

Libraries in Springfield, Massachusetts 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 are at <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/>

For instructions and information about library and research resources for Cambridge College students, click the *How to Use CCOL Handbook* link on <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/research.cfm>

For detailed instructions for researching and writing your research papers, see handouts on the Research Resources page at <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/research.cfm>

For arrangements for online and traditional library and research skills instruction, see the *How to Use CCOL Handbook*, linked at <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/research.cfm>.

Traditional Library Arrangements

Babson Library at Springfield College

<http://www.spfldcol.edu/homepage/library.nsf/home>

Cambridge College has made special arrangements with Babson Library at Springfield College. In addition to borrowing privileges, the reference librarians are familiar with Cambridge College students and will instruct you and help with research. Use your Cambridge College ID card to borrow books. In the library or from your home computer, you may use many excellent research databases not in the Cambridge College Online Library, including CINAHL, Lexis Nexis, and JSTOR. **To log in from outside the library, you will need a password which can be obtained by calling the Information Desk at 1-800-730-5279.**

Other Academic Libraries

Cambridge College has NOT made special arrangements with these libraries, but you may be eligible to use them depending on where you live:

University of Massachusetts at Amherst <http://www.library.umass.edu/>

UMass/Amherst library system is the largest public academic research library in New England. Anyone can use the print materials and online databases in the library building only. Any Massachusetts residents can get a card for borrowing privileges. Apply at: <http://www.library.umass.edu/services/borrowing/borrowcard.html>

Smith College / Mt. Holyoke College / Hampshire College / Amherst College

<http://www.library.umass.edu/four.html>

With a UMass Amherst borrowing card, you are also eligible to borrow from these four other colleges in the Five College system.

University of Connecticut at Storrs <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/>

Community Borrower Program: Must be resident of Connecticut and show proof of residence. All UConn Libraries can issue library cards. Cost: \$50.00. Further info at <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/about/services/circulation/CBPolicy.htm>

Public Libraries

Cambridge College has NOT made special arrangements with these libraries, but you may be eligible to use them depending on where you live:

Western MA library system C/W MARS <http://wmars.cwmars.org/>

C/W MARS is a network of public, academic, school, regional, and special libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts, sharing access to their print collections. You can request books online to be delivered to your local public library. There is online access from home to netLibrary full-text books and some Gale Group academic, business, and medical databases. To see if you live in a Massachusetts city which makes you eligible for C/W MARS, go to http://www.cwmars.org/public_circ.html Springfield is in the C/W MARS system.

Springfield City Library <http://www.springfieldlibrary.org/default.html>

In addition to books, Springfield City Library provides databases either online from your home or in the library only. These databases are not in the Cambridge College Online Library. Databases include the netLibrary full-text books collection and many Gale InfoTrac databases. <http://www.springfieldlibrary.org/databases.html> Application for borrowing card is at <http://www.springfieldlibrary.org/circ.html>

Forbes Library, Northampton <http://www.forbeslibrary.org/>

Current library cards from other public libraries in the C/W MARS system may be used to borrow Forbes materials. Forbes Library has the Learning Express database, which features more than 300 practice tests based on official school and career exams, including ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB, Firefighter, Police Officer, Paramedic, EMT Basic, U.S. Citizenship, Postal Worker, Cosmetology, and Real Estate Sales Agent & Broker Exams, among others. Other databases include netLibrary and InfoTrac.

Hartford Public Library <http://www.hartfordpl.lib.ct.us/>

Whether you live in Hartford, elsewhere in Connecticut, or even in Massachusetts, you can get a borrowers card.

