

BFIT Library is (VIRTUALLY) here for you!

Students,

We hope that you and your families are doing well, and staying safe!

This email is a reminder of BFIT Library's online resources that are available to you, as well information about a new resource to access and read magazines from your mobile device. And please don't forget – our librarians are *always* available to help!

1. **IF YOU NEED TO CONDUCT CREDIBLE RESEARCH**, you can access the BFIT Digital Library from within your CANVAS courses. The Digital Library provides access to credible information from eBooks, reference resources, and magazine and newspaper articles.
 - a. On the left menu within your CANVAS course(s) you will see a link to “**BFIT Digital Library**”. You will be asked to enter a BFIT ID or Library Password. This ID is a 14-digit code from the back of your BFIT Student ID Card.
2. ***IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A STUDENT ID CARD YOU CAN FIND THE CODE BY ACCESSING THE “BFIT DIGITAL LIBRARY” LINK FROM YOUR CANVAS COURSE(S)**. *In some cases you may be asked to enter this code on two different screens before receiving access.*
3. **IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT A LIBRARIAN FOR HELP** with research, MLA citations, or with any other questions, you can email librarian@bfit.edu or you can fill out an online form. The online form is available from within your CANVAS courses.
 - a. On the left menu within your CANVAS course(s) you will see a link to “**Ask-A-Librarian**”. Fill out the form and a librarian will respond within a few hours. Note that this service is monitored during the day. Should you send a request late at night, you may not receive a response until the next morning.
4. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW ONLINE TUTORIALS** that will teach you how to access and search the library's resources, or review formatting in MLA style, visit the library's tutorial webpage at: <https://www.bfit.edu/academics/library/tutorials/>
5. **AND IF YOU WANT TO CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY'S NEW MAGAZINE RESOURCE FLIPSTER-**
 - a. What is Flipster? Flipster is an app that allows you to read your favorite magazine on your mobile device.
 - b. How can you access Flipster? Use the *Flipster* app, available through the iTunes store for the [iPad and iPhone](#), and on the [Google Play](#) store for Android tablets, to download magazines for offline reading.
 - c. Once the app is downloaded search for: Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology and enter the number from the back of your BFIT student ID, or use the library's

- access code which you can by accessing the “BFIT DIGITAL LIBRARY” link from your CANVAS Course(s).
- d. Start browsing through the available magazines, or search for a specific magazine. Once you’ve found a magazine you would like to read click the “Open in App” option to download magazines to the app, where they can be read and managed offline.

We know that this is a particularly stressful time as together we all forge ahead into the world of online learning while also trying to juggle work, family, and life in general. Remember that if you find yourself getting lost in the technology or in need of motivation to move ahead – we at BFIT are all here for you! Reach out to your professor, an advisor, a staff member, a librarian, another student, a coach, or whoever you feel comfortable sharing with. Let us know what you need, because your success is paramount!

Sincerely,

The Librarians @BFIT

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