Hello and welcome to ODU. I’m George Fowler, the University Librarian.

Should you ever need me, here’s how you can reach me.

About The University Libraries: there are actually three: the Patricia W. and J. Douglas Perry Library, which is the main library; the Elise N. Hofheimer Art Library; and the F. Ludwig Diehn Composers Room, our music library. Let’s begin with the study of art.

The Elise N. Hofheimer Art Library houses a collection of over 15,000 volumes in art and art-related disciplines, and a video and DVD collection, as well as reference and journal collections. It’s located on the second floor of the new Barry Arts Building on 47th Street at the north end of Monarch Way, where it’s co-located with the Art Department. The Chrysler Museum’s Art Library is open 10:30-3:30, Tuesday through Thursday, and by appointment at other times.

The F. Ludwig Diehn Composers Room (DCR) houses over 7,000 music scores and 18,000 sound recordings and video (mostly DVD) recordings. It is renowned for its growing archival collections on contemporary composers that include John Duffy, Russell Stanger, Allan Blank, Frank Erickson, and of course F. Ludwig Diehn, to name a few. The DCR hosts a variety of events and exhibits highlighting its collections in a reading room decorated with furnishings from F. Ludwig Diehn’s home. It is located in the F. Ludwig Diehn Fine & Performing Arts Building on 49th Street, adjacent to the Webb Center.

Perry Library is located in the heart of campus. Its four stories encompass the Learning Commons@Perry Library, Special Collections & University Archives, and much of the Libraries’ extensive research collection. Most of the librarians’ and the library staff’s offices are located in Perry Library. Here you will find...

...the innovative Learning Commons @Perry Library which is open 24/5 during the fall and spring, providing ODU students, faculty, and staff with collaborative spaces, and high-end Windows and Apple computers for GIS and multi-media projects, as well as movable furniture to allow for reconfiguration as necessary.

Additionally, the Learning Commons offers a consolidated help desk where students can check out equipment such as laptops, iPads, cameras, camcorders, and other types of equipment. IT and reference staff are onsite to help you with your research needs.

It also features more than 20 collaborative spaces for students—from an open meeting area with soft seating for Poetry Slams and the Literary Festival to small meeting rooms equipped with flat panel TVs, laptop hook-ups, and computers, as well as...
. . . tutoring services in the Math and Science Resource Center, The Writing Center, and the Peer Education Program.

For those long hours at Perry Library or on campus, there is an Einstein’s Bagel Café located on the first floor.

And for faculty, staff and students with a new family member, a lactation room (#2016) on the second floor of Perry Library is available by contacting the circulation desk by phone, online, or in person.

On the third floor of Perry Library, ODU’s Special Collections and University Archives offers primary source materials about Tidewater and Virginia history, including documents and oral histories relating to desegregation. The University Archives include copies of the student newspaper, as well as theses and dissertations, minutes from University Board of Visitors’ meetings, and other historical documents.

Together, our three libraries offer nearly 240,000 square feet and a collection of 3.7 million resources including 350 databases, more than 55,000 online journals, 40,000 e-books, 160,000 government documents, and nearly 70,000 maps.

We invite you to visit us and to meet our outstanding librarians and staff in all three libraries who can help you with a wide array of services.

These services include online access to a significant portion of our research collection through a “one-search” box on the Libraries’ home page, through the Libraries’ online catalog, as well as via a mobile app which allows you to create a virtual bookshelf of frequently-accessed peer-review journals for quick review and updates on-the-go.

The Libraries provide a subscription to the Chronicle of Higher Education, which is also available from your mobile device or from any browser. We are also a campus partner in the provision of access to Lynda.com.

While our research resources are extensive, it is impossible for us to have everything, so our
Interlibrary loan and document delivery services are available to provide you with access to those resources not at ODU.

We provide information literacy instruction, workshops, and one-on-one research assistance, along with online research guides, one-minute tips videos, and digital services. Our instructors will work with you to develop research classes for your students--custom-fit to assignments. (In a year, we often reach more than 6,000 students.)

The Libraries continue to engage students through active outreach programs on campus. One of our roles is to cultivate intellectual partnerships, and we are always growing, experimenting, and working with you to meet your needs.

The University Libraries’ unique role as curators of intellectual discovery can be central to research, teaching, and learning. We hope to be a major support to you as you and your students develop new ideas.

We are eager to engage all stakeholders—students, faculty, staff, entrepreneurs and leaders—in the continual evolution of the University Libraries. Share your ideas, your needs, and partner with us on information literacy, research, student projects, and creative new ways so that we can provide what ODU needs and deservers.

Picture a place where academic history meets academic future. Now, come visit it!

We hope you also visit us online at odu.edu/library. The website was redesigned for easier access by you. Let us hear your feedback on experiences with the Libraries.

On behalf of the University Libraries, I welcome you to ODU and I look forward to working with you to further the mission of ODU. Please do not hesitate to contact me or others in the Libraries if you have comments, questions, or concerns.