Special Collections

African American Collection
Features fiction and nonfiction books by noted African American authors, as well as culinary titles.

Hispanic Collection
This collection hosts a variety of fiction and nonfiction titles, biographies, and cookbooks.

Financial Literacy Collection:
In this special collection are a number of books on personal finance, investing, and retirement planning.

Careers Collection
Has books on a wide variety of careers, resume writing, and job interviews, plus videos on job searching.

Fiction Collection
Looking for a good book to read? We offer hundreds of contemporary and classic titles for your enjoyment and enrichment.

Children’s Picture Book Collection
Great for those students in the Early Childhood education program or students with children!
**Online Information Sources**

You can connect to a vast array of online materials via the Library website anywhere that you have a computer and Internet access. Just log into MY IVY, select the LIBRARY tab, and you're on your way!

**Ask a Librarian!**

The Ask a Librarian page on our website provides access for asking questions via email, chat, telephone through a service called: LibAnswers. Email questions are generally answered within 24 to 48 hours.

**Print Collections**

Our print book and journals support the information needs of the general education, liberal arts, and technical programs specific to each campus. Materials can be found through IVY CAT, the library’s online catalog, and through many databases we subscribe to. All general collection books and most journals can be checked out. Other materials, like reference books and current issues of journals are to be used in library.

**Media Collections & Equipment**

Videos, DVDs and audio-visual equipment such as small TV-VCRs are kept in each library for students to view those instructional videos that support their course of study. These are generally restricted to classroom use or in-library use only.

**Borrowing Materials**

- **Books**: 2 weeks, limit of 5
- **Journals and Magazines**: 1 week (current issue may not be checked out)
- **Videos/DVDs**: in-library use primarily

**Fines and Renewals**

- If not renewed within two weeks, an overdue fine is charged. Other fees will apply if material is also lost.
- Books can be renewed twice if not in demand

**Library Cards**

- **Student IDs**: Your Ivy Tech ID functions as your library card and can be used at any Ivy Tech library.

**ALI Borrowers Cards**: ALI (Academic Libraries of Indiana) is a reciprocal borrowing program among Indiana public and private academic libraries for current students, faculty, and staff. Forms for obtaining an ALI Borrower’s Card are available at your campus Information Service Desk.

**Interlibrary Loan**

Materials can be requested from any of the other Lake County Ivy Tech libraries, as well as from Valparaiso or Michigan City campus libraries, and often arrive within 2-3 days. Materials can also be requested from other academic and public libraries; allow at least two weeks for delivery. Complete the Interlibrary Loan form found on the regional library website or ask for assistance from your library Information Service Desk.

**Meet ‘Discover!’**

Once in Ivy Tech’s Lake County Library website, above where the FOUR quadrants appear, there will be a SEARCH box called Discover! that will receive the search term you enter. This scrolls through the library’s catalog of books and videos, PLUS the FULL-TEXT of –books, reference databases and most journal article databases.

**What is Discover!**

Discover is a ONE-STOP searching tool across the library’s many resources. Discover how easy:

**What is included in Discover!**

- **IVYCAT**: Ivy Tech’s online catalog for access to books (both print and electronic), DVDs, and other materials available in our libraries.
- **Databases**: Online periodicals and journals, newspapers, reference sources, and streaming videos from most databases that cover all academic disciplines, via one integrated search.
- **Publication Finder**: Search just a journal title on any of its issues & its table of contents to browse an article.
- **Take note**: To access the full text of articles, be sure to go through the library website. Always start your searches from the Library web page.