



Self-guided Tour: Benner Library

For a person with a steady stride, this self-guided walking tour of Benner Library is likely to take about 25-minutes. The route includes using stairs, but guests are welcome to use the elevator when needed. Follow the walking instructions. At each stop, use the posted QR codes or these links to access video content.



Inside the security gates on the first-floor of Benner Library.

General information about the library

Mission Statement

Benner Library invests in scholarly resources, current technology, and knowledgeable staff in a Christian environment to promote student success, academic excellence, and life-long learning.

The library's mission and purpose is aligned with the University's mission to provide "Education with a Christian purpose."

- In order to cultivate a studious environment please respect the needs of those around you. Silence your cell phone ringer, and keep all conversations, including cell phone conversations, at a level that does not disturb others.
- Food and drink are allowed everywhere. Use spill station supplies, at trash/recycling units, to cleanup any mess.

FISHBOWL

1 With your back to the entrance, glance to your right. The This glassed-in space is fondly called "the Fishbowl" and is available 24:7 to those with ONU credentials.

- When the library is closed, enter through the foyer door.
- It's a great place for group meetings; set up the tables and chairs so you can be productive.
- Sometimes the Fishbowl is reserved for classes or meetings; check for a "reserved" sign when you enter.



Step over to the INFO Desk

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Students
say
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The lower-level tables are a great choice to meet with a group. It is much quieter than the first floor. [Which helps me] get work done...there are no sound requirements so I can talk to my group members freely.

Keetyn, Class of 2027
Interior & Architectural Design major

2 INFO Desk

Help yourself to a map.



- When students need help using or finding library resources we can help!
- Librarians and trained staff assist general education, upperclassmen, and graduate students who need help to narrow a topic, find articles, or request full text articles
- Print commentaries and other resources for exegesis research are shelved nearby for quick access
- Students use “TigerDollars” and mobile credentials in order to print and copy on campus. Black & white (4-cents/side) and color (10-cents/side) copying is available throughout the building, including on the first floor, near the stairs and in the Fishbowl.

“ Students say ”

My first semester, I got help from circulation and INFO Desk staff to find and check out books for a project. They were so friendly and found me exactly the resources that I needed!

Maddie, Music Education major
Class of 2028



Accessibility & Disability Resources (ADR)

- Students with disabilities interested in seeking accommodations must register with Accessibility and Disability Resources by completing the accommodation application process
- All students are invited to use Recharge Rooms for quiet study Mon.- Thurs. 6-9pm.
- To enter ADR, follow carpeted area between foyer doors and security gate to wooden door.



Walk a few steps toward the elevator. Glance to your left to see our Leisure Reading area.

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Leisure Reading & vending

- We feature recreational reading from a variety of genres, including favorite books from Olivet students.
- Latest issues of selected popular magazines and newspapers are on shelving along the wall
- The Handicapped Accessible restroom and the women's restroom are located nearby. Men's facilities available on Lower Level.
- Vending machines, microwave and K-cup machine, a TV with campus news, and rotating student and faculty art in the far corner contribute to a welcoming atmosphere on the first floor.



Walk past the vending machines and around the staircase to the right, so you are facing the Chinese Dragon ship (it's directly behind the elevator).

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- This replica of a Chinese ship is 6 ft., 10 inches long and 5 ft., 2 inches tall, and 20 inches wide.
- The dragon holds the earth in his mouth.
- Our beautiful sculpture was a gift from Jerry and Muriel Caven, a philanthropic couple and friends of Olivet on the occasion of the Centennial of the University in 2007.
- The boat was hand carved by four men. It took five years to complete.

Turn to look behind you. Notice the University Archives entrance and displays.

University Archives Mission Statement:

“As the official repository of records documenting the history of Olivet Nazarene University, the University Archives collects and preserves materials with enduring historical value, makes them accessible, and promotes their use to the university community, alumni, and serious researchers within the community beyond Olivet.”



- Stop by during weekday, daytime hours or schedule an appointment: 815-939-5148, archives@olivet.edu
- Homecoming Open House: Friday, Oct. 17, 11:30am -2:00pm
- Library Open House: Sat., Oct. 18, 10am-4pm

Next door is the juvenile book collection.

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Preferred format: Physical books

Favorite genres:

1. Romance
2. Fantasy
3. Mystery
4. Science Fiction

Recommended books: *Bible, The Great Gatsby, Hunger Games, The Selection, The Silent Patient, Speak, Steelheart, Throne of Glass, Powerless, Percy Jackson, It Ends With Us, Elenor and Parker, Dune, Caraval, Atomic Habits*

[June Orientation survey responses]

Teacher Education Center

This room and the shelves immediately outside it are a recreation of a school library for the purpose of training future educators. Materials include:

- Juvenile non-fiction-located on tall shelves outside [Teacher Education Center](#)
- Curriculum materials, including lesson-planning books & magazine and sample textbooks, on the wall by the door
- Juvenile fiction, young adult fiction, and picture books inside, along with math manipulatives & language arts puzzles



To learn more
visit QR code.



Take the center stairs DOWN to Lower Level. At the bottom of the stairs, with your back to the door, glance to your right. BL-007 is our Holiness Reading Room--a flexible space used for group or individual study, small events, and to showcase special collections.

5 Holiness Reading Room

The Holiness Reading Room was first envisioned by Dr. Carl Leth, now faculty emeritus. Its purpose is to provide a location for gathering [historical holiness materials](#) on any of the early holiness movements preceding or growing parallel to the Church of the Nazarene. The primary resource used for curating the collection is the *Holiness Bibliography* prepared by Charles Edwin Jones. The Jones list encompasses works associated with independent groups and individuals, and early interdenominational and denominational holiness organizations. Most items are available for check out to Benner Library patrons or through Interlibrary Loan. We may digitize-on-demand from the more fragile materials in the locked case. To Learn more, click the QR code:



A portion of the McGonigle Wesley [ceramics] Collection is on display in the Holiness Reading Room. Follow the QR Code to connect to a digital display of [this collection](#) online in [ONU Digital Collections](#) on JSTOR.

