In the vast landscape of academia, it can be overwhelming to find reliable and up-to-date information. RCU Library provides a gateway to a world of knowledge beyond what is available through simple internet searches. Within RCU Library, you’ll find a treasure trove of resources curated by experts in various fields, ensuring the credibility of the sources accessed. The library subscribes to databases that offer comprehensive access to scholarly journals, books and research papers. This material would not ordinarily be freely available on the internet. There are also guided open resources that are accessible to all. These resources are indispensable tools for both lecturers and students. If you are delving into the depths of specialized subjects or exploring interdisciplinary connections, our library databases offer a wealth of information to enrich academic pursuits and propel scholarly endeavors forward. To uncover a world of resources beyond imagination, explore our digital library and access our extensive collection of e-journals and databases at e-journals.

Dive Deeper: Discover Resources Beyond the Shelves

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Unveiling the Literary Haven: Your Guide to Harare Campus Library

To support the academic needs of students at Harare Campus, a resident, Assistant Librarian Mr. B. Ndlovu, is available to assist students with their research needs and ensure a competitive academic environment. The library is well-equipped with an impressive collection of digital and print resources such as academic journals, e-books and other multimedia materials. The library also offers services such as interlibrary loans, document delivery and research consultations to enable students to access resources beyond what is available in the physical library. The library’s design fosters collaboration among students, encourages active learning, and provides study spaces for individual and group work and a quiet space for focused research.

Faculty Librarianship at RCU

Faculty librarianship is a fascinating field that combines academia, research and librarianship. At RCU, our faculty librarians are committed to helping faculty i.e. lecturers, students and researchers to effectively access and utilize library resources. They collaborate with these constituencies to provide specialized subject expertise through, supporting research endeavors and providing subject resources. The engagement with lecturers in this collaborative process means that students at RCU have access to pertinent information and the academic community has a culture of inquiry and critical thinking. Through these joint efforts, students are empowered to excel having been equipped with the skills and resources necessary for lifelong learning. This lays the foundation for their continued success beyond the classroom.

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Disability Inclusive Services at the Reformed Church University Library

Inclusive education is not just another buzzword within the corridors of RCU. It is indeed an essential aspect of creating a diverse yet inclusive and welcoming learning environment. The library has an established inclusive library services division that is dedicated to helping individuals with various impairments. With the assistance of a devoted librarian, we ensure that all students and staff, regardless of their physical or cognitive abilities, have equal access to our library’s resources and services. Our library provides accessible resources in various formats such as audiobooks, braille books, and e-books, making it easier for individuals with disabilities to access information and enjoy the pleasure of reading. We offer a range of services and resources including basic ICT skills, Jaws software, and audiobooks from book share and e-books from our library's subscription-based databases. The library is committed to promoting inclusivity in higher education. The RCU library’s inclusive services division is a testament to this commitment.

The Hidden Gems of Library Research Support Services

The Research Support and Instruction service is committed to enhancing the academic pursuits of students, faculty and researchers in the university community. It is built on the foundation of scholarly communication and robust academic library assistance, guiding researchers through the complex research lifecycle. Our ultimate goal is to enhance the research capabilities of the university community by providing expert guidance and facilitating access to comprehensive resources. This division of the library serves as a cornerstone of knowledge and support, offering a wealth of resources and services to enrich your scholarly pursuits. Whether you’re an experienced researcher or just starting your academic journey, I encourage you to take full advantage of the research and support services available to you. From expert guidance in navigating the research process to accessing a vast array of scholarly materials, the division will empower you every step of the way. In the event that you need assistance with literature reviews, citation management, or simply want to improve your information literacy skills, our dedicated research and support services librarian is there to help.

KNOW YOUR LIBRARIAN

Mr. M. Sibanda (Executive Librarian)

Mr. Sibanda is a dynamic and forward-looking and thinking leader in the world of library science, currently serving as the Executive Librarian at Reformed Church University.

He continues to inspire and empower the next generation of scholars, researchers, and lifelong learners. His dedication to excellence, innovation, and service ensures that the RCU library remains a vibrant hub of knowledge, creativity, innovation and discovery for years to come.