



NJIT Libraries 2015/2016 Annual Report

Robert W. Van Houten Library

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New Jersey Institute of Technology

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Dear Colleagues, Students & Friends of the NJIT Libraries

In May 2016, we mourned the loss of our beloved University Librarian, Richard T. Sweeney.

Rich's career at NJIT began in 1995 with a bundle of files and a presentation that commenced with "I have an idea for a 'Library in a Box!'" Dr. Bloom, who hired Rich, said, "Richard was one of the easiest interviews I ever had. He had already been vetted by all of the appropriate people. The job was his if he said "yes" and in May 2016 Rich shook hands with Dr. Bloom as he received his meritorious service award for 20 years of service at NJIT.



For the past 20 years, Rich continued with more ideas, ideas that he shared with NJIT's administrators and colleagues

including his library cohorts throughout the world. Rich was a visionary researcher on the Millennials and a trailblazer in the advancement of electronic and digital library systems, information literacy, "smart" buildings, and new multi-media teaching methods.

Throughout his career in librarianship, Rich served on many committees and presented and lectured nationally and internationally. During his tenure at NJIT, Rich was proudest of his research on the Millennials, including his most notable presentation to a global UNESCO audience at one of the oldest libraries in the world, the Bibliotheca Alexandria in Egypt in 2008.

Dr. Sohair Wastaway, the current Dean of Libraries at Florida Institute of Technology and former Chief Librarian for the Library of Alexandria in Egypt said: "He [Rich], without a doubt, was the highlight of the conference." She went on to say "Rich shaped my approach to library management and his support



has been a principle to my success in building one of the world's largest public research libraries. I value him as a colleague and a mentor."

Rich served with excellence on the Virtual Academic Library Environment (VALE) of New Jersey's Executive Board and had a strong commitment to shaping NJ academic libraries to be efficient and essential resources for their unique communities.

Rich's graciousness enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with him. He was much loved and respected by his family, friends, and colleagues. We will miss his leadership, loyalty, sense of humor and, most of all, his wisdom.

Fiscal Year 2016 in Review

With economical negotiation strategies, the NJIT Libraries were able to fund some new resources recommended by faculty and vetted by the

librarians. The most notable resource is a subscription to **Ebrary's Academic Complete** from ProQuest, an ebook collection containing more

than 135,000 scholarly books from leading publishers around the world on a variety of subject areas. These ebooks can be borrowed for

Fiscal Year 2016 in Review *continued*

online reading or downloaded for anytime, anywhere offline use with your UCID.

Other new online resources included “*The Secrets of Branding*” streaming video series, *SBRnet*, *Statista*, *JSTOR II and III*. View the library’s webpage to learn more about these additions.

Currently, the libraries provide access to 168,107 ebooks (43% of the collection), an increase of 83% from the previous year, and 222,461 print items (57% of the collection).

As reliance on electronic resources increases, use of print books continues to decline and is deemed by librarians as taking up valuable space. Space that can be transformed to create an environment that is centered around students’ needs and that supports their individual and group learning experiences.

Use of the library space continues to increase. At the Van Houten Library students are asking for more group study rooms even though more study spaces were added to the new buildings on campus. During FY2016, the 13 group study rooms were borrowed 8,089 times,

a 7% increase from the previous year and the Van Houten Library was visited 412,274 times, a 2% increase over the previous year.

ILLiad, a resource sharing management system used to manage interlibrary loan continues to be efficient and produces better outcomes. Requested articles are delivered within a 24-hour turnaround time. Using ILLiad, a new Document Delivery Service was implemented, where the scanned articles and book chapters from the NJIT-owned print collection were delivered within a 24-hour turnaround time.

The reference librarians implemented a new program called *Savvy Researcher* to encourage more collaborations between faculty and librarians. The program helps increase the visibility of the faculty’s publications and impact of their work worldwide.

The Littman Library received a \$15,000 grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission to continue to develop the Digital Archive of Newark Architecture (DANA) project. The Littman Library was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for Commitment to Students. We congratulate our library director, Maya Gervits, who was a recipient of an Excellence in Teaching Award

in the category of Outstanding Contribution to Teaching at NJIT by Non-Instructional Staff and was also nominated for a Board of Overseers Excellence in Service Award.

Academic libraries are positioned to become all-in-one spaces for creating, consuming, experiencing, learning, and sharing knowledge. The VALID project was to advance the teaching, learning and research activities of New Jersey’s higher education community by implementing a single, shared, open source, library management system that would allow NJ academic libraries to coordinate and promote resource sharing of both print and digital resources. Unfortunately, the VALID project was suspended indefinitely in May 2016 due to the uncertainty of the newer Quali OLE software coupled with Rutgers University’s reluctance to commit to the project using the OLE software. The VALE consortium hopes to be ready to restart given more favorable circumstances in the near future.

