1. Library Staff

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<th>Library Director</th>
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<td>John Crabb</td>
<td>David Jackson</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:jcrabb@rts.edu">jcrabb@rts.edu</a></td>
<td><a href="mailto:djackson@rts.edu">djackson@rts.edu</a></td>
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<td>601.923.1618</td>
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2. Library Hours

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<td>Sunday</td>
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3. Online

- home page: rts.edu/academics/library/jackson/
- catalog: library.rts.edu
- wi-fi: rtsjaxgateway

4. Borrowing Items

**How do I check out library materials?**
Library items are checked out at the library’s front desk. You will not be allowed to check out any items if you have 5 or more overdue items or $5 or more in fines. The following items do not check out: Reference books, Rare books (Special, Blackburn, and Southern collections), "Library Use Only" items, Microfilm and Microfiche, Periodicals, and RTS Dissertations. Library items are checked out for the following loan periods.

- **Books / CDs / Cassettes / DVDs:** 3 Weeks
- **Reserve Books:** 3 hours

**How many items may I check out at one time?**
RTS Students may have 20 items checked out at one time, Jackson staff and alumni may have 10 items checked out, and all other users may have 5 items checked out.

**How do I access Reserve Course Readings?**
Reserve books are checked out at the library’s front desk for 3 hours. Books on reserve are library use only.

**Can I renew items?**
Yes. RTS students, staff, and alumni may renew each item twice, all other users may renew each item once. The item will then be due three weeks from the date you renewed it. When you reach your renewal limit, the item must be returned to the shelf.

You can renew items at the circulation desk in the library, or online by accessing your account from the Library Catalog screen. The “Log In” option is in the upper right of the catalog search screen. You will need your library card number and PIN number to access your account. Your default PIN # is the last four digits of your library card number.

**Where and when can I return items?**
Return items at the circulation desk during normal operating hours of the library. A book drop is located by the library entrance for returning items during holidays.
**How much are overdue fines?**
Currently enrolled students at RTS Jackson are not charged overdue fines. All other users are charged .10 per day per item.

**What if I've lost or damaged a book?**
We encourage you to replace lost or damaged items with an identical item in new, like-new, or very good condition.

For books, the replacement item must be completely free of underlining, writing, highlighting, stains, a torn cover or any pages, as well as have solid binding.

For media items, they must come with all of the original packaging and supplemental material, such as guidebooks, transcripts, or liner notes.

If the lost or damaged item is not replaced, the cost will be equal to the retail price of a new item plus a $5 processing fee. Library staff will determine the final replacement cost for all items.

Any overdue fine for a lost or damaged book is waived, and not added to the replacement cost.

**May I check books out if I am not an RTS student?**
If you are an RTS Alumni or a currently enrolled graduate or post-graduate seminary student you may qualify for guest library borrowing privileges.

You must also have a local residential mailing address. If you are not a local resident of Jackson or one of the surrounding municipalities, you do not qualify for borrowing privileges. If you meet these qualifications, submit your request at [https://rts.edu/academics/library/jackson_guestcard/](https://rts.edu/academics/library/jackson_guestcard/)

If you are an undergraduate student at Mississippi College, Belhaven, Millsaps, Jackson State University, or a Hinds or Holmes Community Colleges, you do not qualify for borrowing privileges.
5. Databases and Off-Campus Access

The following databases are available on-campus and remotely to all Jackson RTS students. When you are not on campus, you will need to login to use these databases. Your Username and Password are the same as your Self-Service login.

*The EBSCOHost Platform includes access to 1-9*

1. ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials
2. ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials PLUS
3. ATLASerials, Religion Collection
4. Religion and Philosophy Collection
5. Old Testament Abstracts
7. Psychology & Behavioral Science Collection *
8. PsycARTICLES *
9. eBook Collection
10. ProQuest
11. Loeb Classical Library (Full-Text)
12. Digital Karl Barth Library

* To access the Psychology databases off-campus, you will need a separate account and login. Please call 601.923.1618 or contact library.jackson@rts.edu for that information.
6. How do I find books?

Search the Library’s Online Catalog

Our online library catalog lists books and other items available for check-out, as well as books that might be available at the Charlotte and Orlando campus libraries. You can access the catalog over the Internet at http://library.rts.edu

Some search tips:

- Expand your search terms: If you are not finding any matches for your search, you may want to expand your search by using less terms or broader terms. For example, instead of "Gothic Bible Development," you may want to just use "Gothic Bible"

- Use the right terms: You'll need to identify the proper terms for the subject you are searching. Book catalogs use a limited vocabulary, so you'll need to match your subject with the term used in the catalog. Looking through the alphabetically arranged Library of Congress Subject Headings is one way to become familiar with the proper terms. Another method is to write down the subject headings for a book you have already found on your subject and use those terms, in various assortments, in your search. The online catalog also provides Subject heading hyperlinks that will list other items with the same subject heading.

- Verify correct spelling of terms and look for variant spellings. For example, John Calvin is usually listed as Jean Calvin, Francis Turretin as Francois Turretini.

- Omit general terms and use specific terms: Do not include articles, "the", "a", "an" in your search. Also, leave out prepositions, "in", "of", etc. and conjunctions, "and", "or", etc. Use a combination of two or three proper nouns, such as "Calvin Biography," or "Switzerland Reformation".

When you search the library catalog, each search result will identify the campus location and the collection where the item is located. For the Jackson library, the below table describes each collection’s call number prefix and where it is located in the library.

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<td>Audio-visual room</td>
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<td>Oversize</td>
<td>Southeast wall</td>
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### Non-Circulating Collections

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<td>Computer lab</td>
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<td>Microform room</td>
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<tr>
<td>Special</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wm.Still</td>
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### 7. How do I find journal articles?

The following databases help you search and find a combination of journal citations and full-text articles on your search subject. Each database has a specific subject focus, although you may search all of the databases available on the EBSCOHost platform simultaneously.

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<td>Complete Loeb collection of Greek and Latin texts alongside English translations</td>
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<td>Works of Karl Barth</td>
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8. How do I know if RTS Jackson owns a journal?

When you find a citation for a journal article and need to know if the library owns the journal, go to http://rtsjackson.org/library/journals (shown below.)

The index is divided alphabetically by journal title. Select the first letter of the journal title to pull up the list. Then, scroll through to see if the specific journal is listed, and if so, what issues the library owns.

The Note/Location column will tell you where the journal is located. If you need any assistance finding a journal, please ask at the library front desk.

If the library does not own the journal article you are looking for, you can submit an inter-library loan (ILL) request. See the next section for instructions on submitting an ILL request.
9. How do I use Inter-library loan?

Inter-library loan is a nationwide service among participating libraries that allows a member of one library, you, to borrow items from a library where you are not a member.

When and how do I make an ILL request?

When you cannot find an item in the RTS library, you may submit an inter-library loan request for it.

ILL request forms are available online at https://rts.edu/academics/library/jackson_ill You may also submit a request to library.jackson@rts.edu

Prior to submitting a request, make sure you have as much information as possible, including,

- Author’s full name
- The full book or journal/article title (no abbreviations)
- Date of publication (month and year for journals)
- Volume/number for journals.

Once you have completed and submitted the form, you will be contacted by e-mail with a response to your request.
10. What other resources are helpful?

1. The RTS Library Research Tools site (https://rts.edu/academics/library/research-tools/) includes,
   - All of the library’s subscription databases
   - Links to helpful LibGuides
   - Links to numerous free online resources

2. Search worldcat.org

WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services, and provides a single online catalog to search the collections of libraries throughout the country at the same time. Although the RTS Library will not own most of the books present in the worldcat.org catalog, it is an excellent source for research and finding books that may be available through inter-library loan.

3. Search Dictionaries and Encyclopedias
   - Dictionaries and encyclopedias are located in the Reference section of the library.
   - They are helpful in identifying search terms to use when searching the library catalogs and databases, as well as for compiling a list of people, places, and events related to your topic.
   - References provided in encyclopedias are often definitive and respected sources, such as biographies, and you will want to track them down. These sources, in turn, will contain helpful lists of references and bibliographies.
   - Examples:
     1) *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, Ref. BR95.O8
     2) *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, Ref. BS440.A54 1992 v.1-6
     5) *Encyclopedia of Christianity*, Ref. BR95.E8913
     6) *Encyclopedia of Psychology*, Ref. BF31.E52
     7) *Baker Encyclopedia of Psychology and Counseling*, Ref. BJ63.B16

4. Search Bibliographies
   - Bibliographies are located in the Reference section of the library.
   - Bibliographies provide a more specific subject focus than dictionaries and encyclopedias.
   - To limit searches in the RTS online catalog to bibliographies, add the search term “bibliography” in the Title or Subject field of an advanced search.
   - Annotated bibliographies contain short descriptions of the article or book they index.
   - Examples:
     o *Charismatic Movement*, two volumes, Ref. Z7845.P4 J663