

Some Library Nuggets to Get You Started

Welcome to the Library!

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Physical Space:

2nd floor and 3rd floor of 118 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts

Hours: The Library is open during the academic year: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday 12 noon – 6 p.m.; Saturday CLOSED.

Memberships: Metro Boston Library Network (MBLN)—this is a network made up of several libraries in the Boston area, including the Boston Public Library and its many branches, Malden Public Library, and Chelsea Public Library, just to name a few. If a member library has items that circulate (DVDs, books, CDs, videogames), you may borrow them. We also lend many of our items to these libraries. The Boston Public Library offers discounted or free museum passes that you may borrow. You can book a pass by calling or stopping by with your Fisher College ID. You can also book a pass online and pick it up at the lending Library <https://www.bpl.org/museum-passes/>. The Fisher College Library has passes to the Harvard Art Museums which admits two people for free.

Borrowing Privileges: For Fisher students, Fisher's books circulate for three weeks, and DVDs circulate for one week. Loan periods may vary for different member libraries. Items renew automatically up to two times, as long as no one else has requested them. One may borrow two films at a time. There are no limits on the number of books you may borrow. All library accounts are set up with e-mail notification.

Fisher College Library Website-<http://www.fisher.edu/library>

Scroll down on the main page of the Library website to view “The Six-Pack” of our six most used resources.

Library Resources - The Six Pack

As a member of the Metro-Boston Library Network (MBLN), Fisher students, faculty, and staff have access to resources from several libraries, including The Boston Public Library (all 26 branches), Chelsea Public Library, Malden Public Library, and Fisher College.

BiblioCommons Access millions of books and films through our Integrated Library System through BiblioCommons. BROWSE	Online Databases Access resources on any subject you need to research in Fisher College's online databases. BROWSE	APA and MLA Citation Guides APA CITATION GUIDE MLA CITATION GUIDE
Films on Demand Access a wide variety of videos and movies both on campus and remotely through Films on Demand. BROWSE	Fisher Library: Serials Solutions Search Fisher College's databases for full text availability by journal title. BROWSE	Boston Public Library: Serials Solutions Search BPL databases for full text availability by journal title. BROWSE

This is the gateway to information resources available in the physical library as well as those to which the College pays for access, including remote access. You will also be able to use any of the Boston Public Library's online resources that have remote access. Your Fisher College Library barcode (It's a number that begins with "256...") provides you with online database access. ***For the Boston Public Library's databases, you will need a PIN in addition to your library barcode. It has been set as the last four digits of your barcode. If you need your Library barcode, please contact us at library@fisher.edu or at (617) 236-8875.***

[BiblioCommons \(the Online Library Catalog\)](#) – You will need to register with BiblioCommons in order to place holds and to borrow materials. Directions are available in this document in Appendix A. BiblioCommons is the interface for searching for materials found at the Fisher College Library and within the Metro-Boston Library Network (MBLN). You may borrow circulating materials, not only from the Fisher College Library, but also from other member libraries. Simply by entering your Fisher College Library barcode (It's a number that begins with "256..."), and your PIN, which is the last four digits of that barcode, you will be prompted to create an account so that you may borrow books, ebooks, DVDs, music CDs, and audiobooks. Even better, the items will be delivered to the Fisher College Library, and you will be notified by e-mail when they arrive.

Practice Search: Keyword search for *gun control*

How many items are held by the Fisher College Library on *gun control*? – 57 items (as of 7/27/22)

The screenshot shows the Fisher College Library search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search by Keyword" and "gun control" entered. To the right of the search bar are links for "Help" and "Log In / My FCL". Below the search bar is a navigation menu with "Home", "Explore", and "Search Other Massachusetts Libraries". A message banner states: "The Fisher College Library continues to fulfill holds made by patrons. The Library remains closed to the public during this time... Read more". The main heading is "Keyword search: gun control" with a "Save search" button. Below the heading is a "Broaden search" link and a link to "Search Metro Boston Library Network Catalog". The results are displayed in a list view, sorted by "Relevance". The first result is "Gun Control" by Birkland, Ruth. The "Filter your results by..." sidebar is open, showing "Available Now" filters. The "Fisher College Library (57)" filter is selected and circled in red. Other filters include "At any location or online (506)", "Boston Public Library- no assigned branch (17)", "BPL - Central (83)", "BPL - Central Delivery Desk (104)", "BPL - Kirstein Business Library (11)", and "BPL - Leventhal Map Center (11)". The main result card for "Gun Control" shows a "Place hold" button and a "For Later" button.

