

Student Services

THE LIBRARY AT WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Welcome to the library! We strive to support your learning and critical inquiry on your theological journey. This information will help you get familiar with your library.

Need help?

The library webpage (<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/library/>) has a description of operations and services and links to the online catalog and electronic resources. If you need assistance or have a request, please send email to library@wesleyseminary.edu and a librarian will respond within 1-3 business days.

Borrowing Privileges

Wesley students may borrow up to seventy-five (75) items for the duration of the current semester. You may renew a book two times before it is due back to the library. Please return or renew books by the due date(s) to avoid overdue fines.

Course Reserves

The library ensures access to most required class readings by placing the books on Course Reserves. We try to have electronic copies (eBooks) of Course Reserves titles if they are available on our platform. For a list of the current semester courses and their required readings, go to the library webpage and click on the “Search Course Reserves” image or use the direct URL: <https://wesleylibrary.on.worldcat.org/courseReserves/landing>.

Online Resources

While on campus or off campus, Wesley students have full access to the library’s online resources (e.g., AtlaSerials PLUS, other databases, ejournals, and eBooks). Off-campus access requires your My Wesley username and password. For more information on these resources, go to the library webpage and click on the “Library Resources And Collections” link under the photo banner. Then click on the “Find Online Resources” link or use the direct URL: <http://wesleyseminary.libguides.com/eresources>.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) & Document Delivery

To request a book or article that we do not own from another library, use the ILL form available through the library webpage. Go to the library webpage. Go to the “Library Services” section and click on the “ILL and Document Delivery” link or use the direct URL: https://wesleyseminary.libguides.com/library_operations_services/ILL-Document-Delivery.

ILL requests can take 7-10 business days to arrive in the mail, although journal articles may arrive more quickly as PDFs via email. Currently, rush ILL request processing is not an available service.

American University & the Washington Theological Consortium

Students can obtain borrowing privileges at American University and the libraries of the Washington Theological Consortium (WTC). For American University, take your Wesley photo ID card to the Bender Library to establish a borrower’s account. For the WTC, obtain a WTC borrowing form from our library each semester. Take the form and your Wesley ID to a WTC library to borrow books. Borrowing privileges vary based upon the policies of each WTC library.

Academic Integrity & Copyright Guidance

The library offers help with understanding plagiarism and proper citation, as well as guidelines for observing copyright restrictions. For more information, go to the library webpage. Go to the “Frequently Asked Questions” section and click on the “Research” link. See the links for the guides on “Academic Honesty and Integrity” and “Copyright and Fair Use” or use the direct URLs <https://wesleyseminary.libguides.com/plagiarism> and <https://wesleyseminary.libguides.com/copyright>.

The Library Building

The Circulation and Information Services Front Desk on the main floor is where you can ask questions, register for borrowing privileges, and check out books. The library building houses our physical collections and computers to access the online catalog and electronic resources. There is space to study and research on all three levels, with an informal lounge and the Reading Room on the main floor.