

# Faulkner State Library

## Information for Online Students

### Library Hours

#### Bay Minette Campus

- Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (Closed on Saturdays during Summer term)

#### Fairhope & Gulf Shores Learning Resources Centers

- The Learning Resources Centers (LRCs) on the Fairhope and Gulf Shores campuses are open the entire time the campus is open. They are staffed by part-time librarians whose hours are posted at each campus office and in each LRC.

### Contact Information:

Faulkner Library: 251-580-2145

Toll Free Number: 800-381-FSCC (3722), ask for Library

Library Email: [online.library@faulknerstate.edu](mailto:online.library@faulknerstate.edu)

Library Mailing Address: Faulkner State Community College, 1900 Highway 31  
South, Bay Minette, AL 36507

### Atrium online catalog

The Atrium online catalog lists the holdings of all the materials cataloged and housed in the Austin R. Meadows Library on the Bay Minette Campus. You may access Atrium via the Internet from Faulkner Library's webpage <http://faulknerstate.booksys.net/opac/faulknerstate/index.html#menuHome> or via the mobile app as listed on the Faulkner Library webpage <http://www.faulknerstate.edu/students/library.aspx>

To check out books from the Faulkner State Community College library, you have several options: (1) if you are in the area, you may come to the library on the Bay Minette Campus and present your current FSCC ID ; (2) if you are in the area, you may use materials in the Fairhope, Foley, and Gulf Shores public libraries with your Faulkner student ID or ask them to request Faulkner Library books via Interlibrary Loan; and/or (3) regardless of your location, you may request items through your local public library's Interlibrary Loan program.

Please note that Faulkner Library does not loan DVDs/videos to students; however, books are loaned for a four-week period. You must return the books to the Faulkner Library by their due date using the same method in which you checked them out. Overdue fines of 25 cents per item per day are charged when books are not returned on time. A replacement fee based on the actual cost of the book is charged for lost or damaged books; the minimum replacement fee is \$30.00.

If you borrow Faulkner library books through Interlibrary Loan, you must adhere to the rules in place at the library at which you initiate your request.

Many public colleges and universities will allow non-students to use their libraries; however, they will generally not allow you to check out materials. Some public libraries have scholarly materials and may be a good resource. Check with libraries in your area to determine their policies.

## **Alabama Virtual Library (AVL)**

The Alabama Virtual Library provides all students, instructors, and citizens of the State of Alabama with online access to essential library and information resources. This service is free for state residents and those attending school at any Alabama public college or university.

For on-campus access from any computer connected to the FSCC network, type in the URL <http://www.avl.lib.al.us/> to access the Alabama Virtual Library.

For off-campus access:

If you live in Alabama, you should be able to type in the URL <http://www.avl.lib.al.us/> from your home computer and automatically connect to the AVL. If you live in Alabama and the automatic geolocation does not work from your home computer, you may obtain an Alabama Virtual Library card to access the AVL from Faulkner State Library or your local public library. The card is free and is valid for three years. You may obtain an AVL card from the Faulkner Library and LRCs with your student ID.

Out-of-state students taking classes at Faulkner may submit an email request for an AVL card to [online.library@faulknerstate.edu](mailto:online.library@faulknerstate.edu). You must include your name, home mailing address, and student number. Once your status as a Faulkner student is verified, you will be issued an AVL card. We will email your user name and password to you and mail the AVL card to your residence. The AVL card is free and is valid for three years.

If you have questions or require further information, please email the Faulkner Library at [online.library@faulknerstate.edu](mailto:online.library@faulknerstate.edu). Please include your **student number** on all correspondence.

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