

OFF-CAMPUS LOGIN

Thigpen Library Catalog and E-Resources Volunteer State Community College www.volstate.edu/library

Before searching the library catalog and e-resources (electronic resources),
you must know your Vol State username and PIN/password.

Where do I find my username and PIN/password information?

1. Call the Information Technology Help Desk for your **V** number, e-mail username, and PIN/password.
2. Help Desk Phone: (615) 230-3302 or 888-335-8722, extension 3302.
Hours of operation: 7:30 a.m. (Mon. – Fri.) until 7:30 p.m. (Mon. – Thurs.); 4:30 p.m. (Fri.)
3. With this information, you can use library resources from off-campus locations, i.e. home, or office.



How do I find articles?

Journal, magazine, or newspaper articles can be found by searching the credible online databases provided through the Library's e-resources web pages.

- Click the off-campus login button located on the Library's web page, www.volstate.edu/library, and enter your username and PIN/password.
- Under **Find Articles**, there are E-Resource links which will lead you to article databases.
- To select a database, either click **E-Resources A-Z** for an alphabetical listing of databases by title, or click **E-Resources by Subject** for a subject listing of databases.
- Choose a database and enter a keyword search term.



How do I find books?

Books, in print or electronic format, can be found by searching the library catalog linked to www.volstate.edu/library.

- The **Thigpen Library Catalog** provides titles of books, video recordings, and ebooks.
- Full text ebooks may be used online.
- Vol State library books located in the 2nd floor stacks are available for check out. If you do not have classes on the Gallatin campus, you can request a book be checked out to you and mailed to your home address. A request form is provided on the Library's web page under **Circulation – Forms**.
- Online reference materials can be found under the **Find books and media – eBooks and eAudiobooks** link. Literary criticism, pro and con perspectives, current issues, and biographical information are in the online reference collections.



How do I get help with research?

- **ask us** by email librarian@volstate.edu, or by phone (615) 230-3405, or 888-335-8722, extension 3405.
- Learn about library resources through the **SearchPath tutorial**.

Happy Searching!
Your Vol State Librarians