The Health Sciences Library is located on the ground floor of the Academic Center and serves all students, faculty and staff on the Stratford Campus. The Library houses collections of print books and journals in the clinical and basic sciences. In addition, an extensive collection of electronic books, journals and a wide variety of bibliographic and image databases are available through the Library’s webpage. The Library has a seating capacity of 220, which includes study carrels and tables, study rooms, and computer workspaces.

**Library Hours**

Monday-Thursday: 8:00am – Midnight
Friday: 8:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday: 12:30pm – 8:00pm

Library hours on Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays are extended during the academic year as additional staffing becomes available.

**Rowan ID badges are to be presented each time you enter the library.**

**Borrowing Privileges**

All students, faculty and staff of RowanSOM have borrowing privileges. In order to borrow materials, users must be registered with the Library. RowanSOM ID badges must be presented to check out materials.

Most circulating materials may be renewed in person or by phone, on, or before, the date they are due, unless requested by another Library user. Loan periods are: Books – one month with one renewal; audiovisuals and board review materials – one week, no renewals; journals and reference materials – in-house use only.

**Reserve Collection**

The Library’s Reserve Collection includes materials used for course work in RowanSOM’s Curriculum. The Library owns multiple copies of required texts for each course, as well as copies of recommended textbooks, DVDs, software and other materials used in the curriculum. Materials in the Reserve collection may be borrowed for two hours for in-Library use. Students may borrow up to two Reserve items for over-night use, from one-half hour before closing until no later than one-half hour after opening on the following day. Over-due fines of $5.00 per hour are imposed for Reserve materials that are returned late.
Anatomical models and bone boxes are available for use in the library. We also have phone and laptop chargers, headphones, dry erase markers, book stands, ear plugs, colored pens and pencils, standing desks, small and rolling white boards, sports equipment available for use. Ask at the circulation desk.

**Board Review Collection**
The Library has a significant collection of both print and online resources to support students studying for board examinations, parts 1 and 2. The print materials in this collection may be borrowed for 7 days, with no renewals. There is an overdue fine of $1.00 per day for these resources.

**Information Resources**
The Library’s website, [http://www.lib.rowan.edu/som](http://www.lib.rowan.edu/som), is the gateway to a wide variety of print and online resources selected to support students and faculty and is mobile compatible. The online catalog, accessible via the Library’s home page, provides access to the combined resources of all Rowan University libraries. The catalog enables users to locate print and online materials available on all campuses and to request items not located in the Stratford Library.

The Library staff has developed a comprehensive collection of full-text online books, journals and web-based resources. These resources provide users with access to medical information at any time and from any location, whether on- or off-campus. E-book collections, such as Stat!Ref, Access Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, and Surgery, Books@Ovid and Clinical Key, include core textbooks in medicine and surgery and their subspecialties. Online journals are available as individual titles and through collections from publishers such as Elsevier, Nature, Wiley, and Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins. These journals provide users with up-to-the-minute information for their educational, research and clinical needs. Clinical, point-of-care resources are available for downloading to mobile devices. Image collections including [Anatomy.tv](http://anatomy.tv), [eAnatomy](http://eanatomy.com), [Acland’s Video Atlas of Anatomy](http://www.aclands.com), [VisualDx](http://www.visualdx.com), and [Bates Visual Guide to Physical Examination](http://www.batesguides.com), provide students and faculty with educational support materials for use in the curriculum and as supplementary resources.

The Library’s website features Subject Guides which have been created to correspond with the medical school curriculum. These Guides direct students to the resources required and recommended for their four years at SOM. Links to Reserve materials, media, relevant e-books and journals are included in the subject guides for each course. In addition, Guides have been created for the RowanSOM Faculty Bibliography, online tutorials, and on health and wellness related topics, medical education and research.

Access to the databases and full-text resources is available free-of-charge to all registered students and the faculty and staff at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine. Users are required to authenticate with their Rowan network username and password to access these resources from any off-campus location. Training in the use of the Library’s resources and tools is integrated into the School’s curriculum and is also available through the Library’s education services program and online tutorials.

**Reference Services/Computer Literature Searches**
Reference Librarians are available to provide assistance and instruction in database searching, supporting research projects, and in-depth information retrieval. A Research Support program is available to assist students and faculty with their publication and presentation goals. The Reference staff is available to meet with patrons during both daytime and evening hours.
**Library Education Services**
The Library has an active instructional program. Classes on topics ranging from literature searching to desktop applications, and presentation graphics to bibliographic reference management are available. A variety of options for training are offered: online and in-person, in group or individual sessions.

**Computer Resources**
The Library provides access to Windows-based desktop and laptop computers. Three computers are available in the main Library space and 9 additional computers are located in the Library’s Computer Room. The Computer Room is open during regular Library hours. In addition, 2 laptop computers may be borrowed for in-Library use. Software programs including general applications, tutorials, and computer assisted instruction are loaded on all computers, and all Library computers provide access to the Internet. Printers and scanners are also available for use, as are LCD projectors for group work or presentations. A librarian is located in the Computer Room during daytime and some evening hours to provide assistance.

**Study Rooms**
Four small study rooms are equipped with audiovisual equipment and white boards; each has seating for 6. These rooms must be scheduled for use. An online reservation system is available and students may reserve a room for a two hour period. Reservations may also be made in person or by phone.

Two larger study rooms, each accommodating 12 patrons and equipped with white boards, are also available. Students are encouraged to use these rooms for individual, quiet study in a shared environment.

**Quiet Study Spaces**
Quiet study spaces have been created for those who would like to work and study with limited distractions. These spaces are located throughout the Library and include several quiet study rooms adjacent to the Computer Room. One of these has 7 large carrels; two other rooms, as noted above, each provide seating for 12 at individual study tables. Another space is located adjacent to the Library’s Circulation Desk and houses 6 carrels.

**Wireless Network and Laptops**
A secure wireless network on campus enables students to take advantage of the convenience of wireless access while in the Library. To connect your device to the wireless network please see the web page: [https://irt.rowan.edu/services/network.html](https://irt.rowan.edu/services/network.html).

**Photocopying and Printing**
Library staff will make up to ten copies for students. Two scanners are also available, one flatbed (with ability to scan transparent media) and one which will do high-speed, multi-page scans.

The Library houses two printers. One operates using the students’ print quotas, managed through their ID badge. For the second printer a pre-valued print card is required to make prints. The cost for these prints is 10 cents per page. The print card may be purchased at the Circulation Desk.

**Library Etiquette**
Students are requested to maintain a quiet environment conducive to study for those around them. Conversations, including phone calls, should be taken outside. Seating in the library is on a first-come, first-served basis. At no time should a student leave items to “reserve” a particular seat or ask another student to move. If a student needs to leave the library, all items must be removed. Any items identified by a library staff member as unattended for more than 30 minutes will be removed; they can be retrieved at the Circulation Desk by the student with identification or description of items. Any such items not claimed by closing time that day will be turned over to Public Safety.

Food Policy

Dry snacks (e.g., cookies, pretzels, nuts, candy) and beverages in covered containers are permitted in the Library. Food items that could be construed as a meal (e.g., sandwiches, pizza, soup, salads) or that are fragrant and/or messy should not be brought into the library.