LIBRARY SKILLS WEEK
October 26-30 | Event Program
100% convenient, 100% online

LEVEL UP YOUR RESEARCH
Monday, Oct. 26
11 a.m. to noon: Introduction to Mendeley Desktop
3 to 4 p.m.: Keeping current with scholarly literature in your field
4 to 5 p.m.: Library Skills Week opening keynote
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.: Virtual Graduate Student Commons

Tuesday, Oct. 27
10 to 11 a.m.: Setting yourself up for success as a scholar
1 to 2 p.m.: Visualizing your data
2 to 3 p.m.: Staying informed and who to follow
5 to 6 p.m.: Getting the most out of Google Scholar

Wednesday, Oct. 28
10 to 11 a.m.: Start your scientific research journey right
11 to noon: Graduate funding opportunities
1 to 2 p.m.: Introduction to Zotero
2 to 3 p.m.: School and community data for everyone
4 to 5 p.m.: Open access scholarly resources

Thursday, Oct. 29
10 to 11 a.m.: Managing your data in spreadsheets
1 to 2 p.m.: Conducting a literature review in engineering, health, and science disciplines
2 to 3 p.m.: Social science resources
3 to 4 p.m.: How can we help you? Using the Archives and the Regional History collections

Friday, Oct. 30
10 to 11 a.m.: Humanities resources
11 a.m. to noon: Staying informed and who to follow
Noon to 1 p.m.: Library Skills Week closing keynote
1 to 2 p.m.: Arts resources

All workshops are delivered online through Webex.
Registration

Each session will be delivered online through Webex. Register for individual sessions online: wmich.edu/events/61586. Links to join the online sessions are available on each registration page.

Questions about registration? Email Juliana Espinosa: juliana.espinosa@wmich.edu

Webex Setup

All WMU students and employees have a institutional Webex account. Install the Webex client prior to your first session for the best experience. Learn more about Webex on HelpHub: bit.ly/3nP7cP1

Need help with Webex? Contact the technology helpdesk, (269) 387-4357.

WMU Signature Credit

You may receive credit towards WMU Signature’s Teaching and Student Success pathway by attending specific Library Skills Week sessions. Learn more about WMU Signature.

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Introduction to Mendeley Desktop, 11 a.m. to noon
Presenter: Ed Eckel, Engineering and Applied Sciences Librarian

Learn how to use the Mendeley software to import and organize bibliographic references and create bibliographies for papers, articles, theses, and dissertations.

Keeping Current with Scholarly Literature in Your Field, 3 to 4 p.m.
Presenter: Michele Behr, Education Librarian

Save time and be confident that you are staying up to date on recent literature in your field. This workshop will show you how to set up database alerts and use library tools to get automatic notifications when research is published on relevant topics or from specific authors or journals.

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Library Skills Week Opening Keynote: Publish and Thrive as an Early Career Researcher
4 to 5 p.m.
Presenter: Liz Lorbeer, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Medical Library
Moderator: Dianna Sachs
This keynote is designed for early-career researchers interested in scholarly publishing and authorship as part of their academic career. Publishing now encompasses a broader, more interdisciplinary skill set that includes digital publishing technologies, data curation, open peer review, and research funder mandates on depositing final post-prints in open repositories. This session features a discussion on the librarian and publisher’s roles in supporting authors in the essential steps of planning and writing a scholarly work.

Authors have more publication options on how they want to showcase their research in the scholarly literature. Participants will hear strategies to leverage online resources to assist in the literature search, author high-impact manuscripts, engage in ethical behavior to avoid plagiarism, and find success in publishing.

Virtual Graduate Student Commons, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Presenter: Juliana Espinosa, User Engagement Librarian

Join your fellow graduate students at an informal virtual space to catch up with friendly faces, meet new graduate students, and play Halloween-themed trivia for prizes!

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Setting Yourself Up for Success as a Scholar, 10 to 11 a.m.
Presenters: Michele Behr, Research & Instruction Librarian; Amy Bocko, Digital Projects Librarian

Learn how to position yourself as a researcher and scholar. This workshop will show you how to set up profiles to make sure your work gets disseminated and help you find potential collaborators. You will also learn about library tools that can be used to gather information for developing grant proposals and other research projects.

Visualizing Your Data, 1 to 2 p.m.
Presenter: Daria Orlowska, Data Librarian

This session will briefly explain the libraries’ data and mapping services, introduce you to best practices for maps and data visualizations, and discuss software options for creating them.

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Staying Informed and Who to Follow, 2 to 3 p.m.
Presenter: LuMarie Guth, Business Librarian

How can you stay up-to-date on your community, including campus, local, national, and scholarly communities? This workshop explores news consumption patterns nationally and in Kalamazoo County. You will learn about subscriptions available through WMU Libraries and sources used by WMU students to monitor campus news. You will also learn how to discover and curate their news and stay informed.

Getting the Most Out of Google Scholar, 5 to 6 p.m.
Presenter: Kate Langan, Associate Professor, University Libraries

Google Scholar is a beneficial tool for identifying a variety of literature in virtually any subject area. Setting up a Google Scholar profile allows researchers to increase the status and impact of their scholarly output. Alerts and metrics are additional ways that Google Scholar can make your searching more efficient and ensure you are finding high quality research.

