

Multimedia and Mobile Possibilities for Research and Teaching

DID YOU KNOW Alkek Library collects a spectrum of online media formats enabled for mobile devices? This ranges from online streaming digital video to a vast array of electronic journal articles and eBooks. In our fast-paced digital world, these options mean expanded access possibilities online from listening to academic articles to streaming research documentaries. For students' and professors' busy lives, this opens new time for research and learning while commuting, working out, or walking around campus.

Let's take a disciplinary example: researching the Roman Stoic philosopher, Marcus Aurelius. Download **articles** or **eBooks** directly to your mobile device from the library's search page. From the **Ebsco Databases**, you can translate **HTML articles** to later listen to as MP3s on an Android, iPhone, or tablet. The **text-to-speech reader** offers British, American, or Australian accents, and articles may be heard at slow, medium, or high speed-reading paces.

Similarly, searching the library's catalog for streaming media yields a variety of **videos** viewable through a mobile device, from Stoic ethics to first century Roman Empire history. Many streaming videos feature accompanying annotations, enabling researchers to pinpoint relevant sections in long documentaries or mini-series. The library also subscribes to a wealth of

interdisciplinary visual image databases. In the **Artstor database**, "Marcus Aurelius" yields 874 annotated images from commemorative columns and military maps to coins and architectural monuments. The opportunity is there for on-the-move students and busy scholars to avail themselves of a range of different media and research options.

Multimedia and mobile searches may be

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