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Learning Resource Center annual report shows increased digital usage of Library

by Malcolm Brantz, Director

INTRODUCTION: Locally and nationally, libraries tend to keep the same type of figures tracking activities for the year. Our ACC figures are collected from June 1, 2006 through the end of May 31, 2007, to capture the "academic" versus Colorado's fiscal year time frame. We compare each year's figure with the previous year to see how we are doing.



Overall, our activities have remained fairly constant with the steady increase of online digital text resources and slightly decreased face-to-face services. This is most dramatically reflected in circulation of print journals compared to use of online full text journals. In 1997, we circulated 12,197 journals to patrons. In 2007 print journals circulated only 240 times. In 1997 patrons

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Library awarded grant for materials on behalf of the Early Childhood Education Resource Center



ACC Library's Lisa Grabowski receives a check from Ken Gardunio of Meadow Gold.

Photo by Craig Ferguson

"This will really help us move forward," Linda Forrest, Program Coordinator of ACC's Early Childhood Education Department, said about the news that Meadow Gold, the dairy products company, had awarded a \$250 grant to the Department's Early Childhood Education Resource Center.

Lisa Grabowski, Public Services Librarian, had written the grant application, which was submitted in May. In almost no time, ACC received the good news and Meadow Gold sales manager Ken Gardunio came in person to present the award to the Library.

The money will be used by the Library to

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ACC Phi Theta Kappa partners with Library

A proposal by ACC's Sigma Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa to partner with the ACC Library was recently accepted by the Library.

The Library's partnership with Sigma Phi will include funding the chapter from proceeds of the Library's used book sale. Sigma Phi members will assist in staffing and advertising of the sale.



Funding from book sales will be used for chapter officers to attend meetings and conventions for leadership development and for

follow-through of the chapter's scheduled service programs for the year. Book sale funds would also be used for supplies, registration fees, service and scholarly projects.

Included in the partnership would be Sigma Phi's assistance to the Library through volun-

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used electronic databases 5,616 times; in 2007 that figure had jumped to 76,923. Most academic libraries are experiencing the same trends.



COLLECTIONS: Our services and collections continue to become digital versus print, and easier to access by students and faculty. It takes time to maintain these new digital services. The best example has been incorporating over 7,400 electronic

books into our online catalog listing of printed books. Patrons can search either our ebook Web site (NetLibrary) or just search our online catalog for all books. A library team worked on this project, which required five actions for each of the 7,400 ebook records. ACC Library added 1,206 print volumes while withdrawing 684. We focused withdrawals (over 60 titles) this year on nursing in order to ensure that section was up-to-date. Our microform collections continue to exist with little usage.

VIDEOS MOVED: A major change in the past year, which improved our student and faculty services, was relocating the video collection from the Media Center (which didn't have a suitable circulation system) to the Library and its online circulation system. We have better control over the videos and our new Technical Services librarian has redone the video call numbers using the same system used for books. The revised

call numbers took a lot of time and pays off daily when trying to find videos. Due to the greater control over video materials, we are going to be purchasing more self-help videos for math and other topics, which permits both future and current students a chance to do some self-tutoring (some might even call this life-long learning) with quality materials. Currently we shelve the 45 audiobooks in the same area as videos. This fall, we plan to move the audio books out to a public area providing browsing access.

POPULAR INTERNET COMPUTERS: Finally, we want to thank Technical Support Services (TSS) for helping with the installation of a high-speed telephone line being used by the 12 public access computers behind the Reference Desk. These popular computers do not require a logon. We are a public library and these computers can be used by the community at large. Some libraries take time to issue logons and passwords to the general public. We are not staffed for the extra workload.

DATABASE USE INCREASES: The largest increase this year, as in the past three years, has been use of online databases. We were up 14.7 percent over last year to 67,058. ProQuest full-text articles continues to be ACC's most popular at 36,275 uses, followed by EBSCOhost with 19,813. These increases in digital materials are reflected in reduced use of print journals. Each year the library spends a larger percentage of its materials budget on digital re-



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**Hours of Operation—Fall Semester
 Library, Media Center and
 Open Computer Lab**

Library

Mon.–Thu.: 7:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m...Fri: 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Sat.: 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m...Sun.: 1:00–5:00 p.m.

Media Center

Mon.–Thu.: 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m...Fri.: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Sat.: 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Open Computer Lab

Mon–Thu: 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m...Fri: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Sat.: 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m...Sun.: 1:00–5:00 p.m.

Audiobooks, ebooks, DVDs, videos are a-changin' at the Library

by Ed Sadowski, Librarian

The Library keeps transforming itself under our very own eyes. Whether you are a regular user or if you haven't been to the Library for a few months, you'll be greeted by some new and different things, technologically speaking.

Let's get you up to speed, as our library zooms across another interesting year.

Audiobooks: heard a good book lately?

You may know them as talking books or books on tape. Our catalog understands them as *audiobooks*. Simply type in "audiobooks" in our online catalog and voila! a listing of our audiobooks.

We did a survey as well as researched what audiobooks are popular, so we are adding a broad range of audiobooks for every interest and taste, whether you want to learn or be entertained.

The audiobooks are available in regular CD format as well as MP3. Some sample titles: *The Da Vinci Code*, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, *Fast Food Nation*, poetry books, and several diet books. Currently you'll have to ask for the audiobooks at the Circulation (Checkout) Desk, but by Spring Semester the audiobooks will be in their own section by the music CDs (which are by the New Book section, near the Reference Desk).

