Welcome to the Kimbel Library and Bryan Information Commons. Come join us on a tour to learn about the resources and services we provide. We'll start at the Peter C. Bolton Help Desk.

The Peter C. Bolton Help Desk is located in the main lobby. This is where students can borrow items that the professors have put on reserve. Reserve items include books and videos as well as a skeleton, bones, and models of an arm and leg. Most of our reserve items can only be used in the library so that all students have the opportunity to use the materials. In addition to reserves, we also provide reference services at this help desk so students can come here for help if they need research assistance. Employees from Student Computing Services staff this help desk as well. They can troubleshoot most of the technology problems you may have. And finally, be sure to view the Computer Availability Monitors above the help desk to quickly find the locations of the unoccupied computers in the library.

And speaking of technology, let's hear from Amanda in the Bryan Information Commons to learn about the computers, software and equipment available for students to use.

Our library has a lot of great technology for students to use. We have mediascapes and eno boards that enable students to plug in their laptops and easily display their screens to collaborate with classmates. We also have a lot of great software on our computers. This includes Movie Maker, iMovie, Adobe Acrobat, Creative Suite, Final Cut, SPSS, Microsoft Project and more. Printers and photocopiers are located throughout the building. You can use either your CINO card or cash for these machines. In addition, you can use our photocopiers to scan documents to email and there's no cost for this service.

In addition to that technology, we also have portable equipment as well as books and media available for checkout.
You can visit the circulation desk here on the first floor of the library to check out equipment. We have laptops, MacBooks, iPads, cameras and video cameras, as well as headphones, voice recorders, webcams, tripods, calculators, drawing tablets and more. All of this equipment can be checked out overnight and it can be renewed two times before it needs to be returned. You can also check out other items at this desk. Both books and media materials can be borrowed for 21 days at a time a renewed twice after that. There is no limit to the number of books and media materials that students may check out at one time. We also have four self-checkout machines that enable you to check out items yourself. Simply place the items on the table and swipe your card. Make sure the information on the screen is correct and press “Sign Out” to print your receipt. Finally, if you'd like to read any of our print journals, magazines or newspapers, you'll find them here on the first floor of the Kimbel Library.

Thanks Brady. Did you know that the Kimbel Librarians also offer research consultations and credit courses? Here's Margaret to tell us more.

I'm here on the second floor of the Bryan Information Commons where students can come for help with their research assignments. We're always happy to help students find information resources, plan a research strategy, and conduct catalog and database searches. We accept both drop in and scheduled research appointments. If you'd like to schedule a research consultation with a librarian, simply visit our website and fill out the Book a Librarian form. We will respond to your request for a research consultation within 24 business hours and you'll have the opportunity to learn at your own speed and in your own time. Finally, if you'd like to learn more about the skills needed to conduct research you can enroll in one of Kimbel Library's credit courses. These courses focus on advanced research strategies and the research process with the goal of making you a more efficient and effective researcher.

Thanks Margaret. Now here's Bryan to tell us about the services offered on the second floor of Kimbel Library.
The second floor of Kimbel Library is our quiet study space where students can study independently at study carrels. It's also where all of our books are located. We have a few different collections of books. The largest is the main collection, or Main Stacks, as it’s referred to in our online catalog, which consists of literature and research across the curriculum. We also have special collections, including juvenile books and Horry County school textbooks. Early Childhood Education majors will also be able to find teaching materials such as puppets and children's games. The Horry County Archives is also located on the second floor of Kimbel Library in the Waccamaw Room. This is where local historical documents such as letters, land deeds, and other records are housed. These materials exist on print and on microfilm and a digitization project is currently underway to make these materials available online.

As you have seen, Kimbel Library and Bryan Information Commons have a lot to offer. We're open 24/7 during the fall and spring semesters so stop by anytime. We’re here to help!