

# Libraries in Boston and Greater New England for Cambridge College Students

First see if what you need is in the extensive online, full-text resources of the **Cambridge College Online Library (CCOL)**. It provides an extensive collection of full-text articles from thousands of scholarly journals, full-text books, live reference librarian support 24 hours every day, and instruction and resources for doing research in all our subject areas. It's free, it's always available, and instructions for going there and using it start at <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/index.cfm>

## Additional databases through your state public library system

Individual states have been adding remote access to databases. Your library card gets you in. Here are the sites for New England states:

### Connecticut residents

<http://www.iconn.org>

Connecticut Digital Library IConn: Connecticut's "research engine"

### Maine residents

<http://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/>

Maine's virtual library

### Massachusetts residents

<http://mblc.state.ma.us/grants/licenses/index.php>

### New Hampshire residents

<http://www.nhewlink.state.nh.us/about/vendors.html>

New Hampshire NHew Link: database access

### Rhode Island residents

<http://www.askri.org/ebSCO.html>

Databases available through the RI Statewide Reference Resource Center

## Traditional Library Arrangements

Online databases and the internet probably won't have everything you need. Libraries have much, much more plus reference librarians to help you search. But every library has a different collection, so you have to choose the most appropriate library just as carefully as you choose the most appropriate store when you go shopping. You wouldn't look for a mattress at a supermarket, so don't expect to find management information at an education library.

**What are borrowing privileges and are they necessary?** During the hours a library is open to the public, you don't need a special card or arrangement to use the library and ask questions of the librarians. If you want to take books out of the library or be there

during non-public hours, you need a borrowing card. Cambridge College has made the following arrangements:

- **Try Gutman Library for education, psychology and counseling research**

Cambridge College students can get borrowing cards to take books out of Gutman Library at Harvard Graduate School of Education. It has excellent resources on all aspects of education, educational psychology, and human development, including a complete ERIC collection. For information and an application for a card, see the Cambridge section of [http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/traditional\\_libraries.cfm](http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/traditional_libraries.cfm)

- **Babson Library at Springfield College**

Borrowing privileges are available for our Springfield campus students. Use your Cambridge College ID card to borrow materials. For further information, go to the Springfield section of [http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/traditional\\_libraries.cfm](http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/traditional_libraries.cfm)

**For all other libraries**, ask about their requirements for borrowing cards. You may qualify for a free or low-priced card depending on where you live.

**Try an academic library at a local college**

Why? Besides having large scholarly collections, academic libraries have strong collections in the subjects in which they give degrees. Private colleges will generally not allow you to get borrowing privileges.

**Try a state college library:** All state college libraries are open to the public. Some allow borrowing privileges based on your proof of state residence and/or public library or Boston Public Library card. The Boston Public Library card is available to all MA residents. At most state college libraries, access to all databases is available in the library only.

**Try a local public library**

Why? You will be able to borrow books and order through interlibrary loan. Your local library is part of a system of public and some academic libraries. You may be surprised at how quickly the library can get a book for you. Call your local library to learn about your system, such as Metro or Minuteman. You can find your local library from the directory at <http://www.mlin.lib.ma.us/libraries/directory/index.php>

**If you are north of Boston:** The NOBLE public library system includes many local academic libraries. Even if you are not in the NOBLE system, you can still get a NOBLE borrowing card by asking at your local public library. See the handout for Lawrence on [http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/traditional\\_libraries.cfm](http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/traditional_libraries.cfm)

**Try Boston Public Library**

Why? Because it is one of the world's largest research libraries, and any resident of Massachusetts can borrow books. It provides ERIC and includes Kirstein Business Branch, an excellent management/business library. Audiobooks that can be played on your computer or put on your MP3 player are also available. Go to <http://www.bpl.org/>

**Choose the most appropriate library.** For example, in the Boston area:

**For management research** try: Kirstein Business Branch of Boston Public Library. For Kirstein information, see the Cambridge section of [http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/traditional\\_libraries.cfm](http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/traditional_libraries.cfm)

Other management libraries open to the public are Tufts, U.Mass/Boston, Boston University Pardee, Boston College, Northeastern, MIT Dewey, Brandeis.

**For education research** try: Gutman, Boston Public Library, U.Mass/Boston, Tufts, Boston University, Boston College, Springfield College.

**For counseling/psychology research** try: Gutman for children and youth. For Gutman information for Cambridge College students see the Cambridge section of [http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/traditional\\_libraries.cfm](http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/traditional_libraries.cfm)

Other counseling/psych libraries open to the public are U.Mass/Boston, Tufts, Boston University, Boston College, Fitchburg State, Salem State, Springfield College.

