

# LIBRARY/LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

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## Visalia Library/Learning Resource Center (LRC)

**Location:** Visalia Campus - Lodgepole Building | **Hours:** Monday – Thursday: 7:30 am – 8:00 pm | Friday: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm | Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Website:** <https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library> (<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library/>)

The COS Library (<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library/>)/LRC supports student success, community advancement, and information literacy by providing equal access to quality resources and services to our students, faculty, and staff in a safe and inclusive environment. All students are invited to use these services. The COS Library/LRC consists of a dedicated team of staff to support students, faculty, and staff. A librarian is available during all opening hours at the Ask a Librarian (AAL) desk to assist with research and citation needs in-person, over the phone, by email, and through live chat. Students can check out library materials, such as library books, course reserve textbooks, anatomical models, and technology (hotspots and laptops) at the Circulation Desk. The library houses a comprehensive general collection in multiple subject areas, a collection of periodicals, including newspapers and journals, along with a reference collection. There are large group study rooms, tables, lounge seating, mobile device charging stations, and study cubicles, providing various options for finding a quiet space to work or study. There is also a library computer classroom equipped with computer and audiovisual equipment.

- **Ask a Librarian** (<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library/ask-a-librarian/>): A librarian is available at all locations to provide drop-in library consultations to support students with research help (finding reliable sources for your class projects and assignments), locate textbooks (eBooks and academic articles online), utilize library resources, cite sources, and much more.
- **Student Helpdesk** (<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library/student-helpdesk-computer-labs/>): The Library/LRC has a Student Helpdesk (<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library/student-helpdesk-computer-labs/>) to assist students in utilizing computers. Staff can assist with password reset, Canvas, MyGiant, BannerWeb, Office 365, formatting, student email, and more.
- **Study Rooms** (<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library/room-reservations/>): The Library/LRC in Tulare and Visalia have study rooms for students to use. Students may reserve a study room (<https://cos.libcal.com/r/>) for up to 2 hours in Visalia and 3 hours in Tulare.
- **Items for Checkout** (<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library/borrowing-policy/>): Books, textbooks, calculators, anatomical models, laptops, wi-fi hotspots, and headphones are available for checkout. All locations offer a print collection based on the course offerings of the campus; students may also request library materials from any COS campus.
- **Databases** (<https://libguides.cos.edu/az.php>): Academic content such as articles, journals, magazines, newspapers, and streaming videos through paid subscriptions to all students. These databases can also be accessed off-campus using MyGiant.

## Online Library Support

The Library/LRC supports distance education students by offering the following services:

- **Online Library Resources** (<https://libguides.cos.edu/az.php>): Students have 24-hour access to thousands of online resources through the Library's academic databases (<https://libguides.cos.edu/az.php>), films/video (<https://libguides.cos.edu/az.php?t=42680>) collections, and eBook (<https://libguides.cos.edu/az.php?t=42681>) collections.
- **Librarian by Appointment:** The Library/LRC provides a suite of Ask A Librarian (<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library/ask-a-librarian/>) research assistance by appointment, email, phone, and chat. Make an appointment to meet with a librarian (<https://cos.libcal.com/appointments/>). You can also chat live with a COS Librarian (<https://cos.libanswers.com/chat/widget/ff15c7feb6b4d6aeb092df965f5004ac/>).
- The Library/LRC Student Helpdesk (<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library/student-helpdesk-computer-labs/>) and student workers can help students with computer login and accessing their MyGiant portal, COS email, BannerWeb, password reset, mobile printing, OneDrive, Office 365, and Canvas.

## Hanford & Tulare Library/Learning Resource Center (LRC)

**Location:** Hanford Campus - Education Building, E66 | **Hours:** Monday – Thursday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Location:** Tulare Campus - Upstairs in Building A | **Hours:** Monday – Thursday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Phone:** Hanford: (559) 583-2538 | Tulare: (559) 688-3087

**Website:** <https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library> (<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/library/>)