NetLibrary ebooks: find 'em, read 'em at home

We've had electronic books available from NetLibrary for some time. NetLibrary is the Boulder company that has touted itself as the world's largest provider of electronic books. Unfortunately, being a pioneer is not easy, and several years ago NetLibrary filed for bankruptcy. Fortunately, the company was bought out by Ohio-based Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), a nonprofit organization that primarily does computer cataloging for libraries and is the creator of the WorldCat library megacatalog.

Ebooks are scanned electronic versions of printed books. Now we've integrated listings of these electronic books into our online catalog. In other words, when you do a search for a book, in addition to print books, any available

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Frequently asked questions

Q. What is an ebook?

A. Ebooks are electronic versions of printed books, accessible via the Internet. These books have been scanned in their entirety, so you see them the same way as if you were holding them in your hands.

Q. What is NetLibrary?

A. NetLibrary, www.NetLibrary.com, is one of the largest providers of electronic books for libraries. ACC's NetLibrary collection provides access to over 7400 titles in a wide range of subject areas. Also, thousands of titles are available from other NetLibrary collections after registering with the other libraries. You can search across the ebooks or conduct a search within a particular title. Click *Help* in NetLibrary to see all the features available.

Q. Do I need a password to use NetLibrary?

A. Yes, like our Library's other subscription services, a password is used for NetLibrary for off-campus access. It's a little different with NetLibrary in that you first have to register with NetLibrary and create your own password. You must first register on a computer in the Library computer lab. (Go to the *Online Books* link on the ACC Library home page, www.arapahoe.edu/lrc, click *NetLibrary*, then *Create a Free Account* at the top of the screen in the NetLibrary home page). Creating a new account automatically logs you in to NetLibrary.

Q. Are ebooks listed in the ACC library online catalog?

A. Yes, ebooks in the ACC collection are listed with the print books in the ACC Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC). Clicking the ebook link will take you to the ebook. Other libraries may have their ebooks listed in their online library catalogs and also are listed in the OCLC FirstSearch database on our library homepage.

Q. Are audio ebooks available?

A. The ACC ebooks collection does not include audiobooks. Other library ebook collections have audiobooks, such as the Arapahoe Library District and Douglas County Libraries, which can be accessed if you register with those libraries.

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teering of members' time and advertising. The Library can host or sponsor a speaker at the Phi Theta Kappa inductions. Another possibility for Sigma Phi to utilize the Library would be to host the satellite series screening and scholarly discussions of the topics presented. Another partnership opportunity will arise when Sigma Phi hosts the 2008 Regional Conference at ACC.

In a letter to Library director Malcolm Brantz, the organization explained its mission and functions as follows: "Phi Theta Kappa is an international organization dedicated to the hallmarks of scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service. These hallmarks are incorporated into everything we believe in and do for the community. As active members of our community, we thrive on opportunities for leadership development and service."

More information about the Sigma Phi chapter is on their Web page:
www.arapahoe.edu/studentsvcs/studentlife/PhiThetaKappa

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NetLibrary ebooks will also be displayed in the results list. You simply click on the link to the ebook, and you are taken to the book within NetLibrary, just as if you had gone to NetLibrary.com to do a search. You can still go to NetLibrary from our Library page or from NetLibrary.com to do a search exclusively for ebooks.

NetLibrary used to have electronic downloadable books, but those have been discontinued. We are looking for possibilities of making downloadable books available in the future.

If you want to find out more about our NetLibrary ebooks, take a look at our ebook FAQs on the previous page.

DVDs and videos

Some of the old technology (videos) is hanging on, barely, while the newer media (such as DVDs) are being added and gradually replacing the old.

The old math tutorial VHS tapes have been replaced by DVDs, and all new purchases are strictly DVD. The videos that we have retained have been moved from the Media Center up to the Library, and have been reclassified (in other words, the videos have been given Library of Congress (LC) call numbers, just like the books and other materials that can be accessed from our catalog). Videos and DVDs can either be used in the Library only or circulate (lend out) for a very short time. Ask for them at the Circulation Desk.

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sources and evaluates various new digital products.

MIXED CIRCULATION FIGURES: Circulation for the collection was down by 2.2 percent to 15,332 items. A closer look reveals that books and articles placed on reserve by faculty circulated more—by nearly five percent, or 4,882. Video circulation was down because there was more group use of the videos by nurses. Print periodical use continued its downward trend, as noted above. We continue to be the leading community college in Colorado for providing interlibrary loans (ILL) to other libraries at 548 items. Statistics show ILL (print-based service) decreased by 14.6 percent from last year.

MEDIA CENTER GAINS: The scheduling of Media Center equipment was down to 3,497 requests. The decrease of 16 percent actually reflects the availability of more smart classrooms, which provide greater equipment reliability to faculty. The Media Center's operating budget was increased by nearly \$50,000 this past year. The Media Center is responsible for repair and maintenance of smart classrooms, made possible by the increased budget.

STAFFING: In November of this year, Justin Sewell was hired as the Technical Services Librarian. Craig Ferguson was moved from half-time to full-time classified as the Media Center's Media Specialist I. Ann Priestman was hired as a part-time Reference Librarian and Archivist. Daryle Schneider was hired as a Technical Professional in the Library in June of 2006. The Learning Resource Center currently has three full-time and two half-time librarians, 2.5 classified staff and one administrative position plus a number of very valuable student workers.

The complete "LRC Statistics" for the year are available to anyone interested in seeing them. Please e-mail Malcolm Brantz (malcolm.brantz@arapahoe.edu) for the document.

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purchase books and other materials for students in the Early Childhood Education program. The materials were recently moved from the Department's Center to the Library to provide greater access and convenience for students.

The Early Childhood education program prepares for careers in a variety of settings for early childhood care and education for children, from birth to age eight.

More information is available on the Department's Web page, www.arapahoe.edu/deptprgrms/ecp, or call 303.797.5784.