In the hallway outside of the Holiness Reading Room, you'll find restrooms and the Campus Information Technology Department's Help Desk.

Help Desk

The IT Help Desk provides initial assistance with all school resources and escalates requests as necessary to facilitate the best communication and support from the department. The Help Desk offers critical support for the most common technology needs in classrooms and shared learning spaces. Technicians also provide *limited* support for personal devices and recommend helpful resources when the need exceeds the scope of support they are able to provide. Visit it.olivet.edu for contact information and self-help articles.



WALK through the double doors into the next section of the Lower Level.

6 Maker Space

The Irene Clerico Learning Zone is an open space with makerspace features including button makers, poster printers, Ellison di-cuts, and 3D Printing. Small groups can share the space during non-reserved times. Donations during the April 2025 Day of Giving allowed us to purchase a large-format scanner. Services are available to campus and community members. Reasonable fees are charged for some services.

- Poster printer – Photo glossy and satin papers are available for an upcharge
- 3D printer – After you’ve designed or found an online file, request that items be printed. Cost is based on amount of material used.

BL-014



This large group meeting room [can be reserved](#) for two hours at a time online, or used by anyone--first-come, first-served.

Periodicals

- We keep the current 3-years of some titles. They are on the tall shelf next to the Lower Level Lab and continue onto the counter-height shelf outside of BL-014.
- Older journals, magazines, newspapers are in alphabetical order, in the compact shelving around the edges of this room.

Look through the glass wall and doorway into the Lab.

Lower Level Computer Lab

Our Library Informatics Student Assistants help ONU scholars and community patrons or use the computers and specialty printing services. This lab is one of only a few on campus since Olivet students are required to bring a computer campus. Two stations have the LockDown browser required for some online tests.



Walk inside the Lab. Take South stairs UP...go all the way to the Second Floor!

7 2nd Floor: Academic Support

If programing is not in session, feel free to walk around this floor. Otherwise, remain near the stairs and look around the second floor to notice these service areas. Glance to the left to see the comfy “Writers Lounge.”

- This is a cozy and quiet place to write.
- Creative writing and authors' events are also hosted in this space.

Next to the Writers Lounge is a large cubicle housing the Writing Center.

Writing Center

Goal: We help support students' writing need from their first class at Olivet all the way through their senior capstone projects.

- Peer *Writing Center Assistants* help students grow and strengthen their writing abilities.

- Students can sign-up for an appointment or attend walk-in hours.

At the front of this floor, facing the elevator, is the reception desk for Academic Support.

Reception Desk

Offers: Tutoring, Persistence Coaching, and Peer Mentoring.

- The Academic Support team believes in the potential of each student
- Academic Support provides a welcoming and encouraging space where students can receive assistance to discover and strengthen their skills – empowering students as they persist in their coursework.
- Academic Support meets students where they are, as they build a comprehensive grasp of course content and develop essential academic skills and strategies for success.

In the northwest corner of this floor, near the windows overlooking the first floor, is an emergency doorway leading to other departments in the library building.

- During daytime hours, in the regular semester, this emergency door is opened in order to facilitate easier access between various connected parts of the building.
- When the door is closed, use the main entrance on the Communication side to access these departments: Campus IT administrative offices, General Studies department, Communication department.



Reenter the South stairs (near the Quad) and go UP to the third floor. As you enter this floor prepare your voice and mindset to be Ultra Quiet!

8 Third floor

Third floor is home to most of our circulating collection, government documents, and Ultra Quiet study.

- When patrons need silence, the third floor of Benner library is a welcome retreat. Find an individual carrel, a table for one, a comfy chair overlooking the newly renovated Quad, or an individual room with a door.
- Noise levels are self-enforced. If you need assistance, contact a staff member on the first floor.
- Individuals and small groups are welcome to study and collaborate in the Religion Room. Located on the north end of this floor, in the original Memorial Library building, this wing houses books in the 200 range of the Dewey Decimal System. Enter Religion Room by following one of the ramps from the 1975 Benner Library building into the 1950s Memorial Library building.

“Students say”

When I come to the library to study, I try to find a table or cubicle that gets some natural light from a window. [It] makes the space feel more open, and in the winter I will take all the sunlight I can get!

Carley, Environmental Sci. major, Class of 2028



Walk along a side aisle or use the center aisle. Head toward the elevator. Take the elevator back to the first floor. Walk toward the front doors to wrap-up your self-guided tour.

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Circulation & ILL Desk

- The Circulation Desk is where you check out and return library materials.
- If you've ordered a book from a partner library, come here to check out or return the item.
- ONU mobile credentials serve as a "library card" for faculty, staff, and students.
- Books in our regular collection check out for a 4-week period and may be eligible for renewals up to sixteen weeks.

Library cooperation

The Interlibrary Loan (ILL) department borrows items for Olivet patrons and lends Benner Library materials to patrons from other institutions.

- This service allows us to access journal articles, books, and media from thousands of other libraries throughout the world, including hundreds in Illinois.
- ILL is available only to current Olivet students, faculty and staff

End of tour!

We hope you feel oriented and welcome in our facility. Ask for help at any time.



- Thank you for participating in the self-guided tour.
- Share your experience and feedback. [We want to hear from you!](#)
- **Ask for a small prize of completion at INFO Desk.**

