It’s Official: 
The LARC is Certifiable!

That’s right, the Library and Academic Resource Center’s tutoring program has passed it’s CRLA recertification for another five years! **But wait, why is this such great news?** Because it means that MACC’s tutor training course still passes the rigorous qualifications set forth by the College Reading and Learning Association’s International Tutor Training Program Certification.

**What’s this mean for MACC students?** That you can continue to go to the LARC for help with confidence that MACC tutors provide quality tutoring services. Most MACC tutors become CRLA certified within their first semester of tutoring at the LARC.

**Is tutoring still FREE at MACC?** Yes! The LARC currently has 37 tutors employed across all five MACC locations. You can come in and work with a tutor in person, or you can connect virtually with a tutor from your home if you can’t make it into campus. All free of charge! We have tutors who can help with a variety of subjects, as well as study skills, time management, and more.

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**There Are Two Types of People in the World ...**

Those who enjoy graphing a rational function with an oblique asymptote, **and those who would rather eat their pencil than solve for an x-intercept.**

... Those who navigate the finer points of citation styles like a precision driver, **and those who misplace the car.**

... Those who have memorized all 206 bones in the human body, **and those who hyperventilate at the thought.**

...Those who can locate scholarly sources from electronic databases with a boolean search, **and those who say “Boo Who?”**

Then, There is a Third Type: **Those Who Go to the LARC!**
Whether you’re trying to find a research article, login to your library account, or set up an appointment for virtual tutoring (or wonder what virtual tutoring is), we’ve got a video for that! The LARC “How To” Videos page is a new feature to help you navigate and get the most out of your resources.

Don’t know where to start searching for an academic journal article in the library’s Encore Discovery Service? No problem! Just watch: LARC Online: How to Search EDS. It’ll walk you through the first steps of getting to the library website, all the way through refining a search in EDS, downloading the article, and using the EDS citation tool to cite it in your paper. All in less than 5 minutes!

Not sure what virtual tutoring is all about, or how to set up a session? We’ve got you covered! From making the appointment to accessing your session in Canvas, the video How to Set Up a Virtual Tutoring Session will guide you through every step of the process as well as give you a quick tour of the virtual tutoring room. Total time? Four and a half minutes.

Confused about the new library login system? Just watch How to Login to Your Library Account and you’ll be able to determine your login ID/campus code and create a PIN in no time! Or, in about 4 minutes.

Where can you find these and other helpful videos? Login to Canvas. Click on the Student Resources course. Scroll down to the LARC section. Click on LARC “How To” Videos. Voila!
Learning How to Learn: Books That Can Make Your Life Easier

The last thing most students want to hear in college is that you need to read more books. However, more time spent reading the right books, could save you time in the long run. Learning how to learn could be one of the most important decisions you ever make. Understanding how your brain and memory operates is crucial to developing the best study habits, managing your time, getting better grades, and still have time for the things you enjoy.

If you only read one such book, read A Mind for Numbers: How to Excel at Math and Science (Even If You Flunked Algebra) by Barbara Oakley. Don’t let the title fool you! While it is great for students who struggle with math and science classes, A Mind for Numbers, is filled with ideas, methods, and information pertinent to all students and subjects. And the best part, besides that the book really does help, is that it is fun, humorous, and super easy to read. From enlisting “Zombies” to break procrastination habits, to what you can learn from Thomas Edison’s frying pan, and how to chunk rather than choke, you’re sure to come away with a brain any Zombie would crave.

Other great books you can find either at the library or through MOBIUS that could help you learn better include:

Fluent Forever: How to Learn Any Language Fast and Never Forget It by Gabriel Wyner

The Magic of Math: Solving for x and Figuring Out Why by Arthur Benjamin


The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains by Nicholas Carr

“Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled ’This could change your life.’” – Helen Exley
Have Questions?
Feel free to stop by the LARC and ask!
You can also go to: www.macc.edu/larc
or call the Library Circulation Desk:
660-263-4100 ex. 11210

"Education is not the answer to the question. Education is the means to the answer to all questions."
—William Allin