



# Library Connections

A newsletter of Warner Memorial Library

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## Attention all students!

Need a space  
to attend online  
classes?

**Come to the Online Learning  
Zone @ Warner Library**

Located downstairs in Rm119

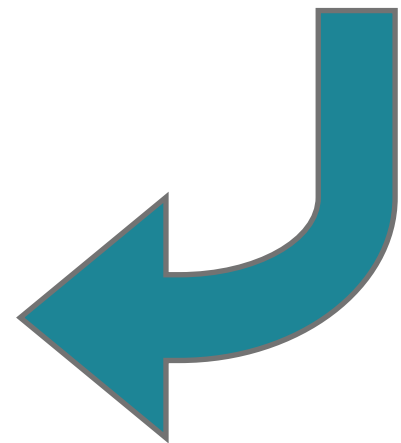
### What you need to know:

Limit 1 student per work station  
6 stations available

No reservations accepted

Headphones required

For more information contact the Warner Library  
reference1777@eastern.edu  
(610) 341-1777



**Stop by  
and ask  
about the  
room!**

# Temporary COVID-19 restrictions in the library

By Robyn Cunningham

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, Eastern University has decided to implement a few new policies to keep everyone as safe as possible, and here at the library, we have made some changes as well. Here's what you need to know:

- Masks are required for everyone regardless of vaccination status, and they will be enforced.
- Food and drinks will no longer be permitted in the library. Covered bottles of water will be allowed. If you bring food with you, you may leave it at the front desk until you leave.
- Study rooms will be locked this semester. You may sign up to use one on our website, at the front desk, or via the QR codes posted on the doors. Study rooms can be reserved for a max of 2 hours. Please sign in at the front desk and a worker will escort you to the room.
- This semester, we have started an Online Learning Zone for you to attend online classes. Located in Room 119 on the lower level, we have six work stations set up for you to work on online classes and assignments. No reservations are necessary, and you must supply your own headphones as they are also required.
- The Walton doors near the front desks are now entrance only. The HHC doors by the DVD display are now exit only.



Thank you for your patience as we start these new policies. We're hoping that by making these changes, we can keep everyone safe and work towards a more traditional semester next term.

## Attention, Faculty – Schedule Your Information Literacy Sessions for Spring 2022!

The spring semester has begun, and we want to be sure faculty have the resources necessary to ensure student success. This means now is the time to schedule a consultation with one of our librarians.

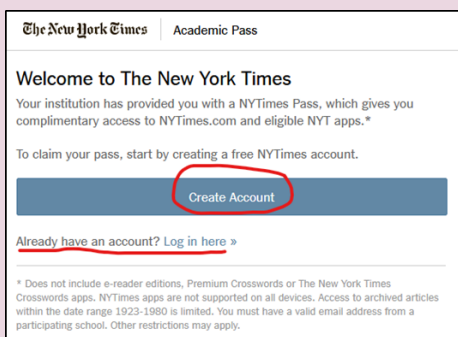


During the consultation we can:

- Determine if a custom research guide would enhance any project or research based assignments;
- Ensure adequate print and electronic resources are easily accessible for all in-person or online classes;
- Schedule information literacy instruction for your classes where we can cover the basics of navigating the library, or customize a presentation for a specific project

We are here to support your teaching and your student's learning, so let's have a creative conversation to discover new possibilities.

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Keep in touch with all the library's updates on the following social media!



# Who's that in the Library? Edward Merriman, Library Aide

By Chelsea Post

In 2021, we introduced you to our newest staff members. This year, we're going to highlight some of our "behind-the-scenes" members, those all-too-important people who make sure we keep running smoothly each day. First up is Edward "Ted" Merriman, our Library Aide—stop on by and say hello!

**Q: What made you choose to work at Eastern? How long have you worked here?**

A: "I started in the summer of 1999 as a volunteer fresh out of high school, after learning from an Eastern faculty member (who was also a guidance counselor at my school) about the opening. I officially joined the staff later that year. Living less than a mile away made it the perfect choice."

**Q: What is your educational background?**

A: "I never attended any normal college classes, but took online classes with the oldest and largest photography school in the country NYIP from 2014-2019."

**Q: Describe yourself in one word.**

A: "Unique."

**Q: What do you enjoy the most about your job?**

A: "Opportunities to discover books I might not have otherwise heard about, opportunities to meet students from all over the world."

**Q: Name something people might not know about you (i.e. a "fun fact").**

A: "I'm a credited associate producer and actor for the independent film *Grey Lady*, directed by John Shea (Blair's dad on *Gossip Girl* and Lex Luthor on *Lois and Clark: New Adventures of Superman*) and starring Eric Dane (McSteamy on *Grey's Anatomy*) and Amy Madigan (Annie Kinsella in *Field of Dreams*)."

**Q: What do you like to do outside of the library, any hobbies?**

A: "Traveling, Classic/indie/international cinema, cycling, photography, collecting antiques."



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## A Sneak Peek into what the Library is doing for Black History Month

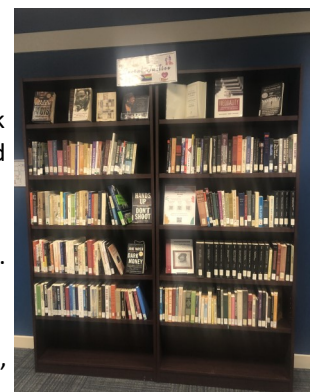
By Rebekah Baker

February is Black History Month! This is a time to celebrate the contributions of Black people and Black culture. Here at Warner Memorial Library, we recognize the importance of being socially aware and culturally responsive.

On the main level, browse our racial and social justice collection for books (pictured to the right). Upstairs, visit our DVD display for documentaries and popular releases outside the Media Room.

Check [our blog](#) in February for a series on historical and literary figures! To analyze what you're reading, it is important to contextualize works from the canon by looking at the authors and the people who influenced them.

In most students' time at Eastern, many students have probably studied in our Mazie Hall room (pictured to the right). But who was this person, and how did the collection come to live in the library? The African-American Heritage room houses books from the educator and activist's personal collection, which are all available for check-out! She was an important figure in local Baptist and African-American community circles. Black History Month is a great time to make a trip to the Mazie Hall room. [You can read more about the room's history here.](#)



# Library Resources Spotlight: SAGE Knowledge

By Chelsea Post

The premier social sciences platform for SAGE and CQ Press book, reference and video content.

  
[Advanced search](#)

If you've ever wanted to try a different library resource than Eagle Search or Ebsco-owned databases, look no further than **SAGE Knowledge**, one of the databases Warner Library has access to from the vendor, SAGE Publishing.

SAGE Knowledge includes **over a thousand e-book and e-reference titles, including scholarly volumes, encyclopedias, dictionaries and the handbooks that SAGE Publishing is famous for.** This database covers the gamut of social sciences, from business management and education to health services and social work. Since the database is focused on social sciences, this makes it one of the premier digital libraries for students, researchers and faculty in those fields. Additionally, a subset of the database called *CQ Press* includes timely political documents, including historical presses, that cover American government policies and directories across the same social science fields.

Searching within the database is a snap. Simply [log in to the database](#) and start your search in the top search bar on the homepage. Doing this will search in all three of the modules Warner Library subscribes to—*SAGE Books*, *SAGE Reference*, and *CQ Press*—at the same time. You can also search each module individually by selecting the appropriate box on the homepage. If you aren't quite sure what you're looking for, you can use the "Browse By Discipline" function at the top of the homepage to look at the various subjects covered by SAGE Knowledge, and then search within them.

When you have your results screen, make sure you select the button "Content available to me" and click "Apply Filter." Doing so will ensure that the results that appear are full-text and can be immediately read or downloaded. Built-in citation tools can be used for easy crediting, and you can use the Subject Index to locate the specific term you want to research so you can read specific chapters and sections. There are also a host of accessibility features, such as text resizing, and a "More like this" section at the bottom of each title that help you find other related sources for your research.

Have any further questions on how you can use SAGE Knowledge in your work? Email Chelsea Post at [cpost@eastern.edu](mailto:cpost@eastern.edu), and happy researching!

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