Reference Department

Mission Statement

The mission of the Reference Department is to provide an organized collection of print and online resources and teach Information Literacy skills regarding the access and usage of both on and off campus information services to the Prairie View community to enable them to become information literate, independent researchers.

Vision Statement

The Reference Department seeks to become a comfortable 'place,' both in the Library as well as online; the optimal source for information for all users, regardless of location, as we equip the Prairie View student to evaluate, access and use information in a critical manner, carrying this ability to all aspects of their lives.

Schedule Research Instruction Session - A Reference and Information Librarian can come to your department, classroom or office and present information on a specific research topic, resource, or provide an overview of library services.

Ask-a-Librarian - Ask a reference question 24/7 from anywhere in the world. There is usually a 24-48 hour turnaround time on answers.

Style Guides - Print out short tip sheets for APA, MLA and others. For detailed instruction, contact the Reference Desk.

Scanning - Self-service scanning is available in the Reference Department, Room 126-D. Faxing service is provided by Library Staff at the Circulation Desk. Both Reference and Circulation are conveniently located on the 1st Floor of the Library.