Where Will a Library Lead YOU?
Celebrate National Library Week!

Many people think libraries are becoming a thing of the past. Who needs a library when you have the Internet and Google? Who needs a book when you have a Smartphone or tablet? The truth is that libraries are not a thing of the past, they are the past. They are also the future.

Libraries have been leading civilization in knowledge and innovation for thousands of years, from the libraries of Ancient Greece and Rome, to the Medieval libraries of scholars, kings, and monasteries, all the way to the modern world’s largest library, the U.S. Library of Congress. The Earth is full of technological wonders, and libraries are no strangers to the digital world. Libraries incorporate new technology with the old while preserving and disseminating knowledge. That’s why this year’s theme for National Library Week is Libraries Lead.

MACC’s Library and Academic Resource Center (LARC) is no different. The LARC is here to help lead you on the road to academic success and into a successful future beyond. With books, articles, research databases, tutors, study space, computers, and more, who knows where the LARC will lead you!
Important Travel Tips for the Road to Success

Set Goals

A goal is your vehicle on the road to success: If you don’t have one, you’re not going to get very far. But just like any vehicle, you’ll get out of it what you put into it. First you must decide: Do you want to drive a Volkswagen or a Ferrari?

Second, every vehicle requires proper care and maintenance, and so do your goals. You have to fill your car with gas, get the oil changed, tires rotated, and so on. To maintain your goals, you need to decide what they are, write them down, break them into smaller steps, and review your progress frequently.

Step 1: Choose your goals. How much do you care about your goals; are they a Ferrari or a Volkswagen? If they are Ferrari quality, then you’re going to need to put in some extra time and effort on acquisition and maintenance.

Step 2: Write them down. Make lists of your goals, and dream big! Make a list of goals you want to accomplish in the next 5-10 years. Then make a list of goals you want to accomplish this year. And a smaller list of goals you’d like to accomplish this month. Write them somewhere you won’t lose them and read back over them frequently.

Step 3: Break your goals into smaller tasks. Once you have set your long-term or short-term goals you need to decide on the steps you’ll have to complete in order to reach each goal. For example, let’s say you wanted to graduate from MACC with a minimum GPA of 3.5, by May 2019. You’d need to decide what classes are required, which semesters you need to take them, and figure out how many hours a week you need to spend on each class to ensure a good grade, and so on.
On the other hand, maybe your goal really is to own a *Ferrari* one day. In that case you’d need to set a date for when you want to own it, then figure approximately how much money you’d need to save each month to be able to afford it by that date, and what kind of job/career you need to be able to save that amount of money. Of course, you’ll probably need to make several more goals to get that high paying job, including figuring out and getting the necessary degree or education, and so on.

**Step 4: Create a visual aid.** When you take a trip you need a map, and when you have goals you should make a vision or dream board. Think of it like a treasure map in which each goal you cross off your list is another place where *X* marks the spot. Be as creative or simplistic as you want, but the essentials are to have pictures of your goals on your board. For graduating MACC that could be a picture of MACC with a clip of a cap and gown, and for a *Ferrari*, you’d paste a picture of the car to your board. The only limit to your dream board is your imagination. You can plaster every wall in your house with pictures of things you want to own or accomplish, but remember, without a plan of action they’ll never be more than pictures.

**Step 5: Get educated and stay motivated.** The best way to accomplish your goals is to educate yourself on how others have reached their goals and learn how to apply that information to your own life. Read inspirational as well as educational books on topics about positive thinking and habit formation, success and leadership, as well as learning strategies. Learning isn’t just for the classroom: The road to success is filled with twists and turns and the more you know the further you’ll be able to go.

**Step 6: Review and maintain your goals often.** *Making goals and writing them down will do you absolutely no good unless* you regularly read and review them, track your progress, and adjust your plans as needed. To do otherwise is like buying that *Ferrari* only to never put any gas in it. Your vehicle needs fuel and so do your goals: The road to success is long, so make sure your tank is full, and stop at lots of gas stations along the way.

And remember, so long as your journey is taking you through MACC, the LARC is a great place to stop for your educational as well as motivational needs!
Happy National Library Week
From the LARC!

LARC Did You Know?

That the MACC LARC has locations in Moberly, Columbia, Kirksville, Mexico, and Hannibal?

That the LARC has approximately 20,000 physical books, and access to over 45 million more through MOBIUS?

That through Encore, the LARC has access to hundreds of thousands of academic articles and eBooks?

That the LARC provides access to 37 peer and CRLA certified tutors, for FREE?

That if you can’t make it to campus, you can set up a virtual tutoring session by emailing: virtualtutor@macc.edu?

That you can access all of the LARC’s electronic resources from home or on the go by visiting www.macc.edu/larc?

That black and white printing of your schoolwork is free at each LARC?

That the acronym LARC stands for Library and Academic Resource Center?

Where is Your Future Headed?
Let the LARC Help Lead You on the Road to Success!
Finals are coming—Are you prepared?

Papers to write?
Have them proofread by a tutor.

Making math mistakes?
Let a tutor help with those x’s and y’s.

Not sure how to find sources?
We’ve got you covered!

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

“The only thing you absolutely must know, is the location of the library.”
- Albert Einstein

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