

The National Emergency Training Center Library



About the library

The National Emergency Training Center's (NETC's) library provides information and resources on fire, emergency management and other all-hazards subjects. With our collection of more than 220,000 books, reports, audiovisual materials and journal articles, the library supports National Fire Academy (NFA) and Emergency Management Institute (EMI) student and faculty research, classroom lectures, and development of course materials.

Special collections

Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and all-hazards journal articles. The library subscribes to several hundred professional journals and has added over 140,000 individual journal articles to our catalog, over the past four decades. This effort has made the library's online catalog a unique guide to periodical literature, with citations on fire, emergency response, natural disaster, civil defense and homeland security topics going back to the 1950s, and in the case of several fire service journals, back to the early 1900s.

EMI student papers. This rapidly growing collection of student papers and capstone projects is published by EMI and covers a wide range of emergency management topics.

Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program applied research projects (ARPs). The ARP allows students to investigate a key issue or problem identified as being important to their fire service organization. The library has more than 10,000 ARPs going back to 1989.

Library resources

First floor

- ▶ Reference collection.
- ▶ Current magazines and newspapers.
- ▶ Personal computers (PCs) for searching the library catalog and the web.
- ▶ Photocopiers/Printers/Digital scanner.
- ▶ Main book collection.
- ▶ Wireless printer.

Second floor

- ▶ Audiovisual collections (DVD, VHS, etc.).
- ▶ Reports/Documents collection.
- ▶ Magazine/Journal collection.
- ▶ PCs for searching the library catalog and the web.
- ▶ Photocopiers/Printers/Digital scanner.
- ▶ Group meeting room.
- ▶ Individual and group study areas.



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Library services

- **Reference:** Need help researching a topic? Our librarians can help. If you're off-campus, you can call or email us your question(s) and we'll respond right away.
- **Schedule a research consultation:** Students at NETC can schedule a one-on-one consultation with a librarian on their research topic.
- **Online catalog:** You can search our online catalog 24/7 on the internet by visiting our home page at <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/data/library/> and entering your keywords where it says "Search our library's catalog."
- **Interlibrary loan:** If you are not on campus, you may still borrow most materials through interlibrary loan (ILL). Simply provide your local library with a printout of the item record from our online catalog. This will include the title, author and other identifying information, such as an International Standard Book Number or Online Computer Library Catalog number. For more ILL details, visit <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/data/library/about/ill.html>.
- **Reserve a group study room:** The library offers group study or meeting space for NETC students in our Glenn Gaines Memorial Room located in N-213.
- **Subscribe to library news:** Visit our home page and follow the link to sign up for our monthly fire and EMS research monitor and our quarterly newsletter.
- **Research Tips and Tools Series:** See our schedule of short learning sessions that help you develop skills to find, evaluate and use information ethically.

Borrowing periods

	Library materials
NETC staff	One month
NFA/EMI adjunct faculty	Length of course minus one day
Students	Length of course minus one day
Outside contractor	One month
ILL (off-campus)	One month

Library hours

Day	Business hours
Monday - Thursday	8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
When students on campus or NFA State Weekend	
Saturday	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Beginning in 2020, the library will follow adjusted hours during those weeks where EFO resident classes using the new curriculum are present. Check the library website for updates.	
Monday - Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday	2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Library featured online resources

Getting started with your research project: step-by-step guide to the research process.

Frequently requested research topics: See all that we have on commonly asked fire, EMS and emergency management topics.

Online journal articles and e-books: EFO students can access an online academic journal articles and e-books database by creating a free account while on campus.