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Dear Colleagues, Students and Friends of the Libraries

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July 2018 marked my second year as University Librarian and I am pleased to share this year's annual report with you. We continue to demonstrate our commitment to supporting the mission and strategic plan of NJIT and to building a critical foundation in support of students' educational success and faculty scholarly research.

The Gen Z students, born between 1997 and 2012, do not want the same college experience as their Millennial predecessors did. They grew up with the internet, have more tools at their disposal, and will use them to prepare for college. These tools provide for them the powers to be selective in identifying the college they want to attend. Gen Z cares about their academic performance and will use technology to enhance their learning from inside and outside the classroom. We have articulated the value of the NJIT libraries by supporting our students' success as addressed in the 2020 Vision: A Strategic Plan for NJIT.

The study, "*The Impact of Academic Library Resources on Undergraduates' Degree Completion*", indicated that use of academic libraries could greatly impact on student outcomes. This signifies positively for the thousands of students who use the NJIT libraries each day. It also means the library staff must continue to ensure our core services meet the students' expectations and needs and that

we are prepared to support them throughout their academic careers.

To ensure that we are fulfilling our core objectives, we distributed a survey about the satisfaction and importance of the libraries' resources and services to undergraduate and graduate students. The data indicated that the libraries are important to our students and overall they were highly satisfied with our current resources and services.

Among our accomplishments this year, we launched an institutional repository to archive and disseminate NJIT's intellectual output. We implemented a new 7-day extended hours schedule for final exams; saved NJIT students close to \$175,000 through the Open & Affordable Textbook project; established a Digital Scholarship lab with virtual reality and spatial analysis tools to support research through engagement with digital technologies; continued to improve the Digital Archives of Newark Architecture which was featured as "the most comprehensive digital documentation of Newark's architecture" in the ARLIS: Multimedia & Technology Review. We also created a new learning space that is technologically enhanced, allowing students to work collaboratively with one another outside the classroom.

We are not done. We have plans for FY2019 – including the implementation of a new library



management system to further improve access to our virtual and print resources and make them much easier to find.

We promoted Haymwantee Singh to Associate University Librarian for Digital Services; welcomed four new staff, Joanne Dera as Science & Engineering Librarian, Margaret Oluwanifise as Electronic Resources Librarian, Richard Donegan as Evening Library Supervisor, and Aimee Calderon as Library Assistant for Interlibrary Loan. Bruce Slutsky, our Technical Reference Librarian, retired after 25 years of outstanding service to the NJIT community.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the academic and administrative NJIT units and enhancing student learning, faculty research, and preparation for lifelong success. As always, I welcome your feedback.

ANN D. HOANG
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Open And Affordable Textbook Initiative

The Open and Affordable Textbook (OAT) initiative encourages NJIT faculty to redesign their course curriculum with free open educational resources (OER) or low-cost textbook options in order to increase affordability for students. The OAT initiative is supported by the Provost and the Institute for Teaching Excellence. Librarians and instructional designers from the Office of Digital Learning provide assistance to interested faculty through financial awards, research help, and technology support to enhance the classroom experience using OER.

During academic year 2017-2018, twelve faculty received awards to implement open educational resources (OER). Awardees redesigned thirteen courses using high-quality open textbooks and OER in place of the required, proprietary course textbooks. The redesigned curricula has thus far impacted over 1,800 students and resulted in total savings in excess of \$174,000. View a complete list of [awardees and their projects for the academic year 2017-2018](#)



Speakers from the Open Textbook Network (OTN) presented a full-day workshop on campus on February 28, 2018. Student participants openly discussed how the increasing costs of textbooks affected their learning experiences at NJIT and learned how to become OER advocates on campus. Librarians and instructional designers discussed ways to promote open textbooks and engage instructors to consider OER, while interested faculty learned about high-quality open textbooks available and how they could be implemented to benefit student learning and pedagogical practice.

The OAT initiative promises to build on this year's success and knowledge gained from the recent OTN workshop. Librarians collaborated with the NJIT Student Senate to engage STEM faculty to further investigate using OER in the classroom.

For more information on NJIT's OAT Initiative, please visit: library.njit.edu/oat, or view the Open Educational Resources Research Guides at researchguides.njit.edu/oer.

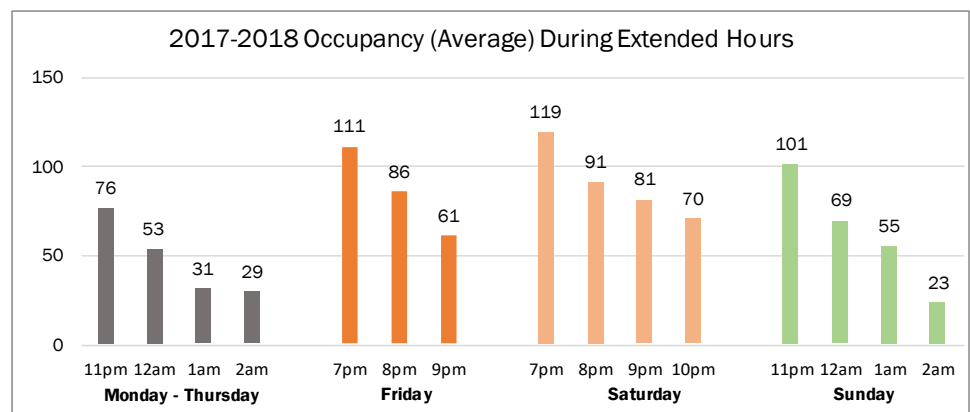
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Extended Hours

