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NJIT Libraries 2014/2015 Annual Report

Robert W. Van Houten Main Library

Barbara and Leonard Littman Architecture & Design Library

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Dear Colleagues, Students & Friends of the NJIT Libraries

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In July, 2015, I completed 20 years as the University Librarian at NJIT. But the changes within the NJIT library, within the university, within higher education, in technology, in the behaviors of incoming students, and so on, make the position more interesting than ever.

We know that even in this virtual age, more students have physically come through the front doors of the Van Houten library than ever before. This increase can partly be attributed to the largest enrollment in NJIT history but also to comfortable, well designed spaces for student study and collaboration. Because of this influx, we purchased 73 library chairs in the summer of 2014 and 117 more are currently on order for summer, 2015. This should bring the number of chairs to about 558, close to the total capacity of the library. More students use the library group study rooms each year even though the number of group study rooms has remained the same and more space for students has recently come online throughout the campus such as the Central King Building, the Greek Houses, and the Albert Dorman Honors College.

What is very interesting and perhaps, counter intuitive, is that 90% or more of the library resources are now accessible online. Obviously these online services do not require faculty or students to visit the library. For example, the online use/ downloading of journal articles has increased simultaneously with the increase of visits to the library in spite of the fact that many faculty and students are choosing to access the online NJIT library resources from home, office or anywhere, 24x 7. The library is both virtually and physically busier than ever.

Not all usage of library services have increased from AY 2014 to AY 2015. iPad loans declined, probably due to the fact that more of our students own tablets and smart phones. Book loans/ circulation continues a long, 14 year, steady decline. E-book loans and auto-purchases have declined almost 38% in the last year, possibly meaning that faculty and students may be reading fewer books of any format.

The Graduate Student Association funded a 2015 one year trial of Rosetta Stone language learning software. At the end of the trial, a study and decision will be made whether to continue Rosetta



Stone, end the subscription, or substitute an alternative language learning software. See: <https://vanhoutenlibrary.wordpress.com/2015/08/10/start-learning-a-new-language-with-rosettastone/>

CITLAR, the Committee on Information Technology, Library and Academic Resources, replaced the Faculty Library Committee and now reports to the Faculty Senate.

We congratulate two of our library managers, Davida Scharf and Maya Gervits, who were the recipients of 2015 university-wide awards and we welcome our two new library staff, Monica Kenzie and Chi-Eem Jones.

As always, I welcome your comments at sweeney@njit.edu.

RICHARD SWEENEY,
NJIT UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

E-book Purchases

The library continues to expand our e-book collections to include Knovel Handbooks. The EBL/ProQuest collection continues to provide a valuable and unique strategy for accessing and purchasing of materials with a limited budget.

The EBL/ProQuest patron-driven acquisitions (PDA) model (STL) of library patrons and librarians partnership working in tandem continued to drive the selection of material accessed and purchased at NJIT. PDA continues to be a valuable tool and service that augment the library's collection development strategy, including materials tailored to course curriculums and the anticipated demand by library patrons.

The PDA planning budget projected an end-of-year title

pool size of 25,000 titles. New e-titles were added at the beginning of each month using a predetermined and customized collection development profile specific for NJIT. The publishers decided to increase their STL pricing model. Elsevier (16.24%), Taylor & Francis (15.35%), and Wiley (11.83%) titles accounted for 50.10% of the titles within NJIT's title pool size with increased in STL prices of 60%, 150%, and 60% respectively.

During FY2015, the EBL/ProQuest E-book expenditure was \$38,546.29 with \$22,291.42 from STLs and \$16,254.87 from direct

purchases. The average STL cost per e-book was \$36.04 compared to \$15.35 in the previous year, an increase of 43%. The average cost per e-book was \$98.99 compared to \$90.43 in the previous year. If we had to purchase all the unique e-book titles accessed

(1,537) with the average price we would have had to spend approximately \$152,148 of the library's materials budget. The EBL/ProQuest eBook program is still a success even with almost 50% increase in the STL price.

