The mission of the Black River Technical College Library is to enhance learning by providing access to information that complements and supplements the college’s educational programs and courses. The library seeks to provide ready access to information in a variety of formats so that students may successfully meet their academic, vocational, and personal development goals.

The Library of Congress classification system is used for the arrangement of books, and an online catalog provides access to the collection. Reserve items are available at the circulation desk, and a coin-operated copy machine is available for use. The library’s Internet databases give full-text accessibility to thousands of magazines and journals and provides abstracts for many more. Student’s can also log on to the library’s homepage at http://www.blackrivertech.org/black-river-technical-college-library for easy access to the online catalog, selected databases as well as for online assistance.

The library is open 42.5 hours per week with reference services available continuously to provide users with assistance in locating information and resources. Orientation sessions are offered each semester, and printed guides are available which explain library policies and guide patrons in the use of the library.
MATERIALS AVAILABLE
- Audiovisual materials
- Books
- Internet Databases
  - ProQuest
  - Lexis Uni
  - DOAJ
- Mango Languages
- Newspapers
- Periodicals
- Photocopies (10¢ per page)
- Community Printing (10¢ per page)

LIBRARY CARD
The BRTC ID card must be presented each time a student checks out materials. A driver’s license must be presented each time a community member checks out materials.

CIRCULATION LIMITATIONS
BRTC students and community members may check out as many as five (5) items.

BORROWING MATERIALS
- Media items may be checked out for a two-week period with one renewal.
- Reference materials, and periodicals must be used in the library only. May be checked out with Librarian’s permission.

RETURNING MATERIALS
When materials are returned to the library, they should be placed in the return bin at the circulation counter. An after-hours book depository is also located at the front entrance of the library.

OVERDUE MATERIALS
Patrons with overdue materials must return them before checking out additional materials. There will be a charge of 10¢ per day per book. Students who retain materials after the end of the semester will not receive grades until all library obligations have been met.

LOST OR DAMAGED MATERIALS
Any item lost or damaged by a user must be paid for by that user. An appropriate fee will be assessed for damaged books and materials.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN
Items not available in the library may be borrowed through interlibrary loan. Allow at least ten days for materials to arrive through the InterLibrary Loan System.

ARKLink Cards
ARKLink cards allow students to borrow books from participating Arkansas colleges and universities. The cards are available in the library. A list of participating libraries are displayed at http://arklinklibraries.org.

COMPUTER STATIONS
The library has three online catalog stations, as well as 20 computers dedicated for student use and 2 dedicated to community use.

REMOTE ACCESS
Remote access to various databases is available through the library’s webpage. Remote access is also possible by logging onto the library’s webpage at http://www.blackrivertech.org/blackriver-technical-college-library and clicking on “online catalog.” Students can find the current passwords by logging into Moodle and clicking on the Student Lounge and looking for “Library Database and Newspaper Password.” Passwords may also be obtained from the library, by calling, or by emailing one of the staff.