If you would like to borrow an item, click on the "Place a Hold" button to request it. You will be prompted to enter your "Username or Library Card Number" (your library barcode) and "Password" (your PIN).

General questions? Stop by the Library, call the Library at 617-236-8875, or e-mail the Library at library@fisher.edu. Created 9/25/17; Updated 9-14-22

Online Databases - Fisher spends more than \$150,000 each year, using your tuition, for access to these databases, the vast majority of which are available remotely with your Fisher College Library barcode (the “256...” number). You can also access all of the databases that are available remotely through the Boston Public Library with that same barcode. You will be prompted to type in your 4-digit PIN (the last four digits of your barcode). One of the major advantages of using the online databases available through the Fisher College Library website is that the articles, essays, and other materials have been indexed by information professionals and librarians, whereas doing a search on the Internet returns websites that could have been created by anyone.

When available, select “Click here for remote access,” and you will be prompted to enter your library barcode.

The Fisher College Library provides access to databases in the following areas:

Online Databases By Subject

General/All Subjects	+	English and Liberal Arts	+
Biography	+	Fashion	+
Biology and Other Sciences	+	Hospitality and Tourism	+
Business and Management	+	Human Services	+
Career	+	Information Technology	+
Communication and Media Studies	+	Legal Studies	+
Criminal Justice	+	Nursing	+
Current Events	+	Psychology, Sociology, and Social Science	+
Education	+	Religion and Philosophy	+

Academic Search Ultimate (EBSCO)

Access World News (NewsBank)

AFHS Consumer Medication Information (EBSCO)

APA PsycArticles (EBSCO)

APA PsycInfo (EBSCO)

APA PsycTests (EBSCO)

APA PsycTherapy (EBSCO)

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Black Life in America (NewsBank)

Bloomsbury Fashion Central

The Boston Globe (ProQuest)

The Boston Herald, 1997-present (NewsBank)

Britannica ACADEMIC

Business Insights: Essentials (GALE)

Business Insights: Global (GALE)

Business Source Ultimate (EBSCO)

CINAHL Plus with Full Text (EBSCO)

Communication Source (EBSCO)

Credo Reference

Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text (EBSCO)

eBook Collection (EBSCO)

Encyclopaedia Britannica – ImageQuest

ERIC (EBSCO)

European Views of the Americas: 1493-1750 (EBSCO)

GALE ACADEMIC ONEFILE

GALE ACADEMIC ONEFILE SELECT

GALE BOOKS AND AUTHORS

GALE GENERAL ONEFILE

GALE HEALTH AND WELLNESS

GALE IN CONTEXT - Biography

GALE IN CONTEXT - Global Issues

GALE IN CONTEXT - Opposing Viewpoints

GALE IN CONTEXT – Science

GALE IN CONTEXT - U.S. History

GALE IN CONTEXT - World History

GALE INTERACTIVE - Science

GALE ONEFILE – Agriculture

GALE ONEFILE - Business

GALE ONEFILE – Communications and Mass Media

GALE ONEFILE - Criminal Justice

GALE ONEFILE - Culinary Arts

GALE ONEFILE – Diversity Studies

GALE ONEFILE – Economics and Theory

GALE ONEFILE - Environmental Studies and Policy

GALE ONEFILE – Fine Arts

GALE ONEFILE – Gardening and Horticulture

GALE ONEFILE – Gender Studies

GALE ONEFILE - Health and Medicine

GALE ONEFILE – Home Improvement

GALE ONEFILE – Hospitality and Tourism

GALE ONEFILE – Information Science

GALE ONEFILE – Insurance and Liability

GALE ONEFILE – Military and Intelligence

GALE ONEFILE – News

GALE ONEFILE - Nursing and Allied Health

GALE ONEFILE - Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine

GALE ONEFILE – Pop Culture Studies

GALE ONEFILE – Popular Magazines

GALE ONEFILE – Psychology

GALE ONEFILE – Religion and Philosophy

GALE ONEFILE - Vocations and Careers

GALE ONEFILE – War and Terrorism

Global Road Warrior

GreenFILE (EBSCO)

Health Source - Consumer Edition (EBSCO)

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition (EBSCO)

Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (EBSCO)

Literary Reference Center (EBSCO)