Your comments and feedback are always welcome at ahoang@njit.edu.

ANN D. HOANG,
INTERIM UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

E-book Collection

The libraries’ ebook collection continues to expand with new resources. In October 2015 the library purchased ASTM Compass, an e-format for ASTM International Standards, for the same price as the printed version. In May 2016 the librarians collectively decided to expand access to electronic books by subscribing to the ProQuest’s Ebrary Academic Complete collection. This collection contains over 135,000 scholarly ebooks from leading publishers around the world.

The ProQuest/EBL patron driven acquisition ebook collection contains over 20,000 ebooks and continues to provide a valuable and unique strategy for accessing and purchasing on-demand titles with a limited fiscal budget.

Embracing acquisition efficiency and easy to use workflow for the end-users,

ProQuest merged the EBL and Ebrary systems into one platform and named it **ProQuest Ebook Central**. With this new platform, NJIT students, faculty and staff have seamless access to over 155,000 ebook titles that are available from several purchasing models e.g. owned, on-demand

and subscription. These ebook titles can be read online or downloaded to an eReader that supports Adobe Digital Editions for anytime-anywhere offline use. Also, titles can be downloaded to devices like iPads or iPhones using the Bluefire applications.

Ebook Collection	eBook Title	PDFs Retrieved	FY2015 Usage	FY 2016 Usage
ASM Handbooks Online (Jul–Dec 2015)	28	-	1,545	1,672
ASTM Compass (Nov 2015–Jun 2016)	82	-	-	447
Knovel Handbooks Online	797	2,628	1,199	1,039
Springer’s Lecture Notes in Comp. Sci.	10,845	21,325	-	1,108
ProQuest Ebook Central	155,866	116,602	5,369	4,888
Synthesis eBook Collection for Engineering & Computer Science	489	-	140	169
Total	168,107	140,555	8,253	9,323

Ebook Patron Driven Acquisition (PDA) Program

The ProQuest/EBL patron driven acquisitions (PDA) electronic book model continued to drive the selection of material accessed and purchased at NJIT. PDA continues to be a valuable tool augmenting the library's collection development strategy. PDA includes materials tailored to course curricula and anticipated demand by library patrons. New titles were added each month using a predetermined and customized collection development profile.

The EBL/ProQuest ebook expenditure was \$33,919 with \$21,004 from loans and \$11,582 from auto-purchases.

The average cost to borrow an ebook was \$34 compared to \$36 in the previous year. The average cost to purchase an ebook was \$132 compared to \$99 in the previous year. The library would have to spend approximately \$235,884 of the library's materials budget if we had to purchase all the unique ebook accessed (1,787) using the average price.

Top 5 Most Accessed Subjects	FY2016
Computer Science/IT	581
Architecture	545
Business/Management	471
Social Science	197
Mathematics	192

Top 5 Most Accessed Ebooks	FY2016
Project Management: A Systems Approach to Planning, Scheduling & Controlling	195
A Global History of Architecture	183
The Architect's Studio Companion: Rules of Thumb for Preliminary Design	79
Entrepreneurial Finance: Strategy, Valuation, and Deal Structure	75
Learning Python Network Programming	64

ProQuest/EBL Ebook Program	FY2012*	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Owned titles available	576	650	702	925	1,021
PDA titles available	28,593	10,317	23,363	26,799	20,119
Total titles accessed	5,303	6,864	6,366	5,369	4,888
Unique titles accessed	926	1,286	1,046	1,537	1,787
Total auto-purchased titles	-	51	50	43	89
Total direct purchased titles	-	21	2	175	18
Unique patrons accessed ebooks	-	-	-	1,059	1,107
Total budget expended	\$16,921	\$23,980	\$21,236	\$38,546	\$33,919
Estimated value of unique titles accessed using FY2016 average cost \$132 per title	\$131,300	\$144,594	\$137,092	\$152,148	\$235,884
% Sciences titles accessed	54%	58%	66%	50%	54%
% Social Sciences & Humanities titles accessed	36%	25%	21%	23%	29%
% Architecture & Arts titles accessed	10%	17%	12%	27%	17%

* Inception of the Patron Drive Acquisition (PDA) Program

Reference Services & Instruction

This year, the Van Houten Reference Librarians introduced a new program called Savvy Researcher: Create and Manage Your Online Scholarly Presence. A professional online presence allows scholars to increase the visibility of their publications, to identify new colleagues, readers and potential collaborators worldwide, to increase the reach and impact of their work. The new program encourages faculty to collaborate with their librarian to create and manage their online identity on multiple platforms, such as Academia.edu, ResearchGate,

SCOPUS, Twitter, ORCID and to create authority control for their works under one identifier that can encompass variant forms of their name.