Due to high demand for extended hours and with funding provided by the Office of the Provost, the Van Houten Library piloted an extended library schedule during the spring 2017 semester. From February to April, we extended hours until 2 am from Monday to Thursday. For the final exams in May, we further extended hours to 3 am from Sunday to Thursday, and until 11 pm on Friday, and 12am on Saturday.

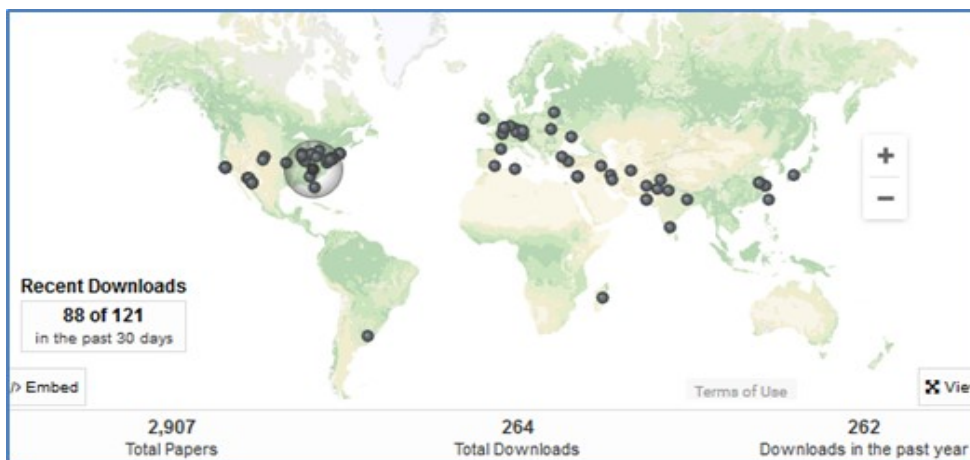
Extended hours proved popular with the students, and the Student Senate requested that we continue the late schedule. The 2017-2018 academic year featured an expanded schedule of late-night hours to seven days a week for the Van Houten Library. During fall 2017, the library was open until 2 am Monday to Thursday, and 10 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. As we got closer to final exams, we continued the same end of semester hours for fall 2017 and spring 2018, adding 3 am Sunday closing hours, plus closing at 11 pm on Friday and 11 pm on Saturday.



Launch of an Institutional Repository

The university library is pleased to announce the launch of “Digital Commons @ NJIT” (<https://digitalcommons.njit.edu>) an Institutional Repository (IR), hosted by bepress. Digital Commons is described as the only comprehensive showcase that lets institutions publish, manage, and increase recognition for everything produced on campus—and the only institutional repository and publishing platform that integrates with a full faculty research and impact suite. The goal is for Digital Commons @ NJIT to be the place to store and disseminate the output of the institution including: faculty publications, technical reports, annual reports, documents of historical and social interest to the NJIT community and more. Building a robust collection of academic research in Digital Commons will be a key component to meeting the goal of Vision 2020 to “communicate NJIT researcher accomplishments in obtaining grants and fellowships, publishing research results and delivering significant research outcomes.”

Digital Commons went live with a soft launch in April 2018. The first collections uploaded were the 2900+ theses and dissertations (ETDs) migrated from our



home grown system. Within a month of the complete upload of the ETDs, over 250 documents were downloaded from around the world.

The IR is a work in progress, with the next collections to be migrated to include:

- ◆ NJIT Syllabi
- ◆ Library Annual Reports
- ◆ NJIT Nucleus Yearbooks
- ◆ Documents related to NJIT history
- ◆ Murray Turoff and Star Roxanne Hiltz's reports from the Computerized Conferencing and Communications Center

In Fall 2018, we will prepare to add faculty publications and will seek interested faculty contributors.

By using Digital Commons, powered by bepress, we partner with a company started by academics that has nearly 20 years of experience supporting digital scholarly communication and publishing. We join more than 500 other institutions whose research can be discovered via the [Digital Commons Network](#), a discovery tool for all Digital Commons sites that brings together free, full-text scholarly articles from other universities and colleges worldwide.

Ebook Collection

The ebook collection continues to provide a valuable and unique approach to access electronic books. These e-titles can be read online or downloaded to an eReader that supports Adobe Digital Editions for anytime-anywhere offline use. E-titles can also be downloaded to devices like the iPad or iPhone using the Bluefire applications. The ebook collection contains 185,262 ebooks from leading publishers.