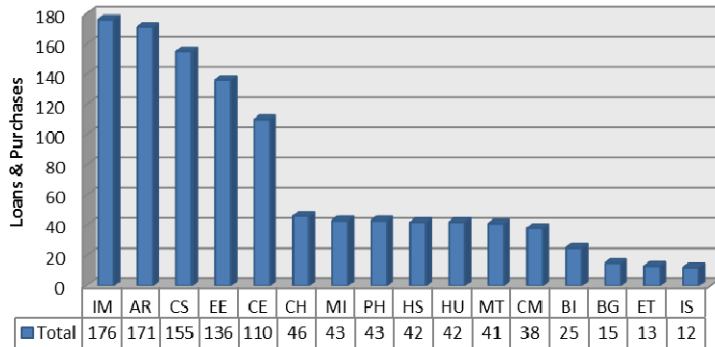
Top 5 Most Used E-book Titles	FY2015
A Global History of Architecture	520
Environmental Issues for Architecture	198
Introduction to Emergency Management	192
The Architect's Studio Companion: Rules of Thumb for Preliminary Design	167
Control of Biological and Drug-Delivery Systems for Chemical, Biomedical, and Pharmaceutical Engineering	124

E-book Collections	FY2015 Usage
ASM Handbooks Online (Searches)	1,545
EBL/ProQuest eBook Collection	5,369
Knovel Handbooks Online	1,199
Synthesis eBook Collection for Digital Library Engineering & Computer Science	140

E-Book from EBL	FY2011	FY2012*	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Owned titles	550	576	650	702	925
STL titles (Total Pool size)	-	28,593	10,317	23,363	26,799
Titles used	4,633	5,303	6,864	6,366	5,369
Total loaned titles (STL)	-	1,419	1,590	1,464	890
Total auto-purchased titles	-	-	51	50	43
Total direct purchased titles	-	-	21	2	175
Unique titles accessed	-	926	1,286	1,046	1,537
Unique patrons accessed	-	-	-	-	1,059
Total budget	\$11,376	\$16,921	\$23,980	\$21,236	\$38,546
Estimated value of unique titles accessed (FY2015 average cost \$98.99/per title)	-	\$131,300	\$144,594	\$137,092	\$152,148
Sciences titles accessed	-	54%	58%	66%	50%
Social Sciences & Humanities titles accessed	-	36%	25%	21%	23%
Architecture & Arts titles accessed	-	10%	17%	12%	27%

* Inception of the Patron Drive Acquisition (STL) Program

**STLs & Purchases by Each Department
FY2015**



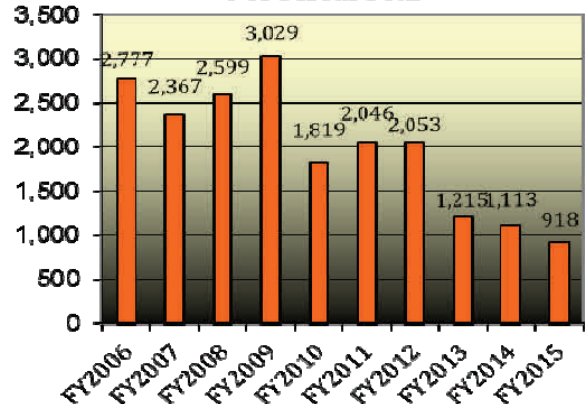
Top 5 Most Used Subjects	FY2015
Architecture	1,225
Social Science	369
Computer Science/IT	352
Business/Management	256
Medicine, Pharmacy	137

Print Book Purchases

The book expenditures chart (right) compares the total number of books purchased from FY2006 to FY2015. The staff continues to find innovative ways to obtain resources in support of the research and teaching needs of

NJIT faculty and students as the print book budget continued to decline. The library spent \$96,724.44 to purchase 926 copies in the current fiscal year. The average cost per book was \$132 in FY2015 compared to \$115 in FY2014.

Total Number of Books Purchased Per Fiscal Year



VALID Project: VALE Open Library System

NJIT library continues to be a prominent member of the VALE's VALID project. The VALID project will implement Quali OLE, a shared open-source library management system (LMS) to promote, support and foster collaboration for enhanced resource sharing and transformative services amongst the VALE member libraries. VALID OLE will allow VALE libraries to share the same library systems, thereby reducing redundancy, reducing reliance on proprietary systems, and takes advantages of new system architecture based on evolving formats and practices.

In July 2014, a public release of Quali OLE version 1.5 was successfully implemented at both Lehigh University and the University of Chicago. The VALID Implementation Taskforce (VOIT) visited with the OLE implementation team at Lehigh in November 2014. A public release of Quali OLE version 1.6 was implemented in School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London with Duke University to implement Quali OLE release 2.0 during winter of 2015-2016.

