Access to Library Resources on Mobile Devices

Many of the library’s resources have been re-designed to be mobile-friendly. As a result, it is easier than ever to use your tablet or smartphone to consult the information provided by the library.

You can use these resources on campus using the student or staff wireless networks. If you are using a 3G or 4G data connection on campus, ALWAYS start by logging in on the library home page. You must also log in on the library home page when you are off campus.

Bates Visual Guide to Physical Examination. The newest version allows viewing on PC, Mac, IOS, and Android devices, with a variety of browsers.

LibGuides: The new version of LibGuides works with both tablets and smartphones. The only “winkle” is that on smartphones, the boxes on any page are lined up vertically in a single column, so you may have to scroll down to find the box you want.

ClinicalKey: A newly redesigned user interface permits access on tablets and smartphones as well as laptops and desktops.

AccessMedicine has a new interface that’s mobile-friendly.

Ebrary: The ebrary user interface has been redesigned to work better on laptops and desktops, and it also works pretty well on tablets. It doesn’t work very well on smartphones: you can’t use your fingers to enlarge the text.

Learning Express Library: This new site has review materials for basic academic courses like chemistry, biology and writing. It also has practice tests for the GRE and MCAT. The first time you use LEL, you have to create a personal account, even though you are logged in to the CDU network. The site works well on computers, tablets and smartphones.

Some library resources, while not optimized for mobile use, can be used on mobile devices: You must be on a campus WIRELESS network or log in at the CDU Library home page.

Stat!Ref: The Stat!Ref website is the same as if using a laptop or desktop computer. This works well on tablets. However, because the screens of smartphones are small, navigating and viewing the books can be awkward. Use your fingers to adjust the text size.
EbscoHost databases: CINAHL, Academic Search Elite, Business Source Elite: Using these search databases on a tablet is just like using a computer. On the other hand, if you try to access these databases on a smartphone, you will default to a stripped-down mobile site. At the bottom of the page, is a link to the full site. This has full functionality, with some adjusting of the text size. You can even download PDFs. An alternative is to install an App (IOS or Android). Follow the instructions at the bottom of the FULL version of Ebscohost pages.

PubMed: The normal link from the CDU Library website works on tablets just as on computers. The linking from the yellow icons in the abstract view is the same.

However, when you follow the home page link with a smartphone, you are sent to a mobile-optimized site (PubMed mobile: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed). This site has few features compared to the full PubMed, and it does not link to CDU-subscribed journals. NLM-provided free full text is available.

EndNote: You can access your EndNote Basic ENB account on your tablet. This will work for collecting and storing references “on the fly.” You will have to use a computer (laptop or desktop) to insert references from you EN library and create a bibliography.

An Ipad-only version of EndNote is available on the iTunes store. It costs $3.99 and is far from a full version of EndNote. It is useful for collecting references to be uploaded into an EndNote Basic account. Also, unlike ENB, which stores your library in the cloud, the Ipad version stores it on your tablet, using memory.