

Library Tour

The following questions and activities will give you an overview of the spaces and services at Auraria Library, as well as let you practice finding information using Start My Research. You will need to use a computer, smartphone, or other internet-connected device to answer some of the questions. There are computers available throughout the library; login with your last name and 9-digit student ID number.

PHYSICAL SPACE

Answer the following questions about the spaces and services in Auraria Library.

1. There are several support services located in the Knowledge Market on the west side of the first floor (near the 10th Street entrance). Visit the Knowledge Market. **Which services meet there?**
 - ☐ Career Services, Study Abroad, and Writing Center
 - ☐ The Writing Center, Open Lab Tutoring, and Research Tutoring
 - ☐ Health Services, The Writing Center, and Research Tutoring
 - ☐ Open Lab Tutoring, IT Help Desk, and Career Services
2. The CTC (Creative Technology Commons) on the first floor of the Library will help with video and audio projects, including using production and design software. Locate the CTC. **What are their hours this semester?**
3. Find the glass display case near the Ask Us Desk containing items available to check out. **List two items you can check out from the Library other than books.**
4. The Library has group study rooms on both the first and second floors that you can reserve to work on group projects. **How do you reserve a group study room?**
5. Go to the second floor and pick any book shelf to explore. Find one book, and write down its call number, which will start with a letter and usually end with a year. The number is usually on the book's spine, and it tells you where to find the book on the shelf. **Write the book's call number here:**
6. Look at the titles of the books on either side of the one you picked. **How are they similar or different?**
7. While still on the second floor, find the room in the southeast corner of the library. (Hint: the room faces downtown Denver.)
What is this room called?

How could you use this space?

LIBRARY WEBSITE BASICS

Complete these exercises using the Auraria Library website: <http://library.auraria.edu>

Start My Research

8. In the **Start My Research** box on the Libraries' homepage, try these different searches and record the number of results retrieved for each search.

minimum wage Denver:
minimum wage Colorado:

minimum wage small business:
minimum wage:

9. Why do you think the number of results changed based on the words you used to search?

- ☐ Using more specific words will give me fewer results.
- ☐ Using broader terms will give me more results.
- ☐ The fewer keywords I use, typically the more results I get.
- ☐ All of the above.

10. Use your most recent search, minimum wage, and click **More...** under **Content Type** along the left side to see all the different types of results. **List 5 different content types that are available through Start My Research.** Example: Book/eBook

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

11. Use your most recent search, minimum wage, and limit your results to the **Last 12 months**. What happens to the number of results you have when you limit to the last 12 months?

- ☐ I get fewer results.
- ☐ I get more results.
- ☐ I get about the same number of results.

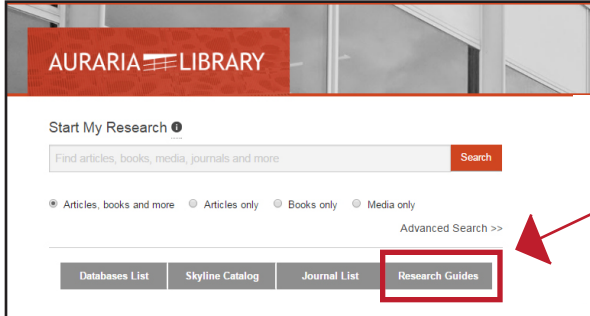
12. In your list of results, each item has three icons next to it: quotation marks, an envelope, and a folder with a plus sign. How do these icons help with your research?

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RESEARCH GUIDES

Go back to the Library's homepage: <http://library.auraria.edu/>. Click on "Research Guides" in the gray boxes near the top center of the page.



13. Look at the list of Research Guides by Subject. Which guide would be most helpful for your field of study (major) or career interests? Write down the URL:

 14. Go back to the Research Guides by Subject list. Click on *General Research. Write the names of two guides that look useful and interesting to you.
- Guide 1:
- Guide 2:

ASK US

Go back to the Library's homepage: <http://library.auraria.edu/>. Click on "Ask Us" in the upper right corner.

15. Which of the following are ways you can get help from the Library? Check all that apply.
 - ☐ Chat online
 - ☐ Text
 - ☐ Make an appointment
 - ☐ Call
 - ☐ Email
 - ☐ Walk-up help

16. How would you prefer to contact a librarian if you have questions about using the library or doing research?
 - ☐ In person
 - ☐ Chat online
 - ☐ Via email

17. Please enter the answers from your worksheet in our online form to help us make our activity better:
<http://tinyurl.com/aurarialibtour>



Library Tour Notes