As part of the Savvy Researcher program, reference librarians also worked with Information Technology (IST) and faculty in importing their publications into the Faculty Insight database. Thanks to this work, reference librarians are invited presenters in the Provost's new faculty mentoring program beginning in fall 2016. As usual, we also provided independent cited reference reports to the P&T Committee on faculty

Savvy Researcher: Create & Manage Your Online Scholarly Presence



NJIT Presented by NJIT Library

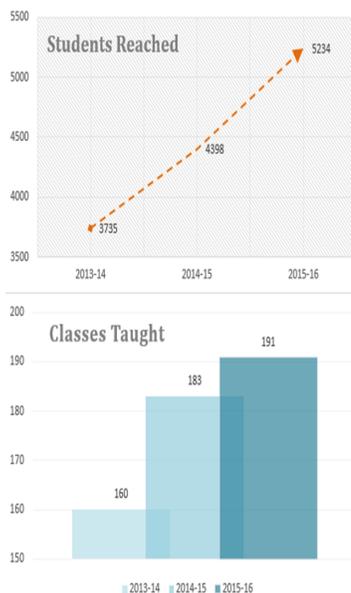
candidates and to various awards and search committees.

The reference librarians evaluated many new databases and recommended several within our budget, including SBRnet, Statista, JSTOR II and III, The Secrets of Branding video series and a ProQuest

Ebook Central subscription containing about 1345000 ebooks in all subject areas.

We conducted single workshops and vendor days to provide training in our sources and search tools to various user groups. One highlight was a visit by the American Chemical Society, arranged by Librarian Bruce Slutsky that attracted users and potential users of SciFinder in the lobby of Tiernan. We continue to train users on the fly who frequently need help identifying or locating sources, and especially in using the interlibrary loan service.

Information Literacy



Ongoing assessment of the Research Roadmaps continues to document the success of the program with 65% student respondents agreeing that the program is of value and should be continued. About 73% of Roadmaps students who responded felt they benefitted from the workshop with the librarian present. Unfortunately, about 30% of the students never complete the assignments.

Can the burden of direct assessment of information literacy be lightened? NJIT

librarians say yes. When the information literacy (IL) portion of the assignment is graded by a librarian, it can do double duty for program assessment. Joe Mercuri, librarian for the College of Computer Science, created and delivered an assignment, instruction, student feedback and grades in a program based on the Roadmaps model, and designed to reinforce information literacy and citation skills in an upper division required course for all CS, IS, and IT majors. A portion of the IL assignment grade was used

for program assessment. At the end of the term, the IL 'grade' was used to compute IL competence before and after the intervention. Results showed that students who revised the assignment following the librarian's feedback and instruction session, on average increased their scores by 11%. This assignment is a good refresher course on citing references in APA format and reinforces concepts learned in Research Roadmaps assignments taken in Humanities classes at the freshman level.

Research Guides

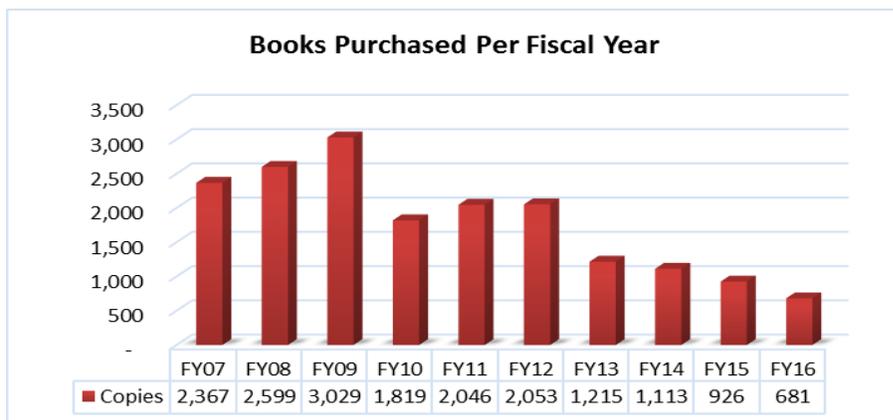
LibGuides, renamed as ResearchGuides at NJIT are course specific webpages created by the librarians in support of the information literacy program and course curriculum. It continues to provide quick and useful information for students, faculty

and staff. During FY2016 ResearchGuides were accessed 43,557 times from 166 guides with September 2015 having the most views at 6,865. The Research Roadmaps guide continues to be the top viewed guide for the fourth consecutive year.

Top 5 Guides Viewed During FY2016	Views
Research Roadmaps	7,865
How to Evaluate Information Sources	3,420
Understanding Citations	3,113
ME215 Research Guide	2,479
Find a Book in the NJIT Library	2,104

Print Book Purchases

The librarians continued to obtain needed resources including print books to support the teaching and research needs of NJIT students and faculty. During FY2016 the library spent \$80,134 to purchase 681 print copies with an average cost of \$144 per book compared to \$132 per book in FY2015. The purchasing of print books continues to decline, a 26% decrease from the previous year.



VALID Project: VALE Open Library System

In May 2016, the VALE Executive Committee recommended to suspend the VALID project indefinitely in its current form i.e., with the Quali OLE software. The recommendation to suspend the project was made based on the following rationales:

1. Uncertainty of the newer OLE software version and it may be completely different from the current version OLE 2.0.
2. OLE commitment and acceptance of VALE as a potential member to OLE.
3. Acknowledgement of Rutgers reluctance to commit to the VALID project using the OLE software.

The implementation team did a lot of work, addressed a lot of issues and tested the depth of many unknown voids over the last couple of years.

There was strong support for the VALID principles and vision but no further proposal to use an alternative software, open source or proprietary, to continue the VALID project. VALE hopes to be ready to restart given more favorable circumstances in the near future.



Library Self-Help Answer Service

The library's self-help answer service for frequently asked questions is a natural language, web-based self-service software system that automatically answers questions concerning library services, accessible from the library homepage.



	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Questions Asked	10,702	9,155	6,147	3,659	5,586
Response Rate	74.60%	88.96%	93.24%	87.64%	86.7%
Average Questions per Day	29	25	17	10	15
Most Common Question Asked	How do I find articles on my topic?	How do I cite my sources?	How do I find out if there is full text of a known article in a specific journal?	What databases does the library subscribe to?	How do I launch Rosetta Stone?

Circulation Services

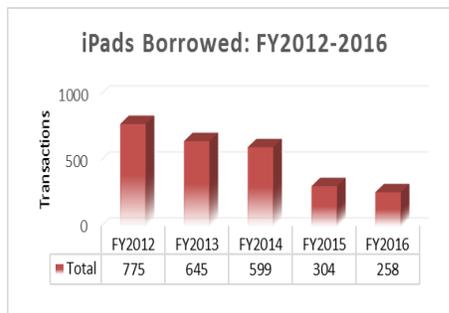
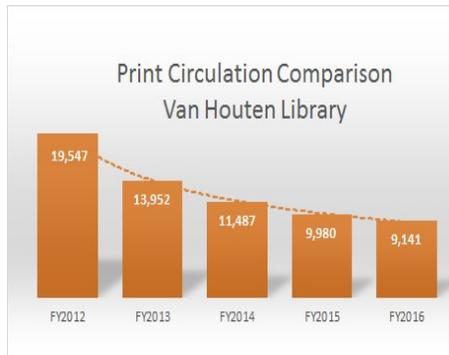
Libraries continue to evolve and transition from print centered buildings to electronic focused collections, yet still continue to be a place to do research, study, and collaborate.

The Van Houten Library has continued to examine library spaces to find ways to provide more areas for students to gather together for study. We have converted former meeting rooms and shelving areas into study spaces. The moveable tables on wheels that we added last year have proved very popular.

Many students prefer using white boards to the older blackboard/chalk model. The library now has five study rooms with white boards; soon white boards will be in all of our group study rooms.

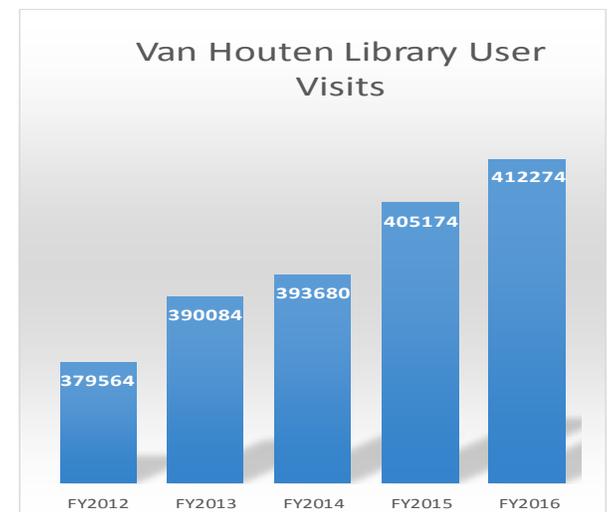
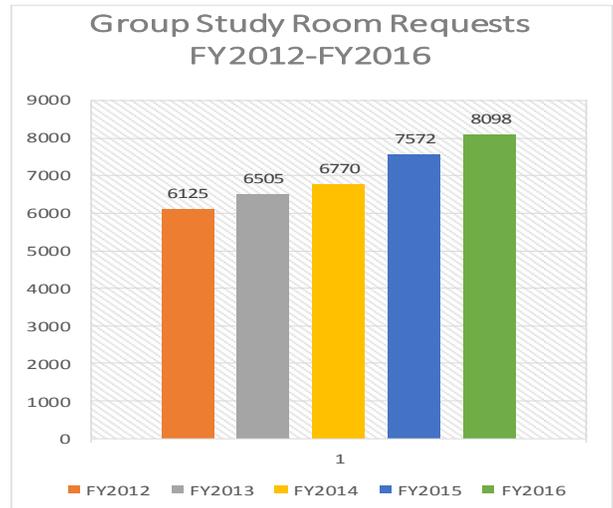
All coin public photocopy machines have been removed from the library. Students can now copy, as well as print, from the printers available in the information commons lab.

During FY2016 students and



faculty borrowed the iPads a total of 258 times to access various library resources, webpages, social media sites and available apps.

The circulation staff is changing. We said goodbye to Library Assistant I Maria Denaro in May, 2016. Maria has retired after 25 years of outstanding service at the library. Maria's replacement on the morning schedule is Mr. Chi-Eem Jones.





New Document Delivery Service!

- New FREE Service!
- Get a PDF of articles or book chapters from our own print collection.
- Available to all students, faculty and staff.
- For more information go to: <http://researchguides.njit.edu/ILLiad/>

Questions? Email us at lib_ill@njit.edu

Interlibrary Loan & Document Delivery

The Interlibrary Loan department successfully implemented the ILLiad Resource Sharing Management system. Statistics show that we supplied 1,771 total items (1,283 articles and 488 books) to fulfill requests from NJIT students, faculty, and staff. Statistics for FY2016 indicate that the new ILLiad management system has been more efficient and produced better outcomes. We supplied 593 more documents to the NJIT community than we did last year.

We filled 95% of requested articles routed through the RapidILL system. RapidILL is a rapid article delivery service, with less than a 24-hour turnaround time. We also introduced a new, free, Document Delivery service. This service provides a PDF of articles or book chapters from the library's own print collection. We supplied 242 items from our in-house collection. For more information about interlibrary loan and document delivery go to: researchguides.njit.edu/illiad

Electronic Theses & Dissertations (ETD)

There are 2,309 theses and dissertations out of approximately 6,000 available in electronic format as ETDs (Electronic Theses & Dissertations). From July 2015 to June 2016, 178 ETDs went live on the NJIT website. Researchers, students, and business people from around the world continue to find hits to our ETDs through Google and Yahoo searches and then get immediate access to full-text content through our NJIT ETD portal.

The charts contain the breakdown of how many theses and dissertations were added to the ETDs online portal within the last several fiscal years by the type of requests.

Reason	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Current T&D	194	62	109	133	105
ILL Request	4	6	1	-	1
Retrospective	-	2	10	5	65
Web Request	6	29	4	4	7
Total	204	99	124	142	178

View NJIT's ETDs
at
library.njit.edu/etd/

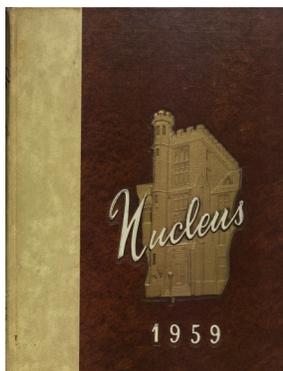
Requestor Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
ETD Project*	194	64	119	138	170
NJIT Alumni	2	10	-	1	2
NJIT Faculty	1	-	-	-	-
NJIT Staff	-	-	1	-	-
NJIT Student	-	3	1	3	2
Non-NJIT Faculty	1	-	-	-	-
Non-NJIT Staff	5	6	-	-	1
Other	1	16	3	-	3
Total	204	99	124	142	178

*The Requestor Type "ETD Project" is used for all ETDs with either "Current T&D" or "Retrospective" as the digitization reason.

Archives & Yearbooks

No new yearbooks were digitized during fiscal year 2016. However the database and web site were completely overhauled and reprogrammed resulting in a more modern friendly application.

<http://library1.njit.edu/archives/yearbooks/>



Littman Architecture & Design Library

The Littman Library's activities reflect the University goals and objectives as they have been outlined in the NJIT strategic plan "The 2020 Vision." Throughout 2015-2016 the Library has been working in close partnership with students, faculty and staff, as well as with our colleagues from various university divisions, to improve and expand its resources and services.

We have been exploring various ways to position ourselves as a source of information and inspiration, and an extension of the classroom using every interaction with our patrons as a teaching opportunity.

KUDOS

Maya Gervits,
Director of the
Littman Library,
received the
Excellence in Teaching
Award in Outstanding
Contribution to
Teaching at NJIT by
Non-Instructional
Staff for AY 2016!

COLLECTIONS

We continue to develop our collections of materials in various formats, trying to keep a balance between print and digital resources. In 2015-2016 we purchased 430 print books and another 204 came as donations. We introduced several new journals, uploaded more than 700 digital images, and integrated large shipments of materials samples. We were able to supplement our budget externally with several grants and donations, including one awarded by New Jersey Historical Commission to further develop the Digital Archive of Newark Architecture (DANA).

Library circulation of print books

remained on the level of the previous year, while our patrons also have access to numerous digital resources. Our goal is to create a hybrid, flexible space, a place to research, to learn, to connect, to showcase, to share, and to provide specialized, customized services. As many Libraries open themselves to new ideas, the Littman Library is also evolving. Last year we introduced "Music in the Library", which has since become popular and well attended. Accompanied by exhibits and online presentations, the concerts help to alleviate stress, improve students' exposure to music, link performed musical compositions to the subjects of their study and creative work in classes and studio, place them in a historical context and establish the Library as a place which offers cultural and educational opportunities often not possible within a curricular setting.

"Tea in the library" helped to promote library materials, encouraged informal conversations between students, faculty and librarians and created welcoming atmosphere.

To improve the Library Web presence, we continued to make our resources available via the Library website. The number of followers on Twitter increased by almost 30% and our

Facebook followers by almost 19%. We maintain close relations with the college alumni and work toward expanding our services for this group.

EXHIBITS

In 2015-2016 we presented the exhibition "Field Notes: Chicago. One Week of Photography Orbiting the Chicago Architectural Biennial" which featured photographs by alumni Tyler Tourville and John Cassidy and was curated by professor Prantis. Another show "Reuse and Renewal: the Second Life of the Making in the 21st Century" presented works by students in Prof. Penalba's class.

AWARDS

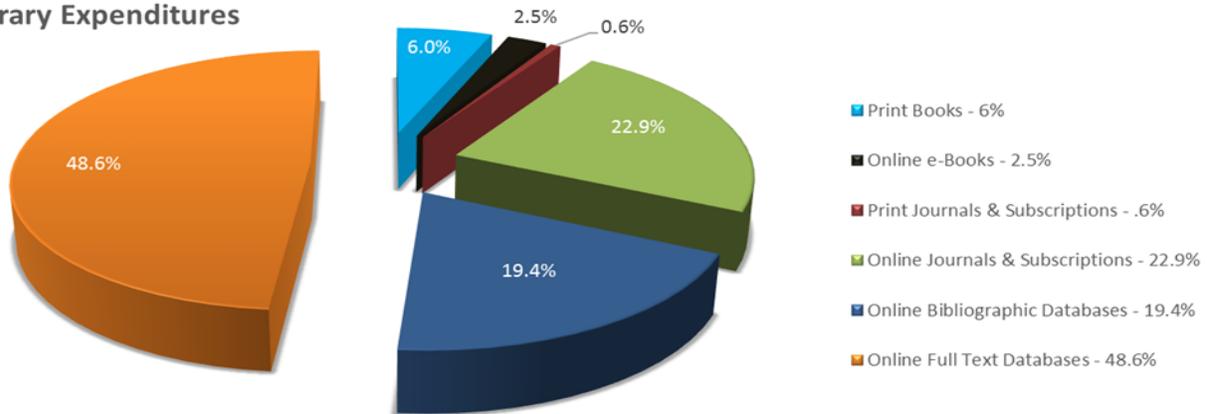
Students continue to be our main focus. Over the years the Littman Library has scored consistently high on various students surveys and in 2016 we were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for Commitment to Students. We are determined to continue our efforts in shaping the library as a place that satisfies our users' evolving information needs, provides opportunities for teaching and learning, and supports creative activities.



"Tea in the Library" event.

Key Statistics

Library Expenditures



93.4% of the materials expenditures are in electronic format.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Van Houten Library: hours open in a typical week	94.50	100.50	100.50	100.50	100.50
Van Houten Library: user visits to the Library	379,564	390,084	393,680	405,174	412,274
Littman Library: hours open in a typical week	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00
Littman Library: user visits to the Library	107,662	90,309	95,457	-	-
Circulation for Print Books : Van Houten & Littman Libraries	27,963	20,347	17,098	14,594	13,587
Circulation for Ebooks: Van Houten & Littman Libraries	-	-	-	8,253	9,323
Interlibrary Loan: borrowed materials	1,559	1,835	1,395	1,232	1,771
Interlibrary Loan: loaned materials	2,593	2,196	2,185	2,176	2,101
Document Delivery (NJIT owned print collection)	-	-	-	-	242
Total Number of Database Searches	-	-	594,545	923,777	874,546
Total Number of Full Text Article Accessed/Downloaded	-	240,048	263,609	307,625	292,784

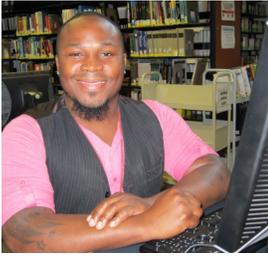
LIBRARY RESOURCES	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Total Journal Titles in Online Databases (purchased)	35,822	37,989	38,764	33,563	* 25,483
Total Journal Titles in Online Databases (not purchased)	33,565	32,143	22,695	23,878	* 29,808
Total Individual Journal Subscriptions	259	197	187	187	179
Total Individual Print Journals	76	77	71	59	57
Total Individual E-Journals	169	108	104	111	108
Total Print & E-Journals	14	12	12	17	14
Total Online Bibliographic Indexes	5	5	5	6	6
Total Online Full Text Databases	19	26	27	27	** 34
Total Ebook Volume Held	-	-	-	27,759	168,107
Total Print Volume Held	171,792	169,303	170,765	170,618	*** 222,461

* Data from some NJ State databases were included in count for purchased databases.

** Includes JerseyClicks databases provided by NJ State Library.

*** Includes bound journals not cataloged.

Staff Transitions



Chi-Eem Jones

PROMOTION: Chi-Eem Jones was promoted to Library Assistant I in June 2016. He previously worked in the Interlibrary Loan department as a Library Assistant II. Chi-Eem will be opening the library

Mondays through Fridays. He holds a Bachelor of Business Management Degree, and a Library Associate Training Institute certificate. Chi-Eem will be studying for his Master's Degree.



James Bussey

WELCOME: James Bussey joined the library in June 2016, and will be working in the Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery and Circulation departments as a Library Assistant II. James previously worked for nine years at the Free Library of Philadelphia as a

Digital Resources Specialist and managed the computer lab at his branch library. He also worked as a Library Assistant I, circulation. James is studying for an Associate's degree in General Studies.

GOODBYE: Maria Denaro, Library Assistant I, retired in May 2016 after 25 years of service. We will miss Maria's smiling face at the library's circulation desk.



Maria Denaro

Professional News

Ann Hoang continues to participate in VALE. She served as the chair the VALE Open Library System Implementation Task Force (VOIT), and was an active member of the VALE Open Library Systems Steering Committee (VOSC), and an active member of the VALE Website Committee and LibraryLinkNJ Website Advisory Task Force. In her role as chair of VOIT, Ann was asked to attend the Kuali Days 2015 Conference in November 2015. The conference provided the opportunity to speak with Kuali OLE leaders about the Open Library Environment (OLE)

software and to learn more about the unique benefits of other Kuali models, to network with colleagues from peer institutions who are using Kuali OLE to learn first-hand from their experience.

As part of professional development, Ann attended the 2016 ILLiad International Conference in March 2016. The conference provided high-level technical sessions to keep staff up to speed with new functionality and "in the trenches" programs for resource sharing staff of all types to use ILLiad more efficiently to deliver better

service. She attended several local workshops and webinars throughout the year, including "Dispelling Myths around Demand Driven Acquisitions Webinar" by Kari Paulson, VP and General Manager, Ebook, ProQuest. The webinar provided best practices and strategies for academic libraries to enhance their acquisition strategy encompassing print and electronic purchasing models for any library budget size.

Ann is a member of ALA, ACRL and LITA.



Ann Hoang
Interim University Librarian

Doreen Mettle participated in three planning meetings for Admission Open House, 2015-2016. She is the contact for VALE Reciprocal Borrowing

services, and for the LibraryLinkNJ statistical reports. She also joined the "Managing your print collection life cycle"

webinar presented by WorldShare, December, 2015. Doreen completed the ACRL and IPEDS Library surveys for FY2015.



Doreen Mettle
Director of Circulation and Interlibrary Loan

Professional News *continued*

David Scharf was active this year on the Committee on Undergraduate Education as a member of its Subcommittee reviewing the GUR. She set up the Moodle site and provided external research on the subject to committee members. She also participated as a member of the University's Program Assessment Committee and the Humanities Department's Writing Committee.

Beyond NJIT, she continued her information literacy research and was active on the ACRL User Education Committee. In her leadership role in the New Jersey Cross-Institutional Assessment of Information Literacy she conducted three separate training/norming sessions with librarians from Rutgers and Rider University in her assessment method.

David Scharf and SoM faculty

member Ellen Thomas presented A Practical Assessment of Business Research & Writing: Metrics and Methods (90 minutes) at the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Assessment Conference in Charlotte, NC in March. Their work in obtaining data for Closing the Loop, received positive feedback and several follow-up inquiries on the work.



Davida Scharf
Director of Reference

Maya Gervits' article "Citation Analysis and Tenure Metrics in Architecture and Design-Related Disciplines", published in the May 2015 issue of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) Newsletter, was well accepted and she was invited by Art Documentation -- a peer-reviewed journal that covers topics of concern for librarians working within art and architecture history to write an expanded version which is to appear in the fall 2016 issue. Initiated in the spring of 2015, the concert series "Music in the Library" was featured in her article published in the June

2016 issue of the ACSA Newsletter. Maya facilitated several physical and virtual exhibitions that featured materials from the Library collections as well as creative work by CoAD students and alumni.

She continues to participate in the Association of Architecture School Librarians (AASL), Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA), and Society of Architectural Historians (SAH). She presented "Balancing the Irregularities of Citation Metrics in Tenure and Promotion of Faculty in Art, Architecture, and Design

Related Disciplines", at the AASL/ARLIS/VRA annual conference in Seattle (March 2016), served on the AASL Award Committee, chaired the society's Professional Development Committee, further developed "Professionals in Architecture Librarianship" research guide, and initiated the AASL's mentoring activities.

Maya received an Excellence in Teaching Award in the category of Outstanding Contribution to Teaching at NJIT by Non-Instructional Staff and was nominated for a Board of Overseers Excellence in Service Award.



Maya Gervits
Director, Littman Architecture
& Design Library

Joseph Mercuri is a member of the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee. He submitted a poster "Grading as Assessment Saves Time and Gets Results for the 2016 VALE Assessment Fair. Joe conducted library workshops for graduate students in Biomedical Engineering and Information Systems. He also assisted in a scavenger hunt assignment for Biology students to become more familiar with library resources.



Joseph Mercuri
Technical Reference Librarian

Haymwantee Singh attended the inaugural EBSCO User Group Meeting for EDS customers in Boston MA on May 9, 2016. She also attended the NASIG 31st annual conference, Albuquerque, NM on June 8, 2016. Haymwantee presented with Charlie Terng on March 22nd at an ISMTE Meeting. The topic was the Library's decision making process with regards to the acquisition of journals and other e-resources and your relationship with publishers.



Haymwantee Singh
E-Resources & Serials Librarian

Professional News *continued*



Charles Terng
Technical Reference Librarian

Charles Terng is a member of the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee. Along with colleague Haymwantee Singh, he presented at the March 2016 International Society of Managing & Technical Editors (ISMTE) meeting in NYC on the library's role in academic/research institutions. He is currently continuing his education at Rutgers University,

pursuing a Master's degree in Analytics & Data Science. He anticipates completing the program in the Fall.

Lisa Weissbard is a member of ALA, ACRL and NJLA. She is on the VALE Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee (BCMC).



Lisa Weissbard
Cataloging Librarian



Bruce Slutsky
Technical Reference Librarian

For 15 years, **Bruce Slutsky** has been the convener of the METRO Science and Medical Librarians Special Interest Group (Metropolitan New York Library Council). This year he organized the following four meetings: 1. Science Librarians Unconference at NYU which communicated with colleagues who met at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; 2. Research Forum – five librarians presented short

papers describing their research; 3. Institutional Repositories at Different Stages of Development; and 4. Systematic Reviews: Partnering with Researchers to Synthesize the Best Evidence. This year Bruce published Slutsky, B., & Aytac, S. (2016). Bibliometric Analysis and Comparison of Two STEM LIS Journals: Science & Technology Libraries and Issues in Science & Technology Librarianship (2005–2014).

Science & Technology Libraries, 35(2), 152-171. doi:10.1080/0194262X.2016.1171191. Bruce also ran the information search for the New Jersey Chemistry Olympics. He is a member of the American Chemical Society Division of Chemical Information.

Matt Brown continues to serve as a member of the NJLA CUS/ACRL - NJ Technology Committee. Presented a brief history of NJIT to an honors seminar using items from the Rare Book Room in the Fall . Conducted a year long investigation of institutional repositories with a group of staff and faculty. As part of his research he attended several webinars conducted for Bepress by staff and librarians from several of their member institutions as well as webinars on Metadata and institutional repositories conducted by Lyrisis. He also



Matthew Brown
Digital Projects Librarian

attended the Metro presentation "Institutional Repositories At Different Stages Of Development" in February.

Monica Kenzie is a member of ARLIS and ALA. This past March, she attended the joint ARLIS/ASL conference in Seattle. With \$13,500 awarded by the New Jersey Historical Commission for a project mini grant she wrote, the Littman Library was able to undertake the task of updating their Digital Archive of Newark Architecture from a series of webpages to a searchable database. To implement the project, she participated in several workshops at the Frick Art Reference Library and Hunter College to learn the Omeka web-publishing platform. The new



Monica Kenzie
Architecture, Art and Design
Library Specialist

database-driven site is expected to be live by the beginning of the Fall 2016 semester.

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