Welcome to the University of Chicago!

I’m sure that you are very excited to move to campus and begin your life at the University. A key part of your experience will be the University of Chicago Library. The Library offers much more than books. It is truly the heart of campus—a place where you can think, explore, share, create, and connect.

Amazing Spaces
Our six campus libraries offer many different spaces where you can study, use technology, or visit with your friends. Reserve a group study space, collaborate on a project in Regenstein Library’s A Level, or meet for coffee in the ExLibris café. All Night Study is also available to help you finish papers or prepare for exams.

Collections
As a student, you have access to over 11 million print and online books for your coursework, research, and personal reading. Explore the bookstacks, discover rare books in the Special Collections Research Center, or access our ejournals and digital collections from anywhere via your laptop or tablet.

Technology
Our librarians provide training on a broad range of research tools, including citation managers, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and statistical software. The TechBar in Regenstein Library offers in-person tech support and lends iPads, laptops, power cables, and other equipment. The Library’s Checkout UChicago app lets you check out books using your smart phone.

Expertise
One of the best resources at the University are your librarians, who are committed to help you achieve academic success by providing one-on-one assistance with your research papers. Librarians are available live online, at our campus libraries, or via appointment.

Learn More about Your Library
Your first visit to a major research library can be overwhelming, but there is plenty of assistance available:

- **Visit Our Orientation Guide**: Begin exploring the Library before you arrive on campus by visiting our orientation guide. Learn about Library services and services, watch an online tutorial, or take a virtual tour.
- **Attend a Library Orientation Program**: During O-Week, we offer several programs for new students including Library Boot Camp, tours, and specialized programs for majors.
- **Follow Us on Social Media**: Keep up-to-date on Library news on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

As you begin your experience at the University, discover the exciting new services available at our campus libraries—from our new Center for Digital Scholarship to the MADD Center at Crerar Library. I invite you to attend our welcome reception for families on Saturday, September 21 in Regenstein Library, where you can visit with our librarians and learn more about the University of Chicago Library. I hope that you may be able to attend.

With warmest regards,

Brenda Johnson
Library Director and University Librarian
How do UChicago College students use the Library?

Some facts and figures from our 2017 survey of undergraduates.

College students regularly use these sources for their classes or work.

**Find them at the Library!**

- Online textbooks: 44%
- E-books: 23%
- Academic articles: 43%
- Textbooks: 47%
- Books & novels: 55%

What do students do in the library?

- 57% conduct research
- 93% work on a paper or assignment
- 87% study for an exam
- 52% work on a presentation

Which campus library do students visit most often?

- 83% Regenstein
- 9% Other
- 5% Mansfield
- 1% EIU
- 1% SSA
- 2% Eckhart