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# RIS NEWS AND UPDATES

## INSTRUCTION UPDATES

College-Level Research microcredential will be unavailable in spring 2026. We anticipate updates will be completed in time for Fall 2026 Classes.



## Do you assign a research project?

Faculty librarians can:

- Visit your class for a customized demo (both in-person and virtual)
- Provide research consultations with students or groups
- Create online modules in conjunction or in lieu of visiting your class
- Meet with you to consult on the best ways to meet your student's needs

CONNECT WITH US

<https://libguides.marshall.edu/instruction>



**LIBRARY INSTRUCTION IS AVAILABLE IN PERSON, VIRTUALLY, OR A COMBINATION. [CLICK HERE](#) TO REQUEST INSTRUCTION.**

## SPRING 2026 DISPLAYS AND EVENTS

### Discover What's Happening at Marshall Libraries!

Looking for ways to connect, learn, and explore? Our libraries are buzzing with exciting events and exhibits designed to spark curiosity and celebrate diversity. From hands-on research workshops to themed displays and traveling exhibits, there's always something new to experience. Don't miss out—check out our upcoming programs and make the library your go-to destination for inspiration and community!

[EXPLORE LIBRARY EVENTS](#)

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### NEW LIBRARIANS!

### WELCOME

Marshall University Libraries is excited to welcome two new Research and Instruction Librarians to its team. These talented professionals bring fresh perspectives and a wealth of expertise to support student success and faculty research. Their roles will focus on providing innovative instruction, personalized research assistance, and fostering information literacy across campus. With their addition, the Libraries continue to strengthen its commitment to academic excellence and collaborative learning.

### ADOBE CREATIVE CO-LAB

The first floor of Drinko Library houses the Adobe Creative Co-Lab, bringing together students, faculty, and industry professionals to engage with the latest Adobe technologies, provide product instruction, and host upskilling events, inspiring you to unleash your full creative potential.

Marshall University is proud to be the first higher education institution in West Virginia to join the distinguished [Adobe Creative Campus](#) program. This partnership expands creative opportunities across our community by providing students, faculty, and staff with access—at no individual cost—to industry-leading Adobe tools that support academic, professional, and creative growth. Everyone receives [Adobe Express](#) for producing high-quality graphics, videos, and presentations, along with [Acrobat AI Assistant](#), which enhances productivity through quick answers, smart summaries, and clearer understanding of complex PDF content. To further support success, certified Adobe trainers are available both on-campus and online, offering expert guidance as users develop their skills with these powerful tools. More than a software suite, this partnership empowers creativity, enriches teaching and learning, and prepares our community for a rapidly evolving digital future.

### SAVE TO SERVE UPDATES

During the Save-to-Serve period, Marshall University Libraries must temporarily suspend on-demand access to select titles to meet our total financial commitment (contact your Dean or Library Partner for a full list). While full-text access to some journal articles and individual resources may be affected, these materials remain available through our interlibrary loan service. Requests for specific articles can be fulfilled via our library consortium partners, with expected delivery times ranging from approximately 4 hours to 4 days, depending on the format. We hope you will help us share this information with faculty and appreciate your support as we work together to sustain access through alternative services.



GO TO OUR [FIND, BORROW, REQUEST PAGE](#) AND LOOK UNDER BORROW FOR INTERLIBRARY LOAN AND EZBORROW LINKS.

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## UPDATES TO THE MU ETD EXPERIENCE

As we enter a new year and new semester, please take note of the following crucial changes to the MU Graduate Studies ETD process.

### New one-stop-shop ETD Guide

- Any links to the old guide will redirect you to this new one, which reflects all changes mentioned below, and compiles the MU ETD student and faculty experience into one convenient location.

### Major adjustments to the ETD Template & Submission Process:

- The Committee Signature (aka Approval) page and the IRB Letter are no longer components of the finished manuscript.
  - Instead, they are required 'Administrative Documents' to be uploaded during the student submission process to ProQuest ETD Admin.
    - Find the updated template at <https://libguides.marshall.edu/mu-etd/template>.
    - Find the updated submission instructions at <https://libguides.marshall.edu/mu-etd/submit>

### New Digital Accessibility requirements:

- Starting in January 2026, all ETD PDFs must be accessible in accordance with WCAG 2.1 AA standards, in order to comply with the Department of Justice legal requirements for state and local governments.
  - Learn more at <https://libguides.marshall.edu/mu-etd/accessibility>

### New ETD Student Training:

- No longer housed in Blackboard, the required, self-paced ETD Student Training is now located at <https://libguides.marshall.edu/mu-etd/student-training>
  - The link to the required Acknowledgement form that students sign at the end of the ETD Student Training is now received upon completion of the Exit Quiz: <https://libguides.marshall.edu/mu-etd/exit-quiz>

### Contact

Sarah Mollette, ETD Librarian, will be on sabbatical from January 1<sup>st</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Please send all questions to [etdreview@marshall.edu](mailto:etdreview@marshall.edu) to ensure the ETD Review Team sees your query.

## DSM 5 AND MENTAL MEASUREMENTS YEARBOOK AVAILABLE ONLINE.

Marshall University students, faculty, and staff now have convenient online access to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) and a wide range of psychological tests and research through the Libraries' electronic resources. These tools are essential for research, clinical practice, and coursework in psychology and related fields. Access is available anytime via the Libraries' website using your MU credentials, ensuring you have the authoritative resources you need at your fingertips.



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