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# UAF Libraries

Everything YOU need to know NOW to use YOUR UAF libraries more effectively and have a more successful year at UAF!

**Presented by Rasmuson & BioSciences Libraries**

“NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, THERE WE ARE.”

<http://library.uaf.edu>

**W**elcome to the Elmer E. Rasmuson and BioSciences Libraries of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. With more than 1.75 million items, we are the largest library in the state of Alaska. The UAF campus has three libraries serving faculty, students, and staff: Rasmuson Library, BioSciences Library (in the Arctic Health Research Building), and the Keith B. Mather Library (located in the Akasofu Building).

We look forward to meeting you and helping you achieve academic success!

## Getting Started @ the Libraries

### **PolarExpress Card is Your Library Card!**

All current students, staff and faculty are eligible for a PolarExpress identification card, available in Room 203 of the Eielson Building. Your PolarExpress card allows you to:

- Check out books/videos/DVDs and other library materials

- Check out media equipment including laptops, digital cameras, and more
- Check out reserve materials
- Review your library account and renew books
- Recall materials
- Request materials from other libraries through Interlibrary Loan services

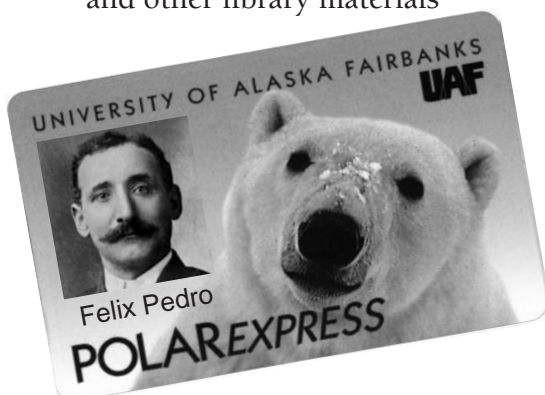
Bring your PolarExpress card to the library Circulation Desk to register for library services. First time users need to fill out a registration form available at any UAF library or online at <http://library.uaf.edu/registration-first-time-user>.

You can check out print materials for 28 days, CDs for 7 days, and videos/DVDs for 3 days. For more information on these and other library services visit <http://library.uaf.edu> or stop by any library service desk.

### **Why you need a University email ID!**

[www.alaska.edu/oit/email/](http://www.alaska.edu/oit/email/)

- Access databases and library resources from off-campus
- Access Blackboard course sites



# Rasmuson's Got the Info

<http://library.uaf.edu>

## Goldmine Catalog

UAF libraries use Goldmine as the catalog to help you identify and locate library materials including books, periodicals, videos, films, sound recordings, maps and more.

## UAF Journals List

UAF libraries subscribe to thousands of journals. Use the UAF Journals List to find out what the library currently subscribes to in paper or electronic full-text formats. Go to the library home page and click on "UAF Journals List" under the Find Articles section.

## Article Indexes and Collections

<http://library.uaf.edu/onlinedatabases>

UAF Libraries subscribe to a wide variety of general and subject specific research databases, indexes, abstracts and full-text resources. Choose resources arranged by subject, title, or vendor name. You may find the Reference Resources subject category very helpful as you work on library research and writing projects. Here you'll find dictionaries, encyclopedias, almanacs, bilingual dictionaries, quotations, and more.

## Interlibrary Loan (ILLiad)

<http://library.uaf.edu/ill>

Do you need books, photocopies, or audiovisual materials that are not available on campus? Interlibrary Loan would like to help! Register in ILLiad (you must first have registered with the library circulation desk) and you're all set to request items you need for your research. Several online vendors including "OCLC" and "CSA" support ILL requests directly from their databases. When you're viewing a specific item in a database, look for the Nanook icon and/or the phrase "Submit a UAF ILL request".

# Unique

## Alaska and Polar Regions Collections (APR)

<http://library.uaf.edu/apr>

APR collections contain materials that document the past and present of Alaska and polar regions, both Arctic and Antarctic. Geographically the Arctic includes northern Canada, Greenland, northern Scandinavia, Iceland, and northern Russia (Siberia and the Russian Far East). APR Research Room materials include archives, manuscripts, historic photographs, rare books and maps, oral histories and archival films. APR is located on Level 2, Rasmuson Library.

## Alaska's Digital Archives

<http://vilda.alaska.edu>

Alaska's Digital Archives presents a wealth of historical photographs, albums, oral histories, moving images, maps, documents, physical objects, and other materials from libraries, museums and archives throughout our state. You should also check the Alaska History Store and image galleries at <http://photolab.elmer.uaf.edu>.