Literature Resource Center (GALE)

MasterFILE Premier (EBSCO)

MEDLINE (EBSCO)

Military & Government Collection (EBSCO)

New York Times Full Text 1985-present (GALE)

Newspaper Source (EBSCO)

Points of View Reference Center (EBSCO)

Professional Development Collection (EBSCO)

ProQuest Central

ABI/INFORM Complete

Accounting, Tax & Banking

CBCA Database: The Arts

CBCA Database: Business

CBCA Database: Health & Medicine

CBCA Database: History

CBCA Database: Literature & Language

ProQuest Asian & European Business Collection

ProQuest Career and Technical Education Database: The Arts

ProQuest Career and Technical Education Database: Business

ProQuest Career and Technical Education Database: Health & Medicine

ProQuest Career and Technical Education Database: History

ProQuest Career and Technical Education Database: Literature & Language

ProQuest Family Health Database

ProQuest Health & Medical Collection

ProQuest Health Management Database

ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Database

ProQuest Research Library: The Arts

ProQuest Research Library: Business

ProQuest Research Library: Health & Medicine

ProQuest Research Library: History

ProQuest Research Library: Literature & Language

Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection (EBSCO)
Regional Business News (EBSCO)

Religion and Philosophy Collection (EBSCO)

SocINDEX (EBSCO)

Vocational and Career Collection (EBSCO)

Practice Searches

Points of View Reference Center *(under Current Events)*

This database features hundreds of full-text essays on myriad subjects from a variety of perspectives. Each topic is presented with a short overview, point (pro argument) and counterpoint (con argument). It references essays on popular topics, as well as academic journals, newspapers, radio/television transcripts, and primary source documents. This database is primarily to be used for position papers, written arguments, debates, and compare/contrast assignments.

Practice Search: Click on the link to “Show All” on the right-hand side of the page.
Select *Organic Food*.

If a topic does not appear on the list, you can type it into the search box.

The tabs on the left-hand side of the screen provide access to full-text Points of View (essays), Periodicals, Newspapers, Radio & TV News Transcripts, Primary Source Documents, and Academic Journals, just to name a few. After selecting a source type, under “Related Information,” you can sort by “Relevance” or “Date Newest.”

GALE IN CONTEXT - Opposing Viewpoints *(under Current Events)*

This database features approximately 19,000 viewpoint articles, primary documents, biographies of social activists and reformers, statistical tables, charts and graphs, topic overviews that provide context for the issues, court-case overviews, profiles of federal agencies and special interest groups, links to reviewed and subject-indexed websites, images, full-text periodicals and newspapers, and podcasts from the Weekly Presidential Radio Address.

Practice Search: Click on the “Browse Issues” link in the upper right-hand corner.
Select *Bullying*.

If an issue does not appear on the list, you can type it in the search box. You will receive Viewpoints (essays), Newspaper Articles, Academic Journals, Statistics, and Magazines.

Access World News *(under Current Events)*

This database provides access to the full-text content of local, regional, national, and international newspapers. Choose “Massachusetts News Sources.” Select “Advanced Search.”

Practice Search: Enter *immigration* in the “Lead/First Paragraph” and set the “Date” by typing in *Past 30 days*. How many hits did you get? 7 hits (as of 7/27/22)

Films on Demand- Is a leading source of high-quality video and multimedia streaming access to academic, vocational, and life-skills content. There are nearly 44,000 titles available.

To access this database from the main Library website (<http://www.fisher.edu/library>), click on Films on Demand from “The Six-Pack.”

Fisher Library: Serials Solutions. The product allows you to see what journals are available in the databases to which the Fisher College Library subscribes. Search for *The New England Journal of Higher Education*, and you will learn which databases carry the full-text of this title, and then you can link directly to the journal in the database.

Boston Public Library: Serials Solutions. If you are unable to find what you are looking for at Fisher, you can search the holdings of the Boston Public Library. This tool allows you to search the full-text journal availability through the databases found at the Boston Public Library. If you are unable to access the full-text of an article, you can e-mail the Library at library@fisher.edu to request a Librarian to try to acquire it through inter-library loan. (Please provide the title, author, publication, and date of publication.)

Library Archive: Contains digitized copies of the Charles Viewers, College Catalogs, and Yearbooks through a partnership with Digital Commonwealth.

Additional Resources

Audiobooks, E-Books, and Digital Magazines available through the Boston Public Library.