For further information about the VALID project, view <http://www.valenj.org/valid>

Tasks accomplished by the VALID standing committees in FY2015

The VALID Steering Committee (VOSC) has been actively working on completing the VALID organizational and business plan. Additionally, the LibraryLinkNJ Cooperative, with full support and celebration of its academic library members, has provided a \$40,000 "gift-in-kind" to VALE to assist the VALID project implementers to progress with vigor and confidence.

The VALE OLS Implementation Taskforce's (VOIT) has been actively working to complete the production version of the composite VuFind catalog with the alpha libraries' bibliographic records. This composite catalog provides the focal point of the VALID project's "search, discover, and share" of library resources. Additionally, the team demonstrated OLE Deliver Module (circulation) for managing circulation workflow, specifically the interactions between the VALID alpha libraries, its collections, patrons, and VuFind discovery system using basic features and functions such as borrowing privileges, loan periods, renewals, holds, requests, and recalls.

Reference Services

Due to increasing enrollments and our embedded librarianship model, interactions with students and faculty are vibrant through email, online chat, and information literacy instruction face-to-face and via Moodle. Walk in reference questions now make up a very small share of Reference work, although Reference librarians continue to be available in person during regular Reference Hours.” This year the Reference Department again sponsored opportunities for students to learn more about our licensed resources through workshops and vendor

days conducted for SciFinder Scholar/ACS, SCOPUS, Endnote, and EBSCO.

Liaison librarians continued to provide the Promotion and Tenure Committee with detailed cited reference reports on faculty candidates and applicants for administrative positions. A subcommittee of CITLAR headed by Prof. Nancy Coppola examined issues related to the current process for conducting the cited reference search for Promotion and Tenure, especially as it relates to non-STEM disciplines.

The Reference librarians helped investigate and shared a lot of information on methods for benchmarking faculty performance with various faculty members, CITLAR, the P&T committee and the Provost. Dr. Coppola resigned before any actions could be taken, but the reference librarians are hopeful that the challenge may be taken up by another CITLAR faculty member in the Fall.

The Director of Reference also represented the library on the newly named Committee on

Undergraduate Education and was elected chair of the Subcommittee on the GUR. This gives the librarians an important place at the table in the continued striving towards our goal of embedding one of NJIT’s core competencies, information literacy, across the curriculum in every discipline. Reference librarians collaborated with faculty on specific projects, supported summer and special programs, and promoted the library at Open Houses and new student orientations.

KUDOS

Davida Scharf was nominated for an Excellence in Teaching award and designated a recipient in the category Innovative Teaching by the University Committee on Excellence in Teaching. This is the first time a teaching librarian has received this award at NJIT.

Information Literacy

The Reference Librarians continue to make information literacy instruction a priority through the Research Roadmaps program, as well as through information literacy instruction embedded in many courses across the curriculum despite our resource constraints. Librarians taught the Roadmaps in 94 sections of HUM101 and HUM102, reaching over 2200 students through the basic writing courses for

undergraduates and about another 50 sections across the curriculum reaching about 1500 more NJIT students in their disciplinary courses.

The Research Roadmaps continue to provide valuable information for freshmen in getting started on college level research as students evaluations consistently show. For the first time, a special Roadmaps Program was piloted for Honors

students in consultation with the Honors College and Humanities Lecturers.

As one student wrote after finishing the Roadmaps:

“I will use the databases more often than just looking through Google to find sources.”

Research Guides

Research Guides provides research assistance, strategies and useful resources in support of NJIT’s information literacy program, course curriculum, and the community. There are 157 Research Guides that were accessed 190,320 times since the program began in August 2010. During FY2015, 115

guides were viewed 57,875 times compared to 44,516 views in 84 guides in FY2014, an increase of 23% more views of the guides. Mobile devices were used to view the guides 1,859 times.

