How to Register and Use Your Bear Necessity Card

To gain access to library resources, students should visit the library to complete a registration form and have your card activated. Once activated, your Bear Necessity Card will be used as your library card. Your library card must be activated to utilize the library’s online resources (databases).

**Library Barcode**: To gain access to the library’s databases and other electronic resources use your MSU Bear Necessity Card. If you do not have a Bear Necessity Card, contact the Bear Necessity Card Center.

When accessing a database or e-journal, you will be prompted to fill in Your ID/Barcode and Your Last Name.

Your ID/Barcode is found on the back of your Bear Necessity Card. **Don't use letters. If your ID number is A22058123456789A then use 22058123456789 as your username.**

Username Example: 22058004565678

Enter your last name with the **first letter capital and remaining letters lowercase**. This is case sensitive and won't work if you don't type your name correctly. Use spaces, dashes, and apostrophes if your last name includes them.

Password Example: Doe

Password Example: Doe-Jones

Password Example: De Leon

Password Example: McNaughton