Using your Fisher College Library barcode, you can take advantage of digital resources including:

Hoopla (ebooks, music, and films)

Kanopy (films)

Overdrive (ebooks, audiobooks, and films)

PressReader (magazines and newspapers)

RB Digital (magazines)

The Commonwealth Catalog

Using your Fisher College Library barcode and PIN, you may search for and request materials that are not owned by MBLN. Participants include Massachusetts public libraries, community college libraries, and state universities.

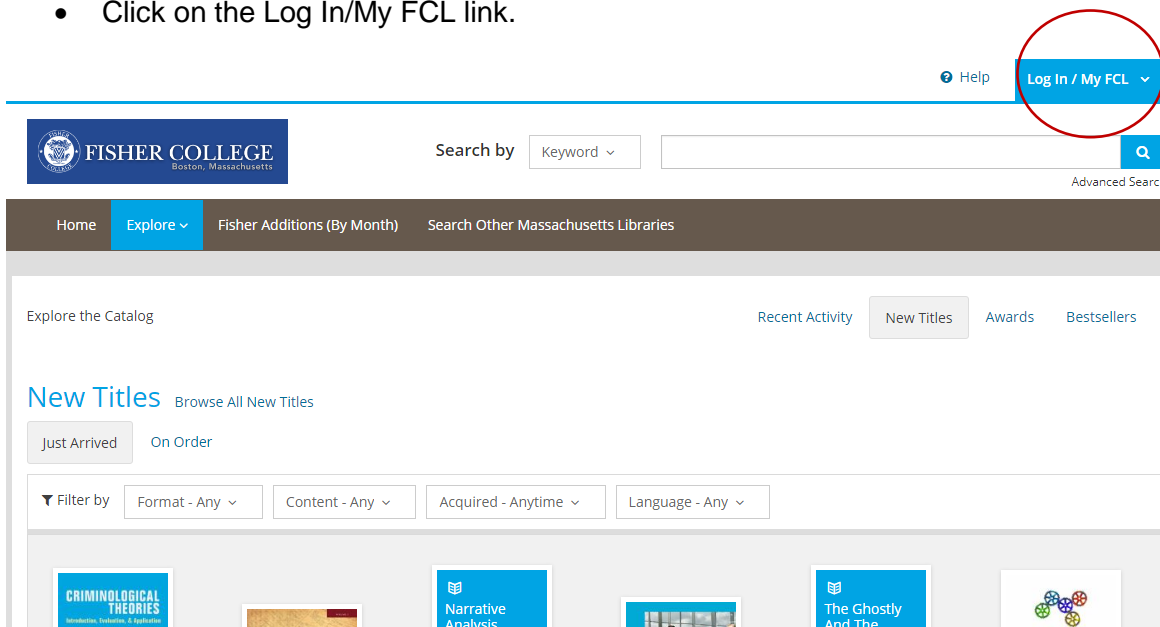
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Appendix A

Fisher BiblioCommons Instruction Guide Getting Started with BiblioCommons, Our Online Catalog

The Fisher College Library uses BiblioCommons to browse for books, CDs, films, textbooks, and other items available through both our Library and member libraries of the Metro-Boston Library Network. BiblioCommons can be used for creating lists, placing holds, rating items, and writing reviews and comments. To get started, follow these simple steps:

- Go to the Library website at <http://www.fisher.edu/library> and select **BiblioCommons** when you scroll down, under “Library Resources.”
- Click on the Log In/My FCL link.



- To log in, enter your Library Card Number on the back of your Fisher ID (It's a 256.... number!). If you do not know your Fisher College Library Card Number, or if you have any other questions, **call the library at 617-236-8875, or e-mail us at library@fisher.edu** to receive it.

Enter your PIN. Your PIN has been set as the last four digits of your library barcode.

- This will bring you to a screen that notes the following:

You will be asked to create a username and to verify your e-mail address. It will also ask you if you would like to enable “recently returned,” which allows you to track items that you have recently borrowed. If you do not enable this, the system will not keep track of the items you have checked out in the past.

- From the BiblioCommons homepage, you can do many things:

- 1.) Look at what you have checked out and what you have on hold, by logging in to My FCL
- 2.) Search the catalog for items by keyword, title, author, subject, etc.
- 3.) Link to the Commonwealth Catalog using the “Search Other Massachusetts Libraries” link

