

## **What the TCNJ Library Can Do for You**

The TCNJ Library is an essential resource for the successful completion of your research and writing assignments.

It may seem that all the information you need is available at no cost via the World Wide Web, but this is not true. The Library spends well over \$1 million each year to acquire materials to support your research, and your professors expect that when you engage in a comprehensive search for information, your results will include books and other publications that you can only find in the Library.

Moreover, the Library serves as a gateway to subscription-based online resources that are made available to you as a member of the TCNJ community, but are not freely accessible by anyone who happens to have access to the Internet. These resources, which cost hundreds of thousands of dollars each year, include articles from scholarly journals, industry and trade periodicals, popular business magazines, and US and international newspapers—as well as financial and demographic data and other research-related information.

In addition to subject-specific materials to support your studies, the Library has an abundance of resources to expand your knowledge of the topics covered in this Writing Guide: understanding the research process; learning effective writing styles; preparing proper citations for sources consulted; and avoiding the perils of plagiarism.

But perhaps your most important library resources are the librarians. Students arrive at TCNJ with varying levels of expertise in undertaking college-level research. Our dedicated staff of reference and instruction librarians is ready to help you sharpen your research skills to meet the demands and expectations of your professors. Additionally, the librarians will work with you to ensure that you get connected in the most efficient way possible with the best available materials to support your research.

To learn more about resources and services available at the Library, visit the Library's website at <http://www.tcnj.edu/~library/index.html>