**For health/medical** try: Boston University, Tufts, U.Mass/Worcester Medical Center Library, U.Conn Health Center/Farmington, Springfield College, UMass Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell; and Salem State.

## Before going to any library

- Check the library's website and web catalog to see if it has what you want.
- On the website, get the phone number for Information or Circulation, public hours, address, and directions
- Call the Circulation department about borrowing privileges, which are not always complete on the website
- ***Call Information or Circulation first to make sure the library is open to the public on the day and time you want to go! Website information can be wrong on this!***

**Websites for all MA academic libraries can be found by clicking the Advanced Search at** <http://www.mlin.lib.ma.us/libraries/directory/index.php>

**Websites for all libraries in the US, Puerto Rico, and elsewhere are at:** <http://lists.webjunction.org/libweb/>

**Recommended libraries: You can *probably* walk in and use the following libraries. However, policies may change at any time without notice, so *call first*.**

### Massachusetts State College Libraries:

**Note:** In most state college libraries, MA residents can use all the reference services and databases and get borrowing privileges free or at low-cost.

**U.Mass/Amherst Library** covers all areas, strong in communication disorders, education including ERIC, management/business, educational technology, multilingual/multiracial education, sports, public health, travel/tourism

**U.Mass/Boston Healey Library** covers all areas, strong in management/business, education, ERIC, multilingual/multiracial education, SPED, urban education, ESL, counselor education, curriculum and instruction, human services.

**U.Mass/Dartmouth Library** strong in management, art, education, ERIC, some health. All MA residents can borrow.

**U.Mass/Lowell Library** strong in allied health, management, education, ERIC, industrial and manufacturing management, public health nursing.

**U.Mass/Worcester Medical Library** has medical and public health only.

**Salem State Library** strong in management/business, counselor education, educational media, ESL, education including ERIC and multilingual/multicultural education, nursing, reading education, SPED, social work.

### **Private College Libraries in the Boston Area**

**Note:** Call first to make sure these libraries are open to the public, when, and what ID you will need. You will probably not be allowed to use databases. You will not be able to borrow books. You can probably get help from the reference librarians.

**Boston College Library** covers all areas, especially management/business, education (including ERIC), medical, SPED, law, organizational behavior.

**Boston University Mugar Library** covers all areas, including physical education, SPED, medicine, and law. For management and organizational behavior, use the **Pardee Management Library**. For education, use the **BU Educational Resources Library**. Provides ERIC.

**Brandeis University Library** is strong in management and psychology.

**Bridgewater State Library** is strong in SPED, communications disorders, movement arts, health promotion, management, education including ERIC.

**Cape Cod Community College Library** has grant resources.

**Community Change Library on Racism** for research on race, racism, multiculturalism, diversity. It's at 14 Beacon St., Room 605, Boston. Info at [http://www.communitychangeinc.org/resource\\_center.html](http://www.communitychangeinc.org/resource_center.html)

**Fitchburg State Library** is strong in art education, management/business, counselor education, SPED, nursing, education including ERIC.

**Framingham State Library** has education including ERIC, curriculum planning and assessment, business. Minuteman system members can borrow books through their local public library.

**Harvard's Schlesinger Library on the History of Women** has women's social and intellectual history.

**Harvard's Tozzer Anthropology Library** has anthropology, archaeology, ethnology. Make sure to call about public access first.

**MIT Dewey Library** for management, social sciences, economics, law.

**Northeastern University Library** covers all areas, strong in corrections, management/business, medical, education including ERIC, sports, law, SPED.

**Tufts University Tisch Library** covers all areas, strong in medical, education, ERIC, nonprofit management, public health, environmental health, health services research, health education.

### **Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine**

Websites for the following libraries can be found at <http://lists.webjunction.org/libweb/>

**University of Rhode Island Library/Kingston** covers all areas, strong in education including ERIC, management/business, information and library science, marketing, health, sports.

**Rhode Island College Library** in Providence has education, ERIC, management and technology, social sciences, social work, art, and health.

**University of Connecticut/Storrs Library** covers all areas, strong in allied health, education, ERIC, sports, SPED, management/business, health services management and administration, human resources, multilingual/multicultural education.

**University of Connecticut Health Center Library/Farmington** has medical and health.

**University of New Hampshire/Durham Library:** management/business, education, ERIC, health services management, kinesiology, SPED.

**New Hampshire State Library** in Concord and **Nashua Public Library** both have ERIC.

**University of New England Library**(Biddeford, ME): education, nursing, social work.

**University of Southern Maine Library** both Portland and Gorham have education including ERIC.

**All other localities: go to** <http://lists.webjunction.org/libweb/>