Welcome to the Library!

I’m sure you are very excited to begin your first quarter at the University of Chicago, and we are excited that you are here. A key part of your College experience will be the Library. It is more than a place to study! It is a center for intellectual discovery, learning, and exploration. Use our deep and rich collections, get help from our knowledgeable staff, and make use of our many services to support your work. On or off campus, the Library is here and is ready to help you.

Brenda Johnson, Library Director and University Librarian

Personalized Assistance
Some of the best resources at the University are your librarians, who are committed to helping you achieve academic success by providing guidance on locating sources or data for your assignments and papers. Librarians are available to help you live online, or schedule an appointment for one-one-one assistance with an upcoming project or research question. Our librarians also provide workshops on a broad range of research tools, including citation managers, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and statistical software.

Extensive Collections
As a student, you have access to 12.5 million print and online books for your coursework, research, and personal reading. Access our vast digital collections, including ebooks, ejournals, data, and more, from anywhere via your laptop or tablet. When on campus, you can also borrow books, films, and music from our collections.

Helpful Services
The Library offers many services to help you get the items you need for your coursework or research. Our Scan and Deliver service provides free scans of book chapters or articles in our print collections. Interlibrary Loan services are available to help you obtain items from libraries around the country.

Amazing Spaces
We can’t wait to welcome you in person at our six campus libraries, which offer many different places where you can study or visit with your friends. From the majestic reading room of the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library to the cozy surroundings of Eckhart Library, you can find a space in the Library that is right for you.

Explore the Library Online
Begin exploring the Library before you arrive on campus by visiting our orientation guide. There you can learn about Library services, watch online tutorials, or take a virtual tour of our Library spaces. Look for information soon about our orientation programs to help you learn about the Library before you start Fall Quarter classes. If you have specific questions, incoming students are encouraged to Ask a Librarian.