Elmer E. Rasmuson Library  
on the main campus

## Collections

### Government Documents and Maps

<http://library.uaf.edu/govdocs>

The Government Documents and Maps collection is one of 1250 federal depository collections in the United States. Rasmuson Library receives about 40% of the titles available for depository collections making it one of the largest federal documents collections in Alaska. The map and atlas collection is worldwide in scope with an emphasis on Alaska and northern Canada. Located on Level 5, Rasmuson Library.

### BioSciences Library

<http://library.uaf.edu/biosci>

Contains holdings in life science subject areas from agriculture through bioinformatics, ecology, fisheries, forestry, marine biology, medicine, neuroscience and plant physiology to zoology. Located in the Arctic Health Research building on the west ridge of campus.

### Keith B. Mather Library

The Keith B. Mather Library is the research support library for the Geophysical Institute and the International Arctic Research Center. The collection includes the following subject areas: atmospheric sciences, glaciology, global change, ice snow, permafrost, remote sensing, seismology, space physics, and volcanology. Located in the Akasofu Building on the west ridge of campus.

## Ask Your Questions!

Do you have a question about a term paper topic, research interest, or an internet information resource? We can help! Use any of the following services to ask your question:

- Stop by the Rasmuson reference desk, or ask for reference help at the BioSciences Library
- Phone the Rasmuson reference desk: 907-474-7482, or BioSciences: 474-7442
- Email your question to [fyref@uaf.edu](mailto:fyref@uaf.edu)
- Use the online reference form: <http://library.uaf.edu/reference>

### Looking For Reserve Readings For Your Classes?

<http://eres.uaf.edu>

Always read your course syllabus. Your professor may list materials that you are required to read for class. Some of your class readings may be available in hard copy at the reserve desk or online via E-Reserves. The Reserve desk houses paper copies of items as well as materials that are in high demand and/or short supply.

You can search Goldmine, the library's catalog, for reserve materials by professor, course number, or course name. E-Reserve items may be accessed 24/7. Be sure to know the password your professor has assigned to your electronic course reserves.

### Need Help With Your Research Paper?

[www.alaska.edu/english/studentresources/writing](http://www.alaska.edu/english/studentresources/writing)

Start your research early and always ask for help from your professors and reference librarians. Student groups of 2 or 3 may schedule individual sessions with a librarian to review helpful resources for your project, including finding journal articles, books and other materials appropriate to your topic.

The UAF Writing Center is another place to get help when it comes time to write your paper. They work with students on a one-to-one basis at any point in the writing process—planning, drafting, revising. Make an appointment by calling ahead or stopping by at your convenience. The Writing Center also has 18 computers available on a walk-in basis, with technicians and tutors on hand to assist with computer-related questions.

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## Library Computer Resources

### Computing Help Desk

[www.alaska.edu/oit/index.xml](http://www.alaska.edu/oit/index.xml)

Ask your questions by walking in to the office located in the All Hours Study area of Rasmuson Library, or e-mail [fxhelp@uaf.edu](mailto:fxhelp@uaf.edu), fax (907) 474-2497, or call from the Fairbanks area 474-6564 and outside of Fairbanks 1-800-478-4667.

### Copiers and Printers

Copiers and printers are located throughout the library. Printing and copying require a deposit of “Bear Bucks” to your PolarExpress account or you can purchase a copy card for \$1.00 and add the amount of cash you will need to make prints. Machines called “value transfer stations,” which allow you to add money to PolarExpress accounts, are located in Rasmuson Library, BioSciences Library, Wood Center, MBS lobby, and Bunnell Computer Lab.

### Laptops, Digital Media Equipment and More for Loan

<http://library.uaf.edu/media>

Rasmuson Library provides audio/visual and computer equipment for loan to UAF students for on-campus, academic use.

### Go Wireless and Enjoy the View!

The Rasmuson is networked for wireless access throughout the building. Windows with a view of the Alaska Range and Denali are found on Levels 5 and 6.



Enjoy sunny windows with your wireless networking on levels 5 and 6 of the Rasmuson Library.

## Odds and Ends

### All Hours Study Room and Computer Lab

Rasmuson Library offers a 24-hour study space and computer lab located on the main entry floor of the building and is open during regular library hours. For added security when the library is closed access to the all hours study requires a valid PolarExpress ID.

### Group Study Rooms and Quiet Study Floors

Rasmuson Library has several group study rooms available for student use. Rooms may be reserved or used on a first-come/first-served basis (inquire at the circulation desk). Several floors of the library are also designated quiet study areas (Levels 2, 5 and 6).

### Student Employment

[www.uakjobs.com](http://www.uakjobs.com)

Are you interested in working part-time? The Rasmuson Library hires up to 40 students for jobs in Circulation, Media, Interlibrary Loan, Alaska and Polar Regions, and Government Documents. There are even jobs at the BioSciences Library. Learn while you earn, and meet student colleagues in the process. Search the postings for student positions at the web address above.