaging to university property, too large for the requested venue, or misrepresented to university staff.

#### **Spaces Available**

- Upstairs Floor: Sunlit upper floor accommodates up to **50** free-moving people.
  - Movable furniture includes: 7 tables, 80 wheeled chairs, 25 couches or plush seats; 2 low circular tables.
  - Immovable furniture includes: 3 diner-style booths, 4 long computer desks; 4 periodicals shelves; library stacks (main print collection); copy machine; 18 computers; central library desk.
  - Central library desk and librarians' offices are off limits.
  - Food and drink permitted, but event coordinators are solely responsible for cleanup.
- Entire Library: Two sunlit floors accommodate up to 90 free-moving people.
  - Movable furniture includes: 13 tables, 114 wheeled chairs, 34 couches or plush seats; 2 low circular tables. Furniture may not be moved between floors.
  - Immovable furniture includes: 3 diner-style booths, 9 computer desks; 4 periodicals shelves; library stacks (main print collection); copy machine; 30 computers; central library desk.
  - Central library desk and librarians' offices are off limits.
  - Food and drink permitted, but event coordinators are solely responsible for cleanup.

Events that reserve entire floors or the entire library force the closure of the library to students, faculty, and staff. As such, requests to use the library during peak academic periods may be denied. The library asserts the right to refuse event reservations that do not fit the space available.

Please contact Ms. Linda Jackson, Huston-Tillotson University's Event Coordinator, <a href="mailto:liyjackson@htu.edu">lyjackson@htu.edu</a> and Ms. Katie Ashton, Public Services Librarian, <a href="mailto:kgashton@htu.edu">kgashton@htu.edu</a>, for the library's complete Terms of Service for events.

#### **CHILDREN**

Children of all ages are welcome in the library, on the condition that they are accompanied by an adult or a currently enrolled student. Librarians cannot take responsibility for unattended minors left in the library, and this practice is not permitted.

The library is an academic space and is not designed to accommodate or entertain children. Parents are required to supervise their children at all times and ensure that their presence does not disrupt other students at their studies.

#### UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

The University Archives (located on the lower floor) contain university documents, donated artwork, photographs, newspaper articles, proclamations and certificates, sports ephemera, and other relics of Huston-Tillotson's history. This space is not open to students, and remains locked except by request. Items may not be removed from the Archives, and the African artwork collection is currently not available to lend.

The processing of the Archives is a work in progress. Currently, the majority of their contents are not searchable. Finding aids and a system of organization are in development. Efforts to improve the organization of the Archives are ongoing.

Some works of art are on display throughout the library and in the Reading Room of the Archives. Yearbooks from Samuel Huston College and Tillotson College, and the combined Huston-Tillotson College, have been organized and shelved, as have the Reports of the President to the Board of Trustees beginning in 1966.

Limited access to the Archives is available upon request between the weekday hours of 8 AM and 5 PM. Please contact Ms. Danielle' McGhee at dmcghee@htu.edu to make arrangements.

Inquiries about the provenance and value of the African artwork collection should be directed to the Office of the President.

Food and drink are not permitted within the Archives. Non-flash photography and note-taking are allowed.

#### **CONTACT US**

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