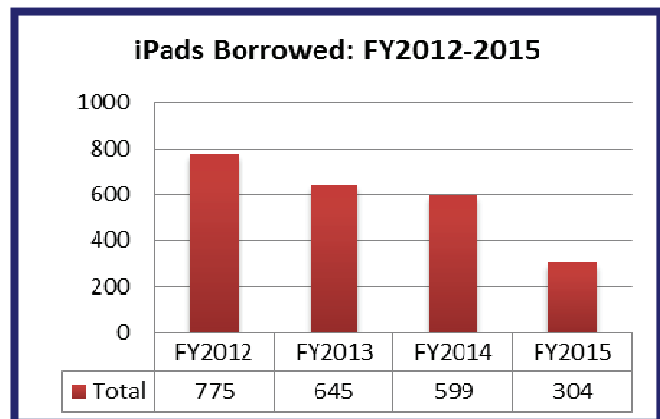
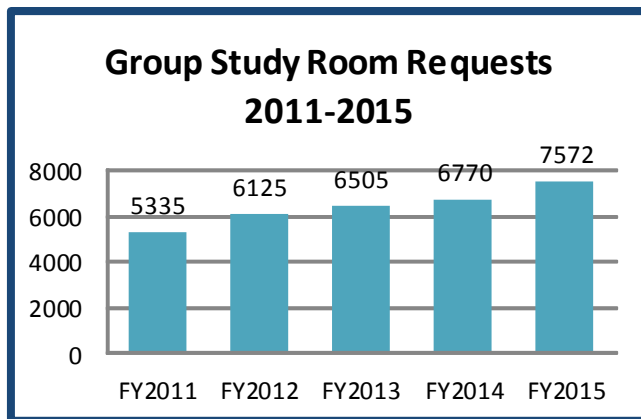
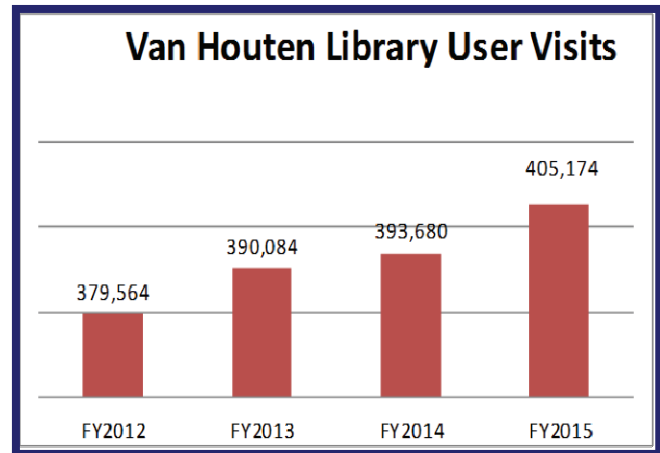
Top 5 Guides Viewed During FY2015	Views
Research Roadmaps	10,654
Understanding Citations	5,328
Using EBSCO Library Search Tools	4,923
How to Evaluate Information Sources	4,290
Find a Book in the NJIT Library	3,792

Circulation Services

While students continue to focus on the use of technological resources and less on print material, the circulation staff is exploring new ways to add value to current services. Students visit the library for group and individual study spaces, to use the Information Commons (the library computer lab), and to make use of electronic databases, electronic books, the iPad borrowing program, as well as use of print books and journals.

The Van Houten Library houses the largest open computer lab

on campus, and is open more hours than any other computer lab on campus. Accordingly the library continues with extended weekend hours and extended hours during the final exam periods. Student use of the library is reflected in the increased gate count at the Van Houten Library, and increased requests for group study rooms (see charts). We have added large and colorful subject signs in the circulation stacks to encourage student browsing and to make it easier to locate subject areas of interest.



Interlibrary Loan

Interlibrary Loan continues to be a key service to students and faculty. Articles are requested and delivered electronically via the RapidILL program. A total of 841 journal articles were processed through the Rapid system, and 95% of all article requests were filled electronically delivered in an average turn-around time of 13 hours. An additional 153 articles were obtained through traditional interlibrary loan

systems, and 238 books were obtained for NJIT users.

The new and improved ILLiad Resource Sharing Management system was implemented this year.

This ILLiad system will manage all of the library's borrowing, lending, and document delivery through a single interface. Interlibrary loan users can now check the status of each request they place by

logging onto the system.

Staff changes included the retirement of Joseph McGuire as of April 2015. Mr. Chi-Eem Jones joined our staff in May 2015. Mr. Jones works in the Interlibrary Loan department and in Circulation.

“The RapidILL system continues to provide quick delivery of journal articles that are not available in the NJIT collection.”

Electronic Theses & Dissertations (ETD)

There are 2,131 theses and dissertations out of approx. 5,900 available in electronic format as ETD's (Electronic Theses & Dissertations). From July 2014 to June 2015, 142 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.

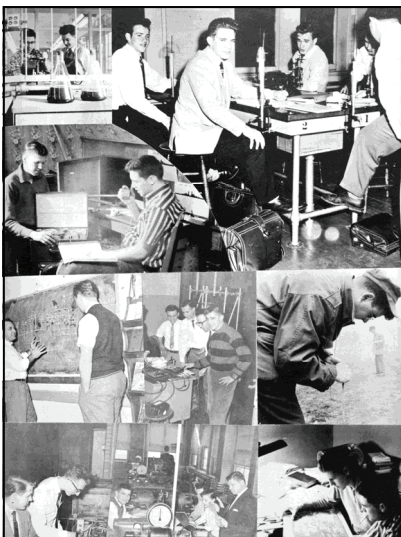
Reason	2012	2013	2014	2015
Current T&D	194	62	109	133
ILL Request	4	6	1	-
Retrospective	-	2	10	5
Web Request	6	29	4	4
Total	204	99	124	142

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at
library.njit.edu/etd/

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

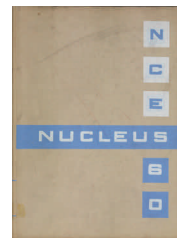
*The Requestor Type "ETD Project" is used for all ETDs with either "Current T&D" or "Retrospective" as the digitization reason.

Archives & Yearbooks

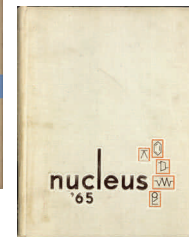


During fiscal year 2015, the library digitized the 1960, 1965, and 1990 yearbooks and added them to the digital archive for a total of 25 yearbooks available online.

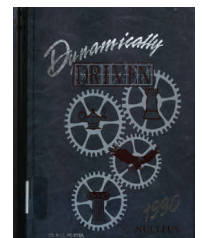
<http://library1.njit.edu/archives/yearbooks/>



1960



1965



1990

Littman Architecture & Design Library

By modernizing and expanding the Littman Library, we were able to accommodate a variety of student and faculty needs, creating a place outside of the classroom where students can get positive learning experiences.

In January 2015 the library successfully underwent another accreditation process, meeting all the standards set by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) for library and learning resources. Their post-visit report described it as a place which is "creatively integrated into curricular requirements, course work, research, and plays a critical role in providing research guides and curricular materials."

KUDOS

On April 29, **Maya Gervits**, Director of the Littman Library, received the Outstanding Staff Award from the NJIT Student Senate for AY 2015!

In fy2015 we purchased 440 books and videos, with another 400 titles that came in as donations. The largest of these donations we received from a distinguished scholar, educator, architect and specialist in urbanism, the former Dean of the School of Architecture at Princeton, Professor Robert Geddes. New resources of note also include the Tectonica-online, a database of construction details and architectural projects and the "Digital Tutors," a valuable tool for learning a wide range of design software for both architects and designers.

We worked closely alongside instructors to make our information literacy classes more relevant to the curriculum and students' assignments. The number of group instruction sessions represented a 20% increase since last year and an almost 50% increase since fy2013. We continued to work individually with all PhD candidates, focusing on the subjects of their research and our "Tea for PhD students" meetings have already become a tradition.

We continued to work on the development of the Digital

Archive of Newark Architecture (DANA), on Image Database and on the fast-growing Material Library. In March we hosted a lecture on smart materials presented by the materials specialist from Material Connexion, which is a global materials consultancy with the world's library of advanced, innovative and sustainable materials and processes.

The Library presented several exhibitions including "Wondrous Space" featuring selected photographs, watercolors made during the Siena summer program, winning models from the Masonry competition and "Ornament & Architecture: a selection of materials from the rare book collection.

Thanks to support from the School of Art + Design, we initiated "Music in the Library." This event was met with great enthusiasm, and we hope to continue this initiative in the fall of 2015.



Students' presentations for Prof. Littman's class .

Although the format of our collections and the services we provide are changing, the library's function is still to collect, preserve and provide access to knowledge, and to create positive learning experience. We strive to be able to accommodate various types of learning and are looking forward to continue creating a library environment which motivates students and helps to inspire.



