Summary:

The 2016 academic year saw a steady increase in gate count throughout the Spring semester. The library’s outreach efforts, including information literacy instruction, have begun to draw in the student body. Changes in both the library’s facilities and collections have contributed to greater student use of the space. Primary areas for growth in the next academic year include increased instruction sessions, more welcoming facilities, more points of contact for research assistance, as well as the continued planning for the college archives.

Library Overview

Library Hours

The Library was open a total of 70.5 hours a week during the semester, according to the following schedule:

- Monday – Thursday 8am – 9pm
- Friday 8am – 5pm
- Saturday 1pm – 5pm
- Sunday 3:30pm – 9pm

Facilities

McKinstry Library provides 41 computer work stations and a multi-media station. This year, the Library has utilized the Layman Gallery to host outreach events for students, as well as a book sale during National Library week. The upper floor has been repurposed into a quiet study floor since the Academic Success Center moved to its new location.

Collection

- Print monographs: 31,467
- eBooks: 136,735
- Electronic databases: 26

Library Use

Circulation stats (charges):

AY15: 692
AY16: 847
Gate count:

**Ave. gate count per days open - 2016**

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**eResource Usage Stats**

LibGuides: 37 Guides, 2161 views for FY16

Databases: 60793 total searches across all databases

**Services**

Reference assistance: 180 library-related interactions (est. based on 2 week average)

Classroom Instruction: 11 sessions, totaling 210 student participants

Research Consultations: 8 recorded consultations

**Outreach**

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Highlights of FY2016

- Hired student worker, 10 hours/week
- Substantially improved online Research Guides (LibGuides)
- Increased Library outreach activities and events
- Finals Week: Extended Hours (Late Night at the Library)
- Initiated overdue deselection project (ongoing)

Overview of Goals and Objectives for FY17

Goal: Create a welcoming environment for all patrons

- Create study zones throughout the Library to accommodate varied preferences for study environment
- Create a welcoming lobby space
- Purchase or acquire more inviting furniture for several spaces in the Library
- Continue outreach activities and events

Goal: Ensure access to resources

- Make popular periodicals more accessible to patrons
- Highlight new monograph purchases /encourage circulation of print collection
- Write policies, create forms for College Archive
- Create webpage for College Archive
- Learn and implement ARCHON (archival management software)
- Introduce user-friendly navigation and features to website
- Create a seamless Interlibrary Loan process and related procedures
- Increase contact points for students to get research assistance when needed

Goal: Promote information literacy and life-long learning

- Repurpose Layman Gallery into Library classroom space
- Create a virtual tour of the library with the Normal campus students as a particular audience
- Create a self-guided tour of the Library that uses innovative technology to engage students