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A Day in the Life of a Freshman: How to Navigate the Library

by TERRYLL PARRISH

The library is always a good place to study, but there are so many more resources available to every student. Let's get started at the very front on the main floor – **the best place for information is the Circulation Desk**. This is where you can get information about library resources, find out where things are located, and check out library items or textbooks. That is correct, textbooks. If you don't have a book for your current class you can check it out for 1- 4 hours each day. Textbooks have to be used at the library, but if you are already there to work and study it is a great option. Textbooks can't be reserved, so if you do need to use them the best suggestion is to get to the library early.



Another very useful place to know about is the Help Desk for computer assistance. On the main floor it is the very first desk just inside the main doors and on 2M and the 3rd floors you can look for a big red “i” to locate them.

You can bring in your own laptop and they can help you login to the Dixie State Network or assist with other problems you are having with the school's online programs.

They can also show you how to use the library computers and how to print if you need it. Their printing services are 5 cents a page for black and white and 10 cents per page for color.

One stop you definitely need to make is at the Reference Desk. Each librarian is trained to help students find research. They know how to narrow a topic and which database would provide the best information for your subject. You can also make an appointment with them and if you let them know the subject matter and type of research, they can have a few things ready ahead of time. And, after your paper is written they can provide feedback, editing, and assistance with citations. One area that could help you with projects or reports is the audio/visual items and maps on the main floor. You can talk to anyone at the Circulation Desk and they can help you find what you need



If you are looking for any type of Southern Utah history, especially about Dixie State University, you will want to visit Special Collections & Archives on the 3rd floor. The best option for finding what you need is to make an appointment so they can locate the history records that you are looking for. Then, on the 4th floor is the tutoring and writing centers. These are both wonderful resources for any class you are taking. They both take walk-ins and appointments. The Writing Center is open Monday-Thursday from 10 am-7 pm and Friday 10 am-5 pm. They can help with drafts, final papers and citations. Please see the next article for more information on the tutoring center.



One of the last stops you will make is on your way out of the library when you check out your materials. **If you have your school ID then there are 3 self-checkout areas, on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors,** that are quick and easy to use. Or, you can take your items to the Circulation Desk and check out there with any type of ID and your student D-number. Next time you visit the library take a look around and you will be amazed at the multitude of resources that are available to help you with all of your classes.

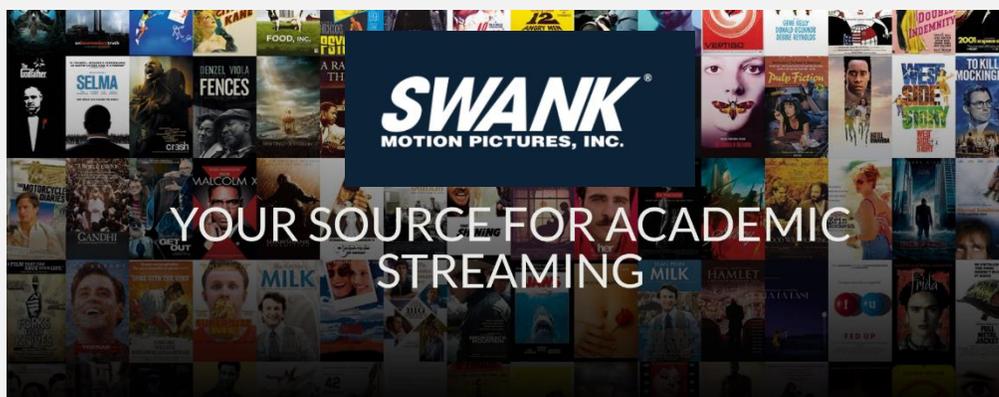


Dixie's Swanky New Film Database

by RACHEL THACKER

Ever wondered what movies film students study? Well, now you can access those movies through Dixie's new film database: Swank. Swank is a film database that allows students to watch movies for free. Because of the pandemic and the need for students to social distance DSU's Film Department needed a way for its students to watch films from home.

Believe it or not, not everybody has a Netflix subscription, so Dixie found a way for the students to watch films for free. All you need to access the movies is to be a student at Dixie. Not only students but faculty members as well have access to these films. There are currently only 25 movies on Swank but you can watch each of them for free at any time. As an avid movie lover myself I have enjoyed using Swank as well as watching all the movies in the database right now.

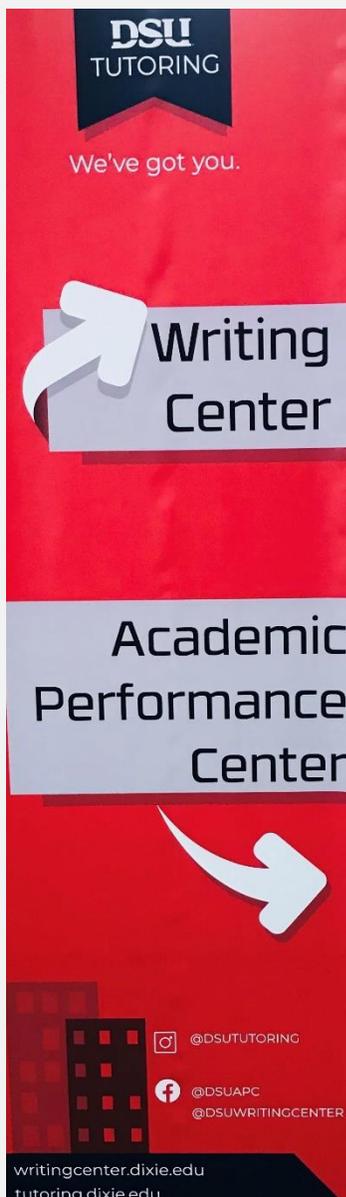


However, Swank is considered a luxury and not a necessity, so the more people who watch and use it the more likely Dixie is to keep it. We may even get an even larger movie selection next year, if more people utilize it. The company that runs Swank can offer over 500+ movies for students to watch for free if use justifies the cost.

Does watching free movies appeal to you but you don't know where to go? Don't worry I have it covered: go to <https://library.dixie.edu/>, click on Article Databases, then click on Alphabetical List, click on S, scroll down until you find Swank film database, and then pop your popcorn and settle in for some good movies.

Need Free Tutoring?

by RACHEL THACKER



Not sure how to take proper notes? Want a tutor but don't know where to go? Then the Academic Performance Center (APC) is the place for you. **In the APC you can get tutoring for all of your General Education classes, no appointment necessary.** However, if you're looking to get tutored for a specific class go to tutoring.dixie.edu to check out the tutoring schedule.

Tutoring sessions can last up to 30 minutes at a time. The tutors at the APC are here to help you learn how to improve note taking, study skills, time management, and even textbook reading. You can also study for exams, collaborate with peers, and get help on your homework.

The APC is located on the fourth floor of the Holland Centennial Commons, it's next to the Writing Center. **It can hold up to 60 students at a time and is available for all students to use for free.** The Academic Performance Center is open Monday-Thursday from 10 am-8 pm and Friday from 10 am-5 pm. If you're worried about social distancing and going in person makes you nervous the APC also offers remote tutoring sessions for you to use.