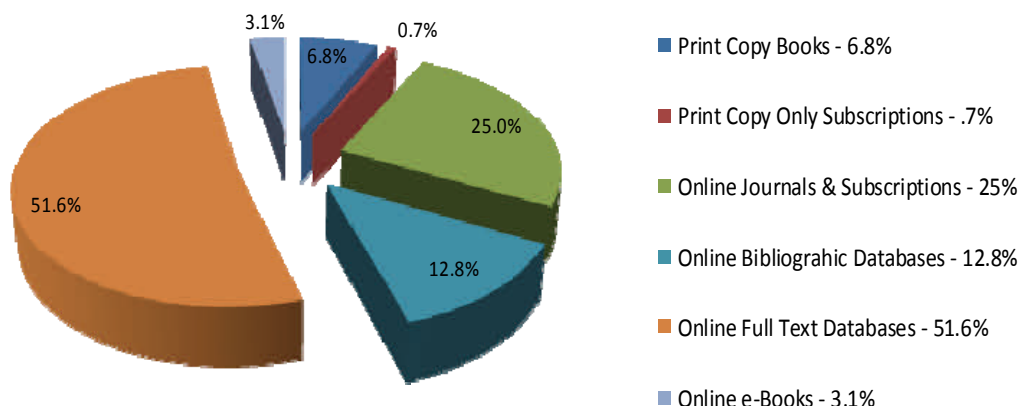
Prof. Bristol and Prof. Sedlock attending the "Tea in the Library".

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
Total Questions Asked	10,702	9,155	6,147	3659
Response Rate	74.60%	88.96%	93.24%	87.64%
Average Question per Day	29	25	17	10
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?

Key Statistics



92.5% of the materials expenditures are in electronic format.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Van Houten Library: hours open in a typical week	94.50	94.50	100.50	100.50	100.50
Van Houten Library: user visits to the Library	380,479	379,564	390,084	393,680	405,174
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	102,032	107,662	90,309	95,457	-
Circulation: Van Houten & Littman Libraries	33,752	27,963	20,347	17,098	14,594
Interlibrary Loan: materials borrowed from other libraries	1,589	1,559	1,835	1,395	1,232
Interlibrary Loan: materials on loan to other libraries	2,562	2,593	2,196	2,185	2,176

RESOURCES	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Database searches	-	-	-	594,545	923,777
Full text article accessed/downloaded (PDFs & HTMLs)	-	-	240,048	263,609	307,625
Journal titles purchased in online databases	34,355	35,822	37,989	38,764	33,563
Journal titles accessible (not purchased)	33,547	33,565	32,143	22,695	23,878
Total individual journal subscriptions	356	259	197	187	187
Individual print only journals	76	76	77	71	59
Individual e-journals only	245	169	108	104	111
Both print & e-journals	35	14	12	12	17
Online bibliographic indexes	4	5	5	5	6
Online full text databases	19	19	26	27	27
E-books copies held	-	-	-	-	27,759
Print copies held	170,186	171,792	169,303	170,765	170,618

Staff Transitions

Monica Kenzie joined the staff in December as the new Architecture, Art and Design Library Specialist. In addition to a BA in Art History and MS in Information, Monica holds a Graphic and Web Design certificate from the College of Creative Studies in Detroit, MI. She combines experience working with a wide variety of art collections with technological expertise and a background in librarianship. She has been actively involved in various library operations including reference assistance, Information Literacy instruction, further development of the Littman Library digital projects, cataloging of donated

materials, and creating research guides, among other numerous activities.



MONICA KENZIE

Chi-Eem Jones joined our staff as Library Assistant II in May. Chi-Eem previously worked for eight years at the Enoch Pratt Free Library (Public

Library of Baltimore City). He holds a Bachelor of Business Management Degree, May 2015, and a Library Associate Training Institute certificate.

Chi-Eem works in the Interlibrary Loan and Circulation departments.



CHI-EEM JONES

Also...

Joseph McGuire retired in April 2015. Joe worked in the Interlibrary Loan and Circulation departments for the 10 years.

Susan O'Connor left the Littman Library in July 2014 to return to her home state of Michigan. Susan was the Architecture Library Specialist for 3 years.

Lucy Velez was promoted to Business Manager in December 2014. Lucy has been at NJIT for 17 years.

