

We're here to help!

Librarians are available to help you transition to online teaching and learning. We provide research and information literacy tools and activities; virtual instruction and research consultations; and reference assistance through AskMN chat, email, and phone.

Letter to the SCC community

Dear South Central College Library users and community members,

Library Services at South Central College is working in partnership with our campus associates to take appropriate precautions and make changes to our regular operations to protect faculty, staff, and students in response to COVID-19. We are available and ready to assist you in transitioning to online teaching and learning through tutorials, activities, streaming video, and more. If you are interested in how we can help you transition, contact us through our library at library@southcentral.edu.

All South Central College classes will move to online and alternative format instruction until Spring semester. As a result of these changes, Library hours will be:

North Mankato and Faribault Library Virtual Hours:

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

South Central College will be closed to the Public until Spring Semester continues at each campus. When campuses are closed for all in-person service, Library staff will be available for virtual services during the library hours.

AskMN Reference chat service is available 24/7 at: <https://askmn.org/>

Checkout and Recall Policies

We are now starting to recall checked-out books because we know many students, staff and faculty are now switching to fully virtual classes. We ask if you have checked out physical materials to return them before finals week, to make sure you do not accrue a fine.

At this time, all Interlibrary loan is stopped for physical pickups. Contact your campus library if you need help finding resources. Because other libraries are also experiencing service disruptions, any loans after that date will depend on if the lending library is resuming service.

We will continue to support the South Central College community and encourage students, faculty, and staff to use our many remote services as much as possible. We are creating library guides and tutorials to assist the campus community in using library resources remotely.

Library employees are available via phone, email, zoom meeting, and appointment to help ensure that students, faculty, and staff are able to find and access the resources and services they need.

Any changes to Libraries operations will be posted on our website as information becomes available. As some of the most highly utilized public spaces on campus, it is our goal to maintain operations as much as possible while mitigating the risk to users.

We encourage all staff and users to follow the guidelines on South Central College's Coronavirus (COVID-19) information page and take the precautions of frequent handwashing and social distancing, especially when visiting the Library and using public resources like computer workstations. Following public health guidelines, we ask that anyone experiencing any symptoms of illness stay home, as well as those within vulnerable populations. The safety and well-being of our Library's patrons and staff remain our highest priorities.

Thank you for your flexibility, patience, and cooperation as we work to support our community during this time.