

## **Transcript: Your Online Library @UNCG**

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Hi, and welcome to UNCG and the University Libraries! We know you are online, and so is YOUR library! Whether you are new to school, coming back after a number of years, or just new to online learning, the library is here to ease your anxiety and help you get started. As a distance or online student, you have access to all resources that campus-based students have. Over 75% of the library's resources are devoted to electronic materials, including article databases, ebooks, digitized collections, online encyclopedias, streaming video and music, government resources, statistical resources, and more.

**Don't know where to start?** Depending on the subject, the library has created specific Research Guides - even many course specific guides - created by librarian subject specialist. These guides contain links to many of these electronic resources, chat with librarians, as well as tutorials, videos, help with citing sources, and tips on searching.

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**For lots of information on what kinds of resources and services are available to you,** check out the library home page. But you can also click on my library resources; you will have to log in with you uncg username and password and it's the same things as click on Library Resources tab in Blackboard. It will have customized resources for you and your major.

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