Professional News

Richard Sweeney was appointed as an ex-officio non-voting member of the new Faculty Senate in AY 2015. He also was appointed to the Faculty Senate's ad hoc committee on student Retention and to the Teaching, Learning and Technology Committee. Rich was appointed by the Faculty Senate to co-chair CITLAR (Committee on Information Technology, Libraries, and Academic Resources) with David Ullman,

CIO. He was invited by the VP for Human Resources to participate on a committee with several other managers to assist with the negotiations for a new contract with the OPEIU union. Rich continued to serve as a member of the VALENJ Executive Committee and as the liaison to the VALE Website Committee.

Rich gave a breakout presentation with Ann Hoang at the Annual VALE User

conference entitled "Is the New Patron Driven Acquisition Model Still Sustainable?". He also co-conducted three Millennial architecture focus groups with Darius Sollohub, NJIT Architecture faculty member: on March 4th with NJIT AIA student members, on April 11th in Philadelphia at the AIAS Northeast Quad Conference and on June 17 with AIA NYC Chapter.



Richard T. Sweeney
University Librarian

During FY2015, **Ann Hoang** chaired the VALE Open Library System Implementation Taskforce (VOIT), continued to serve as a member of the VALE Open Library System Steering Committee (VOSC), and VALE Website Committee, and a member of NJIT's TLT/DLA Committee. Ann presented at the annual VALE Users

Conference: 1) "VALID University: Demo of Quali OLE Deliver Module (aka Circulation)", 2) "VALID University: Search, Discover and Share the VALID Project's Shared OPAC, 3) "Is the Patron Driven Acquisition (PDA) Model Still Sustainable?" in January 2015. She attended several online workshops and webinar

series for website assessment and usability during the fiscal year. She attended the ENUG 2014 Conference in Toms River, NJ in October 2014 and ELUNA 2015 Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN in May 2015. Ann is a member of ALA, ACRL and LITA.



Ann Hoang
Assistant University Librarian

Professional News *continued*

Dauida Scharf continues to be engaged in information literacy research and was active on the VALE-Shared Information Literacy Committee, The VALE Values Group, and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) User Education Committee. She took a leadership role in collaborating with other NJ instructional librarians to craft an Open Letter critiquing the new ACRL IL Framework which was widely read and discussed nationally in meetings, on blogs, listservs, and on social media. This thoughtful analysis of the new Framework resulted in a

significant turn-around decision by the ACRL Board to keep the Information Literacy Standards in place. Subsequently the group was asked to submit an article entitled "Continuing the Conversation: Questions about the Framework" for publication in a forthcoming issue of *Communications in Information Literacy*. In May, Dauida presented her work at the AITNER Education Conference in Athens, Greece on Research Roadmaps: A practical model for embedding critical thinking, research skills and their assessment across the undergraduate curriculum. Her

seminal paper from 2007 establishing the method of "Direct Assessment of Information Literacy Using Writing Portfolios" continues to attract attention and currently has 77 cited references according to Google Scholar. Dauida also mentored young and seasoned librarians beyond her own staff. She conducted her Assessment Workshop for MLS Students at Queens College in November which was well received and repeated in the spring. She shepherded Rutgers Librarians through the research design and IRB review process for a collaborative



Dauida Scharf
Director of Reference

information literacy assessment project, resulting in Rutgers IRB approval and the consent and collaboration from Rutgers writing instructors.

Maya Gervits continues to participate in Association of Architecture School Librarians (AASL), Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA), and Society of Architectural Historians (SAH). She chaired the AASL Professional Development Committee and served on the society Award Committee.

She participated in work of AASL annual conference (April, 2015, Toronto) and delivered a talk "Optimizing Library Space for Evolving Users' Needs".

She also attended Digital Art History Conference (July 2014, Princeton), a book fair at the College Art Association (CAA) in New York City (February, 2015) and two webinars: "PlumX analytics" (July 2014) and "Institutional Advocacy & Demonstrating the Value of Art Libraries" (December 2014).

Maya initiated and organized a presentation of "smart materials" by



Maya Gervits
Director, Architecture & Design Library

Material Connexion specialists, as well as "Music in the Library" concert series. She acted as a curator of several library exhibitions, including "Wondrous Space", "Music in the Library" and the latest "Ornament & Architecture". Maya continues her research in art history and librarianship. Her article "Citation Analysis and Tenure Metrics in Architecture and Design-Related Disciplines" was published in the May 2015 issue of the ACSA Newsletter.

