PEAW 1300 First Year Experience (Online Section)

**Library Exploration Assignment**

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This assignment will make you familiar with your local public/military base library and the UA Little Rock Ottenheimer Library. It is important that you understand the resources offered by your local public/military base library and the library at UA Little Rock and the differences between the two.

Following the instructions in this packet will help ensure that you receive full credit.

**READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET FIRST BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE ASSIGNMENT. THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST BE TYPED.**

* You must first schedule a 15-20 minute online appointment to talk with a UA Little Rock librarian.

**Complete an appointment request no later than the due date specified in Blackboard.**

**Visit this link to schedule an appointment: [Link to YouCanBook.Me website]**

You will not be required to come to UA Little Rock campus to complete the appointment. It will be done online. You will receive more information via e-mail after your appointment is scheduled.

* Next, locate your local public/military base library and set aside an hour in your schedule to visit that library **in person**. **The library must be a public or military base library. Do not use a library at a college or university, such as UA Little Rock, for this assignment.**
* You must complete your in-person visit to the library **BEFORE** your online appointment with the librarian.
* HINT: Check library hours before you plan your visit.
* Visit your public or military base library **BEFORE** your online appointment with the librarian and bring this packet with you.
  1. Make sure to bring a camera (i.e. your smartphone) and pens to write with. **Complete pages 2 and 3 of this packet during your in-person library visit.**
* Attend your scheduled online appointment with a UA Little Rock librarian. **Complete page 4 of this packet during your appointment with the UA Little Rock librarian.**
* You will write a short reflection after you have completed your online appointment. **Complete page 5 after your appointment with the librarian.**

**UPLOAD YOUR COMPLETED ASSIGNMENT TO BLACKBOARD BY THE DUE DATE.**

**PUBLIC/MILITARY LIBRARY VISIT WORKSHEET**

Visit your local public or military base library **in-person** before your appointment with the UA Little Rock librarian.

The library must be a public or military base library. **Do not visit a college or university, such as UA Little Rock, for this assignment.**

**Make sure that you bring this packet, a device with a camera, and several pens.**

Take a copy of this worksheet (pages 2 and 3) during your visit to the public or military base library and type your answers after your visit.

1. What is the name of the local public library or military base library that you are visiting?
2. Where is the library located? Give city and state or for out-of-country libraries, the name of the country and if possible, the city/town.
3. What day, date, and time did you visit this library?
4. Pick an academic topic you would be interested in researching for a class you are taking now or plan to take in the future. Some examples: a topic related to your major (such as green energy or poverty), an artist, or musician. Type the topic below.
5. Search the library catalog for your topic and find a book that is pertinent to your topic. Do a keyword search. **Ask a librarian if you are having trouble, especially if you find no results.**
6. How many results did you get for your search?
7. Pick out one book in the library that you find interesting.

* What is the title of the book?
* What is the call number of the book?

1. Locate the book on the shelf and take a “selfie” with it. **You and your book must be in photo.**

If you are unable to find a book and have talked with a librarian, type N/A here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE THE NEXT PAGE (PAGE 3) IN THIS PACKET BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE LIBRARY!**

**PUBLIC/MILITARY LIBRARY VISIT WORKSHEET (Continued)**

1. Find the DVDs/movie section in the library. Take a few minutes and browse the DVDs/movies.

Write down the titles of 3 DVDs/movies that are interesting to you.

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DVD #2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DVD #3: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If there is no DVD/movie section, type none here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Walk around the rest of the library.

Besides books and DVDs/movies, write down 2 other resources that you find in the library.

Example: computers for public use, quiet space, meeting rooms

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1. Take a “selfie” outside the library. You and the library building must be in the photo. If it is raining or too hot, take a photo in the library with a brochure or another item that has the library’s logo or name printed on it.
2. Either at the library or at home, e-mail the 2 “selfies” you took – one with the book and the other outside the library with the building – to your UA Little Rock e-mail account. **Save this e-mail and do not delete the photos from your phone or camera! Your professor will require you upload the “selfies.”**

**ONLINE APPOINTMENT WITH A LIBRARIAN WORKSHEET**

You must have a 15-20 minute virtual appointment with a librarian. Based on the appointment request form you submitted (see page 1 in this packet), you will be assigned an appointment time and receive a follow-up e-mail prior to your appointment with further details.

**Appointments cannot be rescheduled, except for documented emergency or illness.**

**It is recommended you print out the worksheet, then type your answers after the appointment.**

1. Type the following information before your appointment begins:

Date of appointment:

Time of appointment:

Name of librarian:

* 1. Begin the appointment by asking the librarian to tell you a little about themselves:
     1. Be sure to ask about education, how long (s)he has been a librarian, and how (s)he helps students with research. Type the librarian’s answers in the space below.
     2. Ask the librarian to tell you about his/her favorite hobby. Write down the librarian’s response here.
  2. It’s your turn! Tell the librarian about yourself. Be sure to where you live or are stationed, whether you will be taking all or most of your classes online, your major (if you have decided on one). Also, tell the librarian one interesting thing about yourself, such as a hobby.
  3. Have a discussion with the librarian about your visit to the public or military base library and what you discovered (your topic, finding a book, DVDs/movies, and other resources that you discovered.)

Ask the librarian to explain what resources are available to you as a student through the UA Little Rock Ottenheimer Library.

In the space below, type the UA Little Rock Ottenheimer Library resources that the librarian recommended.

**REFLECTION WORKSHEET**

Write a 3-4 paragraph reflection about this assignment.

In your reflection, be sure to include the following:

* Before this assignment, when was the last time you visited or used a public or military base library?
* Was it easy or difficult to find a book at the public or military base library? If you asked a librarian for assistance, what was the experience like? How did the librarian help you?
* If you were not able to find a book on your topic, did you ask for help? If you asked for help, what did the librarian say? If you did not ask for help, why do you think you could not find a book?
* If there was no DVD section, did you ask for help? If so, what did the librarian say?
* Your thoughts on the virtual appointment with the UA Little Rock librarian. How was the experience?
* What did you learn from this assignment? Did anything surprise you?
* How will you use what you learned in your other classes?