Your Students Should Know About:

**Chat Reference Service:**
Encourage your students to ask for help at the library: finding the right source can make all the difference in their research and learning. In addition to walk-in help, students can phone the reference desk at (828) 262-2820 or IM a librarian at any time from the library’s homepage.

**RAP Sessions**
The Research Advisory Program (RAP) is an opportunity for students to meet with a librarian for in-depth research assistance to identify appropriate sources for a research topic. Sessions last from 15 minutes to over an hour depending on the student’s research needs. Students can request an appointment online.

**Thesis Research Assistance**
Your students who are writing a thesis or dissertation are encouraged to schedule an appointment with a reference librarian. He or she will demonstrate how to use pertinent databases, printed bibliographies, reference books and indexes.
Library assignments are an effective tool in helping students develop their critical thinking skills and better evaluate information sources for their papers and projects.

To schedule a library session, use the online forms (from the library homepage, under services for faculty): http://www.library.appstate.edu/reference/instruction_request/

Library instruction sessions are tailored to the research assignments you give your students. Faculty are encouraged to collaborate with a librarian in designing assignments to ensure that relevant and appropriate resources are available.

Most instruction sessions are conducted in one of the library’s Electronic Classrooms, which contain computers, projectors, and screen control software, but Librarians can also do instruction session in department labs or at off-campus locations.

You can place electronic or physical materials on reserve for your classes. Web accessible reserves are available to your students 24 hours a day, on and off campus.

For more information for placing materials on reserve (from the library homepage, under services for faculty):

http://www.library.appstate.edu/services/reserve/fac_guidelines.html

Information Literacy

is the ability to find, evaluate, and use information effectively, and it is an educational goal for every ASU graduate.

Students should know:

- When information is needed
- How to find it
- How to evaluate what they find, using critical thinking skills
- How to use information in an ethical and legal manner
- How to communicate it effectively in various formats

Knowing how to find, evaluate, and use information will prepare our students for college work here at Appalachian State and for a future of life-long learning.

Library Instruction Sessions

Your AsULearn Site

Librarians will collaborate with you in integrating library services and resources into your course via AsULearn:

- Assist with creation of durable link and RSS feeds to library resources
- Create online resource guides tailored to your class
- Serve as a course librarian, participating in research related discussion forums
- Develop assignments that incorporate relevant research skills

Reserves: