Alumni Access to Columbia Libraries

**ID cards:**

Alumni can obtain an Alumni Reading Card in person from the Library Information Office in Butler Library, Room 201. There is a $5 fee for an Alumni Reading Card. If the alum does not have a UNI, one is generated with a temporary password with the purchase of the Reading Card.


**Borrowing and Access to E-resources:**

Alumni of Columbia University, Barnard College, Teachers College and Union Theological Seminary are invited to apply for borrowing privileges at Columbia's libraries at a charge of $30 per month.

Alumni with borrowing privileges may borrow up to 20 items at a time. Borrowing privileges are not valid at the Health Sciences, Law, or Teachers College Libraries. Loan period: 4 weeks; or expiration date of library borrowing privileges.


**On-campus access to e-resources:**

If you are using one of the networked computer workstations in the Columbia University Libraries you have full access* to the e-resources available to Columbia students and faculty, including databases, ejournals, online reference works, online music and image collections.

**Off-campus access to e-resources:**

If you are using a computer from your home or office to access e-resources, you have free access to a limited number of resources through the Alumni and Friends Gateway ([www.alumni.libraries.columbia.edu/eresources.html](http://www.alumni.libraries.columbia.edu/eresources.html)). You must use your University Network ID (UNI) and password to log in. If you do not know your UNI, you can request and activate one by visiting the UNI request page. After you have provided a few pieces of identifying information, your UNI and PIN (for activation) will be mailed to you. For security reasons, University Network Identification information will not be sent by e-mail.
Printing in the Libraries:

Users with a valid UNI may purchase printer Printing Dollars. Printing Dollars are automatically added to your account and may be used at any NINJa print station. To see how many pages you can print, you can check here or log onto CUNIX and type pages at the $ prompt.

Account Requirements for Printing:

- You must have a valid UNI and password to purchase Printing Dollars.
- Students, Faculty and Staff may use their existing UNI to purchase Printing Dollars.
- Library Guests - Go to the Library Information Office in 201 Butler to obtain your UNI.

http://www.columbia.edu/acis/facilities/printers/purchase.html

Photocopying in the Libraries:

The cost for a regular photocopy is 10 cents per page. You can use cash, coins and one dollar bills to pay for photocopies at most libraries on campus or purchase a Flex Card at the VTS vending machine in Butler Library when you obtain your reading card or from any of the libraries below:

- Avery Library
- Barnard College Library
- Business Library
- Butler Library (Room 2L1, across from the Lounge)
- Lehman Library
- Teachers College Library

There is a $1.00, one-time purchase fee for Flex Cards. You may deposit funds in increments of $5. Note: The Libraries do not make change. Please bring the appropriate change with you to the library.

* Exceptions apply to resources provided by the Watson Library. For more information see: