

The GMC Libraries in FY11: A Report to the Faculty and Administration

In support of the academic and informational needs of GMC students, faculty and staff, the library expanded and improved library services and resources at all six campuses. Information literacy training continues to be central to the libraries' activities. The Library ensures that students, faculty, and staff can access and utilize current and unbiased information in order to support the curriculum and foster lifelong learning.

Executive Summary:

During FY11 the total student usage of library facilities exceeded 288,000. The Distant Learning Center libraries reported a 4.2% increase in traffic while Milledgeville experienced a 1.5% increase over FY 10. The DLC libraries have seen a 446% increase in usage in the last five years and a 42.3% increase in the last three years. Database usage increased to 675,000 searches, a 30% increase over FY10. These database usage increases largely result from the 503 instructional library classes taught by library staff to over 9,800 college and Prep School student contacts.

In FY 11 the libraries...

- Served 36,726 students, faculty and staff at the Sibley Cone Library in Milledgeville. Hosted 33 meetings in the Sibley Room.
At the Distant Learning Centers (DLCs) 251,823 students were served at the five libraries.
- Taught 110 library orientation classes in Milledgeville for 1822 college students. Hosted another 103 classes for the Prep School resulting in an additional 2285 student contacts (a 45% increase in the number of classes).
At the DLCs, 287 classes reached 5746 students (a 26.9% increase in the last 5 years).
- Circulated 6849 books and videos in Milledgeville and conducted 9016 transactions.
- Facilitated 675,000 searches of 266 online, academic databases. Added a new database technical support link on the library web site.
- Added a new database tutorial web page with 13 staff-produced instructional videos.
- Assisted 3081 patrons in Milledgeville at the front reference desk. Serviced 466 email requests from students primarily for renewals.
- Administered 3814 Accelerated Reader tests to Prep School students. Added 900 new Prep School book titles and 704 Accelerated Reader tests.
- Cataloged and processed 3586 new books and videos for the Sibley Cone Library collection.

- Created a classroom and quiet study area in the former reference area in the Sibley Cone Library. Also added 12 new computer desks, 4 LCD TVs and upgraded library signage.
- Milledgeville staff made 28 trips to visit and support the DLC libraries and off-campus centers. Added 6 new computers in Warner Robins.
- Maintained over 99.9% availability of the 103 library computers.
- Continued a major, multi-year digitization project to preserve and share the historical GMC yearbooks. Ten additional GMC Recall yearbooks (over 1000 pages) have been added in FY 11 completing coverage of the 1950s.
- Obtained 125 items on interlibrary loan for faculty and students and loaned 42 items to other libraries.
- Made library presentations at one general faculty meeting, the Madison center and at two DLC faculty meetings.
- Four staff members attended 1 national conference and 3 regional ones for professional development.

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