Doreen Mettle continues to serve as a member of the VALE Resource Sharing Committee.

Doreen participated in three planning meetings for Admission Open Houses, 2014-2015. She also attended the workshop "Maximizing Your Potential for Success in the Workplace", June 2015, sponsored by the Committee on Women's Leadership, NJIT, and she attended the second annual Access Services Meeting at Rutgers Alexander Library, June 2015.



Doreen Mettle
Director of Circulation and Interlibrary Loan



Professional News *continued*

Haymwantee Singh was Co-Chair of the VALE Cooperative Collection Management (CCM) Committee. She is also a member of the VALE Electronic Resources (ERM) Committee. Haymwantee attended the 10th annual Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference, Austin Texas, February 22-25, 2015.



Haymwantee Singh
E-Resources & Serials Librarian

Lisa Weissbard is a member of ALA, ACRL and NJLA. She is on the VALE Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee (BCMC) and on its VALID subcommittee. In May 2015 she attended the Ex Libris Users of North America conference in Minneapolis.



Lisa Weissbard
Cataloging Librarian



Bruce Slutsky
Technical Reference Librarian

Bruce Slutsky is active in METRO (Metropolitan New York Library Council). He is a member of the American Chemical Society. Division of Chemical Information, VALE Reference Services Committee, and Career Consultant to the American Chemical Society.

Slutsky gave a presentation "Published Librarian Research, 2008 through 2012" at the Research Forum in Stony Brook University on May 7, 2015. He was a guest speaker at a librarians retreat at NYU-Polytechnic University on June 23, 2015. He also participated

in the New Jersey Chemistry Olympics at NJIT. He has published three articles this year:

- 1) Aytac, S., & Slutsky, B. (2015). Research in Academic Reference Librarianship: Review of the 2008-2012 Published Research. *The Reference Librarian*, 56(3), 205-215. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02763877.2014.1002730>
- 2) Aytac, S., & Slutsky, B. (2014). *Published Librarian Research, 2008 through 2012: Analyses and Perspectives*. Collaborative

Librarianship, 6(4), 147-159. <http://collaborativelibrarianship.org/index.php/jocl/article/view/320>

- 3) Slutsky, B., & Aytac, S. (2014). *Publication Patterns of Science, Technology, and Medical Librarians: Review of the 2008-2012 Published Research*. *Science and Technology Libraries*, 33(4), 369-382. doi:10.1080/0194262X.2014.952486

Matt Brown continues to serve as a member of the NJLA CUS/ACRL - NJ Technology Committee. He attended the Computers in Libraries 2015 in Washington DC from April 27 - 29, 2015. He also arranged for several NJIT librarians to attend a 3 part webinar series sponsored by METRO on Assessing and Improving Your Library Website: Part 1: Usability and Conventions on 9/30/2014, Part 2: Writing for the Web and Content Strategy on 10/7/2014, and Part 3: User Research Methods on 10/14/2014.



Matthew Brown
Digital Projects Librarian

In addition to conducting classes for his departments, **Joe Mercuri** conducted short overview sessions of library services to graduate students in computer science and biomedical engineering at departmental meetings. He coordinated a Scopus database training session for students and faculty to learn about citing features. In addition, he worked with IS faculty in providing an assignment to students that provided a refresher to information literacy skills. Joe is a member of the Vale Shared Information Literacy Committee.



Joseph Mercuri
Technical Reference Librarian

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Charles Terng is a member of the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee. In collaboration with the GSA, he initiated a series of library workshops to promote research tools for graduate students. He is currently continuing his education at Rutgers University, pursuing a Master of Business and Science (MBS) in Analytics and Data Science. He attended the Rutgers Discovery Informatics Institute (RDI2) conference on NJ big data research initiatives and METRO Science Librarians SIG meeting on data management in academia.



Charles Terng
Technical Reference Librarian

Monica Kenzie is a member of the American Library Association (ALA) and the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA), where she has served as Job Postings Liaison for the past two years for ArLiSNAP, the Students and New Professionals section.

In February 2015, she attended the College Art Association book fair in New York City.

She wrote a review of Tectonica-online, a web-based architectural resource, which is to be published in the Association of Architecture School Librarians' (AASL) column in the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) August newsletter.



Monica Kenzie
Architecture, Art and Design
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