NWACC Library: What’s in It for Adult Education Students?

- Visit the library 7 days a week while classes are in session. The Library is located near the front entrance of Burns Hall. View our hours at library.nwacc.edu/home/calendar.
- Get expert research help in person or through chat, text, email, or voice calls: library.nwacc.edu/home/ask.
- Use your NWACC ID card to borrow library materials like books and videos.
- Explore and borrow items from special collections, such as graphic novels, video games, world language films, and children’s books and videos to share with your family.
- Use library computers, printers, scanners, copy machines, laptops, video cameras, and other equipment in the library. One of the scanners in the library converts text on the page into an audio file you can email yourself.
- Attend library workshops to build research skills: library.nwacc.edu/students/workshops.
- Reserve group study rooms online through the library’s website.
- Find a variety of seating options to suit your needs: movable tables/chairs for group work; individual work stations for quiet study; armchairs and beanbags for getting comfortable.
- Ask at the front desk for GED study guides.
- Streamline your research process with Research Guides developed by NWACC librarians (library.nwacc.edu/home/guides), focused on various topics such as “Adult Education,” “English for Speakers of Other Languages,” and “Career Research & Job Hunting.”
- If we don’t have what you need, make a purchase suggestion or access collections of other libraries through interlibrary loan services. Ask a librarian to get started.
- Access content from our subscription research databases from any campus computer (full-text articles and ebooks, streaming videos, high-quality images, self-paced courses, practice tests, job profiles, and much more). See more about research databases on the back page.
You can find the databases below by visiting our databases page at library.nwacc.edu/az.php. Explore the full list, or select “Adult Education” under the “All Subjects” button for a smaller selection. Here are a few examples:

**Academic World Book**

Academic World Book is a comprehensive reference tool that includes encyclopedia, multimedia, e-book, and primary source databases. Research tools help users find information and develop ideas for research assignments.

**Access World News**

NewsBank’s Access World News database features full-text articles from national and world newspapers and transcripts of broadcast news reports. The database includes full text from local northwest Arkansas newspapers, too.

**English Language Learner (ELL) Reference Center**

English Language Learner (ELL) Reference Center is designed for anyone who is new to the English language. ELL Reference Center content covers a wide range of subject areas—including science, math, history, civics, life skills and literature—and is written at an appropriate level, using vocabulary and sentence structure that is helpful to non-native speakers.

**LearningExpress Library**

LearningExpress Library provides a large selection of academic and career-related resources. Each of its Learning Centers offers practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, eBooks, and information students need to succeed at school, at work, or in life. Available Learning Centers include College Preparation, College Students, Popular Software Tutorials, GED Preparation, Job Search & Workplace Skills, Jobs & Careers, and more. **PLEASE NOTE:** You can use this database off-campus, too. (You have to be on an NWACC campus to use the others, but LearningExpress Library is available for free to anyone in the community if they access the resource through the NWACC Library website.)

**Ferguson's Career Guidance Center**

This career research database is organized into three main sections. “Industries and Careers” allows users to explore industries, career fields, and professions. “Plan Your Education” helps users find the schools that fit them best. “Launch Your Career” offers solid advice to help users perfect the skills that bring success. The material draws from a range of sources, including more than 880 updated articles and entries from the Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance, 16th Edition.

**Films on Demand**

Films on Demand gives faculty and students instant access to thousands of programs neatly grouped into convenient subject-specific categories. This database features outstanding content from Films for the Humanities & Sciences, ABC News, NBC News, PBS, BBC, National Geographic, The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, Bill Moyers, Shopware, The Open University, A&E, Fred Friendly Seminars, Cambridge Educational, and many more.