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Start Your Scientific Research Journey Right, 10 to 11 a.m.
Presenter: Abdul Sawah, Customer Consultant – Search & Discovery, Elsevier

Whether you are just starting your journey as a researcher, a seasoned researcher continuing to enhance your knowledge, or you are teaching and transferring knowledge and experience to future researchers, rely on peer-reviewed literature and research platforms.

In this session you will learn how Scopus, a leader in peer-reviewed discovery and an abstract and citation database, will offer you a reliable platform throughout your scientific research journey. Quickly find relevant and trusted research, identify experts, and access reliable data, metrics, and analytical tools. This session will focus on using Scopus to:

- Empower research performance
- Identify experts and evaluate authors and their impact
- Assess and analyze journals for performance and to better understand where to publish
- Evaluate and compare institutions and their outputs and performance

Graduate Funding Opportunities, 11 a.m. to noon
Presenter: Mike Duffy, Fine Arts Librarian

This workshop will introduce graduate students to major opportunities for individual project funding related to graduate study.

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School and Community Data for Everyone, 2 to 3 p.m.
Presenter: Bradford Dennis, Associate Professor, Social Sciences Librarian

Learn how to access and search governmental databases and data sets, including the:
- U.S. Census Bureau for community demographics
- National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) for school demographics
- State of Michigan Center for Education and Performance Information (CEPI) for standardized testing information and other state data

Open Access Scholarly Resources, 4 to 5 p.m.
Presenter: Kate Langan, Associate Professor, University Libraries

Learn about open access resources for teaching and research in a one-hour workshop.

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Managing your Data in Spreadsheets, 10 to 11 a.m.
Presenter: Daria Orlowska, Data Librarian

Successfully managing your data is the foundation of any project. This workshop will help guide you through more effective data wrangling strategies. You will use Excel to learn good data entry practices, how to avoid common formatting mistakes, and basic quality control.

NOTE: Learning how to conduct data analyses, such as plotting, statistics, or code, is beyond the scope of this workshop. The materials are based on the Data Carpentry module Data Organization in Spreadsheets for Ecologists.

Conducting a Literature Review in Engineering, Health, and Science Disciplines, 1 to 2 p.m.
Presenters: Ed Eckel, Engineering & Applied Sciences Librarian; Carrie Leatherman, Natural Sciences Librarian; Dianna Sachs, Health Sciences Librarian

Conducting a literature review – searching the published research for all the relevant information on a specific topic – is one of the most challenging parts of research. How do we know where to search? How do we find the best and most impactful research? How do we know when we’ve found enough information? This workshop will discuss specific techniques for conducting a literature review in the sciences disciplines.

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Social Science Resources, 2 to 3 p.m.
Presenter: LuMarie Guth, Business Librarian


How Can We Help You? Using the Archives and the Regional History Collections, 3 to 4 p.m.
Presenters: Lynn Houghton, Regional History Curator; John Winchell, Archives Curator

What are the Archives and Regional History Collections and how can you access them? Learn how at this one-hour information sessions with curators, John Winchell and Lynn Houghton.

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**Humanities Resources, 10 to 11 a.m.**
Presenter: Kate Langan, Associate Professor, University Libraries

This workshop will cover lesser known but equally important resources for the humanities scholar.

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Library Skills Week Closing Keynote:
Multidisciplinary Research: Legal materials to help in any discipline, noon to 1 p.m.
Presenter: Duane Strojny, Associate Dean of Library and Instructional Support and Professor
Moderator: LuMarie Guth, Business Librarian

The actions of our government have an impact on nearly every aspect of our lives. From local zoning laws to state governor executive orders to federal regulations concerning our food chain, there is rarely a research project that doesn't involve a legal component. Learn how legal materials can help you with your research. This session will include a review of government entities and the type of laws they produce, a discussion of when legal materials can help you and where you can find them, and an overview of the types of materials freely available to help with your research.

Arts Resources, 1 to 2 p.m.
Presenter: Mike Duffy, Fine Arts Librarian

This workshop will introduce graduate students to library and information resources in the arts. Students will gain an understanding of these resources and how they can assist in the preparation of scholarly and artistic projects.

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The following sessions are delivered asynchronously through our YouTube channel. No registration needed and watch at your convenience.

**Special Collections for Teaching**  
Presenter: Susan Steuer, Rare Book and Special Collections Librarian

This four-minute presentation introduces some of the ways we work with instructors to enhance student learning. Connect with Sue to discuss using Special Collections in your classes. Watch this presentation.

**Special Collections’ Collections**  
Presenter: Lori Kison, Special Collections Coordinator

A brief introduction to the University Libraries’ Special Collections. Watch this presentation.

**Overview of Mapping Services**  
Presenter: Jason Glatz, Maps Specialist

This session will briefly review Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and how the Libraries’ uses it to custom create maps for teaching, research and publication. This service is available for free to all University community members. Watch this presentation.

**Open Educational Resources: The Basics**  
Presenter: Beth Martin, Open Educational Resources Coordinator

This presentation provides an overview of Open Educational Resources: what they are, why they are important, where you can find them, and how you can get help on campus. Watch this presentation.

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