



NJIT Libraries 2016-2017 Annual Report

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Dear Colleagues, Students & Friends of the Libraries

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When NJIT opened its new library in 1992, the information landscape was at the pinnacle of change. The Atari 2600 was discontinued 15 years after entering the market. Microsoft released Windows 3.1 everywhere. For the first time in the US, CDs outsold audio cassettes. The internet was becoming dominant, and the library's primary role of providing access to information began to disintegrate.

Twenty-five years later, the Van Houten Library looks the same from the outside, but when students enter the front door, they enter a space that has been transformed into a digital age environment. Most of the books have been moved from the first floor, and in their place is an Information Commons filled with computers and an informal space with soft lounge chairs where a buzz of conversations fills the air. Students can be seen working on their laptops, and others are scrolling through their phones or collaborating with colleagues. The first floor of the library has been transformed into a place for people. The transformation reflects how the internet has changed the principle around how libraries design their presence.

Now, with information always a few clicks away, libraries have had to create a new role. Our librarians have done so by moving away

from physical books toward supporting students and faculty with electronic resources. The librarians are spending less time collecting physical materials and more time educating students on how to do research and use digital tools to enhance their educational experience. They also work in close collaboration with faculty in specific courses to provide tailored research help. The librarians are always aspiring to change their focus and strategies to be about advancing the mission of NJIT. The librarians have become more collaborative, creative and versatile in how they contribute to NJIT's strategic plans and goals, even if it means reskilling and rethinking their roles. It is evidenced in the activities we have accomplished throughout the year.

An Open and Affordable Textbook (OAT) Initiative was launched in collaboration with the Office of Digital Learning and support from the Institute for Teaching Excellence and the Office of the Provost. The initiative helps to reduce students' textbook costs by supporting faculty members in the adoption and modification of Open Educational Resources (OER) – which include teaching, learning and research resources that are free of cost to use and repurpose – as well as affordable course content. NJIT estimates this will save students over \$140,000 in the 2017-2018 academic year.



With support from the Office of the Provost, Office of Real Estate Development and Capital Operations, and the Student Senate, we were able to address numerous concerns and issues: expanding library hours until 3:00 am during finals, upgrading our electrical infrastructure, creating two new group study rooms on the third floor, adding new charging stations and lockers throughout the library, replacing lounge furniture on the first floor, designating a space for snacking and eating on the lower level of the library, and adding new digital signage by the circulation desk.

As always, the University Libraries welcome your support of our program and initiatives. Send your comments to ahoang@njit.edu.

ANN D. HOANG
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Open And Affordable Textbook Initiative

In collaboration with the Office of Digital Learning, the University Libraries jointly proposed and received financial support from the Office of the Provost to launch an Open and Affordable Textbook (OAT) initiative. The initiative aims to reduce the costs of textbooks for NJIT students through the use of open educational resources (OER). The goal is to develop a process that encourages and enables NJIT faculty to adapt low-cost materials in lieu of expensive textbooks. NJIT's OAT initiative:

- Encourages faculty and instructional staff to redesign courses with free or low-cost options in order to increase affordability for students.
- Provides support to faculty and instructional staff for implementing these approaches and engaging new pedagogical models for classroom instruction.
- Lowers the costs for students in order to contribute to their success, retention, and graduation.
- Raises awareness of OER within the NJIT community.
- Generate and shares "success stories" about the cost-savings for students.

As part of the initiative, twelve \$1,000 grants have been awarded to faculty who submitted proposals for the AY2017-2018 year and plan to reduce overall costs of textbooks for students by redesigning their courses using high quality OER content. NJIT estimates this will save students over \$140,000 in the 2017-2018 academic year. The Instructional Designer and Librarians have been working actively with many of the recipients to identify, vet, and incorporate these OERs into their courses. More information about the Open and Affordable Textbook Initiative can be viewed at <http://library.njit.edu/oat>.



NJIT also joined the **Open Textbook Network (OTN)** to advance the open textbook initiatives. OTN supports the Open Textbook Library, a searchable online catalog of complete textbooks available for faculty and students to freely use, adapt and distribute to best meet the needs of their courses. Open textbooks can be downloaded at no cost or printed inexpensively. NJIT is excited to be a part of this community of schools, universities, and institutions making a difference in higher education by addressing the growing concerns about educational affordability.

In the spring 2018 semester, the OTN staff will provide an on-campus, full day "train-the-trainer" and "faculty development" workshops. These workshops will focus on developing librarians and instructional designer to assist in cultivating strategies for advancing the use of OER, specifically openly licensed textbooks, to lessen the cost of these materials for students. The workshops will also help attendees gain expertise in helping faculty

Ebook Collection

The library continued to expand NJIT's access to the electronic book collection. The collection contains approximately 169,000 ebooks from leading publishers around the world that are available from several purchasing models, on-demand, owned and subscription. The collection continues to provide a valuable and unique strategy for accessing and purchasing on-demand titles with a limited fiscal budget for library materials. These titles can be read online or downloaded to an eReader that supports Adobe Digital Editions for anytime-anywhere offline use. Titles can also be downloaded to devices like the iPad or iPhone using the Bluefire applications.

Ebook Collection	eBook Title	PDFs Retrieved	FY2015 Usage	FY 2016 Usage	FY 2017 Usage
ASM Handbooks Online	28	-	1,545	*1,672	3,977
ASTM Compass	82	-	N/A	**447	863
Knovel Handbooks Online	884	6,120	1,199	1,039	726
ProQuest Ebook Central	155,865	199,032	5,369	4,888	7,800
Springer's Lecture Notes in Computer Science	11,643	99,854	N/A	1,108	1,799
Synthesis eBook Collection for Engineering & Computer Science	489	N/A	140	169	202
Total	168,991	305,006	8,253	9,323	15,367

* July– December 2015 usage data
** November 2015–June 2016 usage data

Ebook Patron Driven Acquisition (PDA) Program

The patron-driven acquisitions (PDA) electronic book model with patrons and librarians working in tandem continued to drive the selection of material accessed and purchased. New PDA ebooks were added each month using a predetermined and customized collection development profile. PDA includes materials tailored to course curriculums and anticipated demand by library patrons. PDA continues to be a valuable tool augmenting the library's electronic book collection development strategy.

The ProQuest expenditure for PDA was \$28,104 with \$14,972 from loans, \$4,204 from auto-purchases, and \$8,928 from direct purchases. The average cost to borrow an ebook was \$24 compared to \$34 in the previous year. The average cost to purchase an ebook was \$123 compared to \$132 in the previous year. The library would have to spend approximately \$373,182 of the materials budget if

we had to purchase all the unique ebook accessed (3,034) using the average price (\$123) per title.

ProQuest Ebook Central electronic books collection continues to be a success. Approximately 199,000 pdfs were retrieved from 7,800 titles accessed.

Top 5 Most Accessed Subjects	FY2017
Architecture	677
History	501
Business/Management	485
Computer Science/IT	454
Fine Arts	326

Top 5 Most Accessed ProQuest Ebooks	FY2017
A Global History of Architecture	395
Project Management: A Systems Approach to Planning, Scheduling and Controlling	267
Principles of Structural Design: Wood, Steel, and Concrete, Second Edition	103
Architecture of Change: Building a Better World	87
The Disability Rights Movement: From Charity to Confrontation	81

Ebook from ProQuest/EBL	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Owned titles	650	702	925	1,021	1,129
PDA (rental) titles	10,317	23,363	26,799	20,119	21,533
Subscription titles	-	-	-	134,725	144,504
Total titles accessed	6,864	6,366	5,369	4,888	7,800
Unique titles accessed	1,286	1,046	1,537	1,787	3,034
Total PDA (rental) titles borrowed	1,590	1,464	890	967	623
Total auto-purchased titles	51	50	43	89	30
Total direct purchased titles	21	2	175	18	77
Unique patrons accessed ebooks	-	-	1,059	1,107	1,584
Total budget expended	\$23,980	\$21,236	\$38,546	\$33,919	\$28,104
Estimated value of unique titles accessed using FY2017 average cost of \$123 per title	\$144,594	\$137,092	\$152,148	\$235,884	\$373,182
Sciences titles out of total titles accessed	58%	66%	50%	54%	45%
Social Sciences & Humanities titles out of total titles accessed	25%	21%	23%	29%	38%
Architecture & Arts titles out of total titles accessed	17%	12%	27%	17%	16%

Reference Services and Instruction

The reference staff continued to help users with face-to-face, email, and chat modes. They range from questions on the history of shorthand as a technology, to hydraulic fracking, CRISPR, head trauma, mass transportation technologies, standards and patents, marketing and entrepreneurship, as well as questions on educational psychology, advanced manufacturing, and many more.

Each liaison librarian continued to be embedded in subject-specific courses, in Moodle and in-person to deliver research help on specific assignments. An assessment of the effectiveness of the Roadmaps prior to this year was conducted and results continued to show an improvement in the average holistic information literacy score on freshman research papers.

To increase awareness of our research support services, the reference staff tested MailChimp to enhance communications with our various user groups. It enables each librarian to build and segment his database of users while at the same time enabling users the option of unsubscribing. So far, judicious use of this tool has resulted in positive responses, with few faculty and PhD students choosing to unsubscribe. In addition we hope that enabling pro-active chat and texting will help to increase the visibility of our virtual reference services. This will be implemented in 2017-18

with the installation of the LibAnswers product. These tools will help to increase the visibility of our virtual reference services.



We initiated a Literature Review Service to better serve new PhD students. We also produced a short video on the ORCID for NJIT scholars. Bruce Slutsky arranged for the Chemical Abstracts service to come to NJIT to promote SciFinder with him in the lobby of Tiernan Hall and he also represented the library at a Feedback Fair sponsored by the Student Senate. The reference librarians collaborated and manned the library table at the Open Houses for prospective students. The team participated in the Open Affordable Textbook initiative and aided faculty in locating low cost or free materials in support of their courses.

Through our work with users we are also able to discover, evaluate, and add new resources for the collection as needed. Several investigations were conducted on databases including Proquest dissertations, Films on Demand and for the School of Management

(CRSP/Compustat, Frost and Sullivan, IBISWorld, IGI Global), and The New York Times and the Wall Street Journal (Factiva).

Meanwhile, librarians became more familiar with Bloomberg resources by visiting the lab across from the library. Fewer and fewer books are requested by users, while the need for subscriptions persists.

This year the university-wide upgrade to Drupal made the library website easier to access and update. At the same time the LibGuides product was being upgraded and thus at the end of the year we began reviewing and editing all the Reference webpages, libguides, and instructional materials for length, content, and compatibility with the current library website configuration. This will continue through the fall semester. In addition we tested several pieces of video creation and editing software in the hope of acquiring a robust tool for this purpose. The Reference team spent a good part of May and June learning to make promotional and instructional videos to enhance student learning opportunities.

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 FY2017 the University Libraries spent \$66,187 to purchase 762 copies with an average of \$110 per book compared to \$144 per book in FY2016.

Research Guides @ NJIT

ResearchGuides at NJIT are course specific web pages created by the librarians in support of information literacy program and course curriculum. It continues to provide quick and useful information for students, faculty, and staff. During FY2017 there were 59,265 views (26.5% higher than the previous year) of 106 guides with September 2016 having the most at 7,748 views. Research Roadmaps guide continues to be the top viewed guide for the fifth consecutive year with 13,125 views.

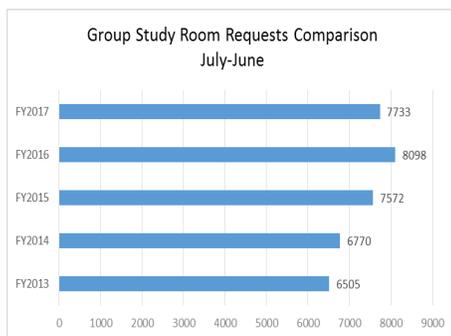
Top 10 Guides Viewed During FY2017	Views
Research Roadmaps	13,125
How to Evaluate Information Sources	5,983
Understanding Citations	3,331
Computer Science	2,869
Using EBSCO Library Search Tools	2,207
Literature Review Service	2,205
Architectural Design Competitions: Ideas and Presentations	2,034
Find a Book in the NJIT Library	1,856
ME2015 Research Guide	1,478
Open Educational Resources	1,352

Circulation Services

Circulation services continue to be about improving library services and access to the students, faculty, and staff of the NJIT community. Budget restraints had delayed the ability to address some of the problems students had brought to our attention during the year.

Happily, with the support of the Office of the Provost and the Student Senate, several problems were addressed that resulted in more library hours for study and improved lighting and services for students. These include:

- ⇒ Repair of broken electrical outlets plus additional outlets added to study carrels and study tables throughout the library.
- ⇒ Conversion of an old computer lab to create two more group study rooms.



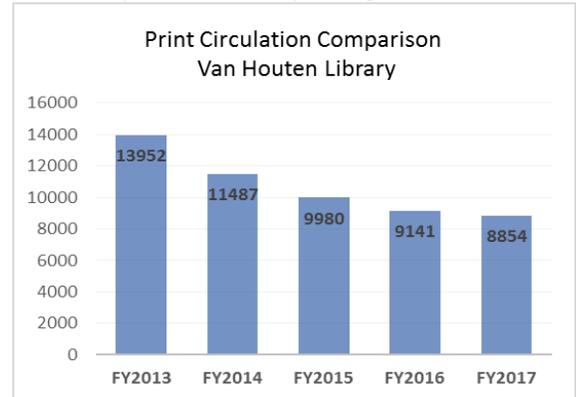
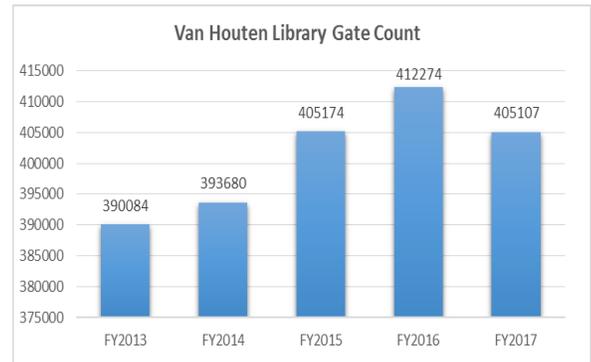
- ⇒ Extended hours for most of the 2017 Spring semester: closing time was extended by 2 hours to 2:00 am, Mondays through Thursdays from February 27 to April 15.
- ⇒ And for the first time hours were

extended on a 7 day schedule from April 17 through May 10 in support of students studying for final exams.

- ⇒ New, informal, lounging furniture will be added before the start of the fall semester. Thank you Student Senate!
- ⇒ Designated space for snacking and eating on the lower level of the library.
- ⇒ Improved signage to direct students to 2 computers dedicated to catalog searching, plus 4 computers dedicated to re-setting UCID and passwords.
- ⇒ Thanks to Student Senate support, charging stations are now available on each floor of the library.
- ⇒ A digital signage was installed by the Circulation Desk to promote library resources and services.

Traditional services are on-going. Titles in high demand can be borrowed from the Reserve collection at the circulation desk. Annual print circulation at the Van Houten library for FY2017 was 8,854 items circulated. Group study rooms are always in high demand and

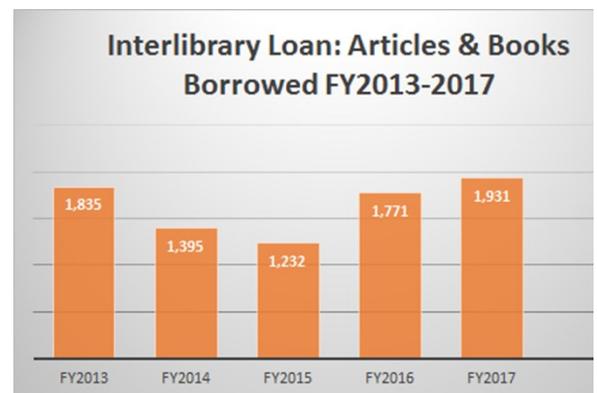
one of our major services. All group study rooms now have white boards. The Van Houten Library houses a large computer lab (75 computers in the main lab and 18 computers in teaching room 1050). The library lab is open more hours than any other computer lab on campus. The circulation desk provides staplers, hole punchers, scissors, etc. as needed in support of student assignments. Lounge chairs have been moved around to provide more leisure seating. The circulation department features "New Books" near the main floor lounge area seating, and we frequently mount interesting exhibits with the goal of creating spaces that are both educational and eye-catching.



Interlibrary Loan & Document Delivery

The Interlibrary Loan department continues to fine-tune our work with the ILLiad Resource Sharing Management software, our one-stop system for Interlibrary Loan borrowing, lending, and document delivery. The ILL staff provided 1,529 articles and 399 books borrowed from other libraries for use by the NJIT community. They supplied 246 more articles to NJIT interlibrary loan users than

last year. They also use the RapidILL system for quick turnaround of requested articles, with a 95% fill rate within a 24-hour period. In addition they added "Reprints Desk" and "Get It Now", a cost-effective article retrieval services for added efficiency in document delivery.



Electronic Theses & Dissertations (ETD)

There are 2,457 theses and dissertations available in electronic format as ETDs (Electronic Theses & Dissertations) out of approximately 6,000. From July 2016 to June 2017, 142 ETDs were added to the ETD portal. Researchers, students, and visitors from around the world continue to discover NJIT's ETDs through Google and Yahoo searches and then get immediate access to the full-text content through the 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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Current T&D	62	109	133	105	93
ILL Request	6	1	-	1	2
Retrospective	2	10	5	65	42
Web Request	29	4	4	7	5
Total	99	124	142	178	142

Requestor Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
ETD Project*	64	119	138	170	135
NJIT Alumni	10	-	1	2	2
NJIT Faculty	-	-	-	-	1
NJIT Staff	-	1	-	-	1
NJIT Student	3	1	3	2	-
Non-NJIT Faculty	-	-	-	-	-
Non-NJIT Staff	6	-	-	1	3
Other	16	3	-	3	-
Total	99	124	142	178	142

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

View NJIT's ETDs

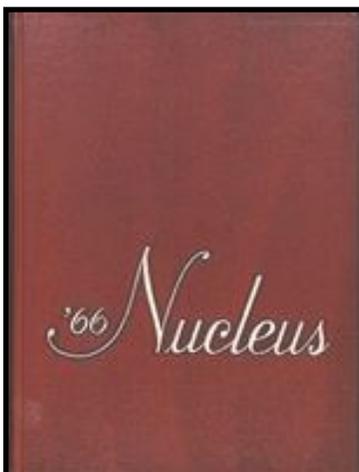
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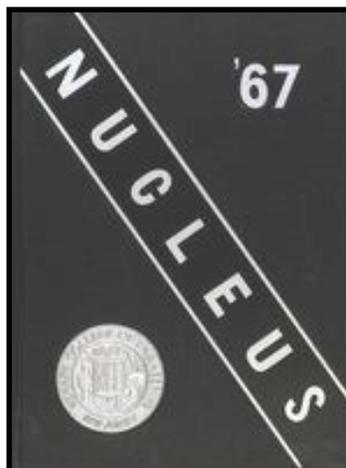
Archives & Virtual Yearbooks

During fiscal year 2017, the library digitized the 1966, 1967, and 1991 Nucleus yearbooks and added them to the digital archive for a total of 25 yearbooks available online. The Nucleus Virtual Yearbook portal archives the significant moments of the university. It connects the past, the present, and the future of NJIT.

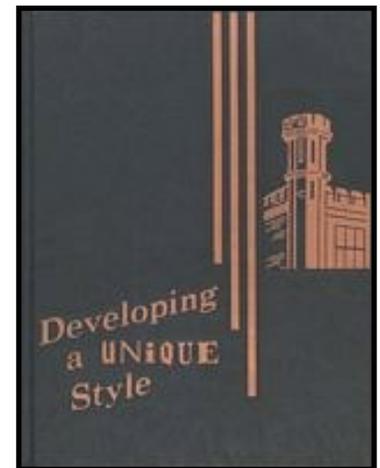
<http://libapps.njit.edu/virtual-collections/yearbooks/>



1966



1967



1991

Littman Architecture and Design Library

Libraries continue to exist because of their ability to adapt to constantly changing needs and priorities. The rapid changes brought about by emerging technologies have called for librarians to focus on redesigning library facilities, collections and services to meet both traditional and evolving needs. A recent Ithaka S+R US Survey confirmed that the preference in using print scholarly monographs over the last four years had generally increased, not decreased. The College of Architecture and Design (CoAD) students have demonstrated their interest in the availability of resources in both print and electronic formats. The library patrons have access to thousands of e-books. However, we also acquire print materials, which are not available online. Usage of e-books is also very active, with two of the most consulted e-book categories across all subject areas falling into "architecture" and "fine arts."

The number of visitors at the Littman Library is consistently high (82,352 visits during the last year alone). Thanks to additional funds assigned by the administration, the library was able to offer extended hours during the exam period.

The library instructional sessions focused primarily on competencies specific to design disciplines with topics ranging from those focused on specific courses to more general discussions. There was a 24% increase in the number of covered topics in 2016-2017 alone.

KUDOS

Maya Gervits,
Director of the Littman
Architecture & Design
Library,
received the
Association of
Architecture School
Librarians (AASL)
Distinguished Service
Award.

COLLECTIONS

In 2016-2017 the library purchased 335 titles while almost a thousand books came from various donors as gifts. The largest donation we received was from the family and estate of Barbara Littman, CoAD alumna, professor, long-time benefactor and supporter. Another sizable collection was bequeathed to the library by distinguished professor Michael Mostoller.

The library maintains the collection of Material Samples which is required by various accrediting bodies. Several hundred swatches, tiles, wood plaques and pieces of equipment were donated by Genser and other architecture and design firms.

Generous funding provided by the New Jersey Historical Commission enabled the library to transform the Digital Archive of



Newark Architecture (DANA) onto a more sophisticated website (dana.njit.edu), enhancing its search capabilities, improving interactivity, and offering additional functions, including online exhibitions. The monetary support awarded by the Investors Foundation will help to further improve this project and create a mobile version of the database.

Once again the College of Architecture and Design provided generous support by assigning students in the master and Ph.D. programs to work on the Library Image Database and on DANA, adding 497

images to the Image Database and 310 metadata records to DANA.

EXHIBITS/EVENTS

Donations from college alumni the



Damadian-Lindemans family made it possible to continue the "Music in the Library" program, the popularity of which is steadily growing. In

2016-2017 the library featured four concerts, including a special program for children. Posters for all concert were designed by the CoAD students.

The library also hosted six exhibitions that aimed to help develop a more comprehensive approach to design. Among shows on view were: "Italy through the Ages," "The World of Baroque," "From Baroque to Neoclassicism: Age of Bach and Mozart," "Women in Architecture and Design," and "Methodology of Architecture History, Theory, and Criticism."

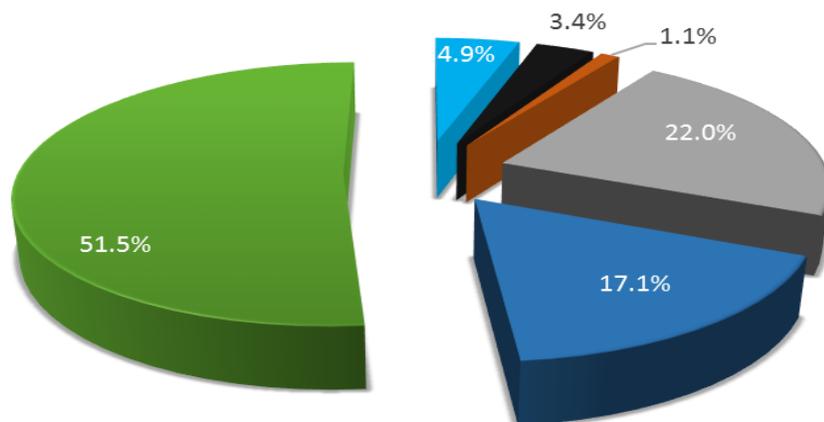
"Tea for Ph.D. students" events were focused on facilitating research conducted by students in the Urban Systems federated program.

These and other "Tea in the Library" events help promote library resources, encourage informal conversations between students, faculty, and librarians, and create a welcoming environment.



The Library also hosted a service celebrating life of beloved professor and benefactor Barbara Littman.

Key Statistics



Materials Expenditures

- Print Books - 4.9%
- Online e-Books - 3.4%
- Print Journals & Subscriptions - 1.1%
- Online Journals & Subscriptions - 22%
- Online Bibliographic Databases - 17.1%
- Online Full Text Databases - 51.5%

94% of the materials expenditures are in electronic format.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Van Houten Library: hours open in a typical week	100.50	100.50	100.50	100.50	108.5
Van Houten Library: user visits to the Library	390,084	393,680	405,174	412,274	405,107
Littman Library: hours open in a typical week	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	73.1
Littman Library: user visits to the Library	90,309	95,457	N/A	N/A	82,352
Circulation for Print Books : Van Houten & Littman Libraries	20,347	17,098	14,594	13,587	12,824
Circulation for Ebooks: Van Houten & Littman Libraries	N/A	N/A	8,253	9,323	15,367
Interlibrary Loan: borrowed materials	1,835	1,395	1,232	1,771	1,931
Interlibrary Loan: loaned materials	2,196	2,185	2,176	2,101	1,915
Document Delivery (NJIT owned print collection)	N/A	N/A	N/A	242	361
Total Number of Full Text Articles Accessed/Downloaded	240,048	263,609	307,625	292,784	323,656

LIBRARY RESOURCES	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Total Journal Titles in Online Databases (purchased)	37,989	38,764	33,563	25,483	34,202
Total Journal Titles in Online Databases (not purchased)	32,143	22,695	23,878	29,808	28,827
Total Individual Journal Subscriptions	197	187	187	179	176
Total Individual Print Journals	77	71	59	57	58
Total Individual E-Journals	108	104	111	108	109
Total Print & E-Journals	12	12	17	14	8
Total Online Bibliographic Indexes	5	5	6	6	6
Total Online Full Text Databases	26	27	27	34	33
Total Ebook Volumes Held	N/A	N/A	27,759	168,107	168,991
Total Print Volumes Held	169,303	170,765	170,618	222,461	222,953

Staff Transitions

WELCOME: We were happy to welcome **Danielle Reay** who joined us in March 2017 as the **Architecture, Art and Design Library Specialist** and brought a number of strengths and valuable expertise. In addition to a Masters in Library Science from Rutgers University, Danielle holds a Master in Cinema Studies from NYU. She combines library experience with technological expertise and a keen interest in digital humanities. Danielle has been actively involved in various library operations and projects.

WELCOME: In March 2017, **Raymond Vasquez** joined our staff as our **Research and User Services Librarian**. Ray has a Masters of Science in Library and Information Science from Drexel University. He has experience as a technology oriented and versatile researcher and records manager at Merck. His subject background is broad including STEM and Humanities. Ray is the liaison to Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering Technology, and Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.



Yacie Enos

GOODBYE: The circulation staff continues to transition. Library Assistant I, Yacie Enos, retired as of September 1, 2016 after **40 years of service!** We all wish Yacie health and happiness in her retirement.

Professional News and Staff Accomplishments



Ann D. Hoang
University Librarian

Ann Hoang continues to participate in VALE and is a member of the Executive Committee. In March, Ann attended the ACRL 2017 Conference in Baltimore, MD. The conference provided the opportunity to stay at the forefront for leading the library transformation, including a keynote from Carla Hayden, the 14th Librarian of Congress, and the first African-American woman to hold the position.

Ann actively collaborated with members of the Student Senate, especially Mark Neubauer on two S.A.F.R.B. funded projects that benefited the entire student body. With

support from the Office of the Provost, the libraries were able to extend library hours throughout the spring 2017 semester and initiated the Open and Affordable Textbook (OAT) program in partnership with the Office of Digital Learning.

Ann is a member of ALA, ACRL, LITA, LLAMA and EDUCAUSE.



Doreen Mettle
Director of Circulation and Interlibrary Loan

Doreen Mettle attended the METRO Interlibrary Loan SIG Meeting in New York, in September. She attended the following webinars: Designing Academic Libraries for Modern Human Behavior and

the American Library Association Annual Tech Wrap-up. Doreen participated in planning meetings for three Admission Open Houses and NJIT Experience Day. She is the contact for VALE Reciprocal Borrowing services, and for the LibraryLinkNJ statistical reports.

Davida Scharf was active on the Committee on Undergraduate Education as a member of its Subcommittee reviewing the GUR. She pushed to keep information literacy as a key component of the core communication competency.

Davida collaborated with IS and SoM faculty to complete a research study on "The Use of Mastery Quizzes to Enhance Student Preparation." The paper was accepted and presented at the Western Decision Sciences Institute (WDSI) Conference in April 2017, in Vancouver, BC. It was also accepted for publication in the Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice.

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 several training/norming sessions with librarians from Rutgers and advised Rider University on her assessment method. Davida's published rubric for assessing information literacy was also adopted by the Rutgers Undergraduate Writing Program for evaluation of student papers for the Best Research Paper Award.

Davida's professional development activities included attending ACRL-NJ and Metro meetings as well as a conference on Fundraising for Academic Libraries, sponsored by ALADN.



Davida Scharf
Director of Reference

Staff Accomplishments (continued)



Maya Gervits
Director, Littman Architecture
and Design Library

Maya Gervits received the Association of Architecture School Librarians (AASL) Distinguished Service Award that recognizes individuals for "sustained service with exceptional creativity, innovation, leadership, and scholarship."

She served on several NJIT committees including search committees for the University Librarian, Littman Library

Specialist, CoAD Teaching Excellence committee, and New Library Vision task force.

Maya wrote two grants to fund the Digital Archive of Newark Architecture project. She co-presented it at the annual VALE meeting in January 2017 and at the AASL conference in March 2017. At the CalVR Con meeting at Berkeley University, June 2017 Maya and professor A.Wendell presented the results of their

collaborative project "Digital Art History: Using Virtual Reality and Acoustic Simulation Technology to Experience Lost Architectural Monument".

Maya's article "Citation Analysis and Tenure Metrics in Architecture and Design-Related Disciplines" appeared in the Fall 2016 issue of the Art Documentation. Maya organized events and curated exhibits throughout the year.



Haymwantee Singh
E-Resources & Serials Librarian

Haymwantee Singh is a member of the NJIT Open Affordable Textbook (OAT)

initiative team - a program that is a joint effort between NJIT's Institute for Teaching Excellence (ITE) and the Library. She managed the launch and the development of the knowledgebase for the new LibAnswers platform that has replaced IntelliResponse, a digital self-service technology. She also piloted a Student Ambassador Program in the Spring 2017 semester to help

promote library resources and services.



Joseph Mercuri
Technical Reference Librarian

Joseph Mercuri is a member of the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee. He was active in giving library presentations at a new student orientation program and in staffing and improving the Library table at NJIT Open Houses for potential students. His professional development activities this year included learning Camtasia, Photoshop, and Microsoft One Note.



Lisa Weissbard
Cataloging Librarian

Lisa Weissbard is the Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee of the NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ. In May, she attended the Ex Libris Users' of North America meeting in Schaumburg, IL.

populating and promoting IRs. He worked with representatives of the Class of 1967 committee to provide images and information for the anniversary yearbook.

York Library Council. The group held two meetings: "Management Trends in STEM Libraries" and Research Forum with talks on hosting Wikipediathons, methodologies in writing systematic reviews, medical librarians influencing the curriculum, and predatory publishing.



Matthew Brown
Digital Projects Librarian

Matt Brown continues to serve as a member of the NJLA CUS/ACRL - NJ Technology Committee and on the PSA governing board. He spoke at the Weston IEEE Milestone dedication about our Weston holdings in September. Matt led a library committee charged to investigate ideas for library renovation. He continues to investigate institutional repositories and attend webinars related to



Bruce Slutsky
Technical Reference Librarian

For the 17th consecutive year, **Bruce Slutsky** has been the convener of the Science Librarians Special Interest Group through the Metropolitan New

Bruce served as a reviewer for Journal of Librarianship & Information Science and co-wrote the following paper: Aytac, S., & Slutsky, B. (2017). Authorship Trends of Research Articles Published in Seven Scientific, Technical, Engineering, and Medical (STEM) Library Journals: Analysis of STEM Library Research from 2011-2015. Science & Technology Libraries, 36(2), 114-134.

Staff Accomplishments (continued)



Raymond Vasquez
Research & User Services

Raymond Vasquez is the new Research & User Services Librarian. Since joining NJIT in March, he participated in various reference sponsored workshops and an information literacy norming session. Ray is currently serving as a point of contact for the NJIT OAT project. He is currently completing a graduate degree in Pure & Applied Mathematics from Montclair State University.



Danielle Reay
Architecture, Art and Design
Library Specialist

Danielle Reay joined the Littman Library in March 2017. She is a member of ARLIS/NA and continues to serve as a member of the Professional Development Committee. She also serves as a member of the ARLIS Fair Use Instructional Materials Task force. She attended two digital scholarship workshops at Seton Hall and Montclair State University, and a digital mapping training session at Rutgers University.



Congratulations to **Galen Faison** in achieving an NJIT Master of Science degree in Professional and Technical Communications this past May. Cheers to the new graduate.

Galen Faison
Library Assistant I

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