View more information about the Ebook Collection at NJIT, researchguides.njit.edu/ebooks

Ebook Collection @ NJIT	Total Ebook Titles in FY2018	FY2015 Usage	FY2016 Usage	FY2017 Usage	FY2018 Usage
ASM Handbooks Online	37	1,545	*1,672	3,977	9,475
ASTM Compass	85	N/A	**447	863	846
Knovel Handbooks Online	684	1,199	1,039	726	530
ProQuest Ebook Central	171,254	5,369	4,888	7,800	8,801
Springer's Lecture Notes in Computer Science	12,706	N/A	1,108	1,799	1,023
RKMA Business Ebooks - 2018	17	N/A	N/A	N/A	181
Synthesis Ebook Collection for Engineering & Computer Science	479	140	169	202	203
Total	185,262	8,253	9,323	15,367	21,059

* July– December 2015 usage data

** November 2015–June 2016 usage data

ProQuest's Ebook Patron Driven Acquisitions (PDA) Program

The patron-driven acquisitions (PDA) model continued to drive the selection of electronic books accessed and purchased. New PDA ebooks are added monthly using a customized collection development profile by NJIT librarians. PDA includes ebooks tailored to course curriculums and anticipated demand by library patrons. PDA continues to be a valuable tool

augmenting the library's book collection development strategy.

The ProQuest expenditure for the patron driven acquisitions was \$23,919 with \$15,534 from loans, \$6,163 from auto-purchases, and \$2,221 from direct purchases. The average cost to borrow an ebook was \$25 compared to \$24 in

FY2017. The average cost to purchase an ebook was \$194 compared to \$123 in FY2017. The library would have to spend approximately \$599,848 of the overall materials budget if we had to purchase all the unique ebook accessed (3,092) using the average price (\$194) per title. More than 116,787 pages were read from 8,801 ebooks accessed through the ProQuest ebook PDA program.

Ebook from ProQuest	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
Owned titles	702	925	1,021	1,129	1,184
PDA (rental) titles	23,363	26,799	20,119	21,533	19,910
Subscription titles	N/A	N/A	134,725	144,504	150,160
Total titles accessed	6,366	5,369	4,888	7,800	8,801
Unique titles accessed	1,046	1,537	1,787	3,034	3,092
Unique patrons accessed ebooks	-	1,059	1,107	1,584	1,674
Total budget expended					
Total budget expended	\$21,236	\$38,546	\$33,919	\$28,104	\$23,919
Estimated value of unique titles accessed during FY2018 using the average cost of \$194 per title					
Estimated value of unique titles accessed during FY2018 using the average cost of \$194 per title	\$137,092	\$152,148	\$235,884	\$373,182	\$599,848
Sciences titles out of total titles accessed					
Sciences titles out of total titles accessed	66%	50%	54%	45%	48%
Social Sciences & Humanities titles out of total titles accessed					
Social Sciences & Humanities titles out of total titles accessed	21%	23%	29%	38%	39%
Architecture & Arts titles out of total titles accessed					
Architecture & Arts titles out of total titles accessed	12%	27%	17%	16%	13%

Top 5 Most Accessed Subjects	FY2018
Business/Management/Economics	1,125
Architecture	679
History	553
Computer Science/IT	542
Fine Arts	326

Top 5 Most Accessed ProQuest Ebooks	FY2018
Class and Community : The Industrial Revolution in Lynn	231
A Global History of Architecture	153
Fundamentals of Magnesium Alloy Metallurgy	144
Technology, Innovation, & Southern Industrialization : From the Antebellum Era to the Computer Age	117
Green Studio Handbook: Environmental Strategies for Schematic Design	114

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 FY2018 the university library spent \$142,186 of the overall materials budget to purchase

1,714 copies with an average cost of \$99 per book.

During the Fall 2017 semester, the librarian team distributed a detailed survey about library resources to both

undergraduate and graduate students and found that books are very important to students. The students want the library to continue purchasing books in electronic (73%) and print (63%) formats that are specific to their curriculum.

Reference Services and Instruction

The Reference Librarians are educators who connect NJIT student, faculty and staff researchers to library and web resources and services, and provide classroom and online instruction as well as individual consultations on research. In their continued focus on information literacy they taught formally and informally. They revised some old classes and developed some new ones, including a new curriculum about “Fake News” lauded by students in HUM and IS courses. They created an ongoing intervention for FED 101, approved by the NCE Dean. New curricula were created for

Dr. Washington (CET 413) and Dr. Dobiszewski (STS 205 Honors). One third of the students who worked with a librarian in STS 205H received NJIT funding awards for summer research.

The librarians supported the OAT effort by helping individual faculty members locate affordable materials for their courses. They also re-established a new ‘casual reading’ collection since many students ask for outside reading when they want to take a break from their required studies. They improved chat and FAQ services. They refreshed their online self-help tools, the Research Guides. They helped younger kids learn



Fall 2017 Library Survey Raffle Winners:

(left to right) Jerry Ryan, Swapna Sampathkumar, Ushma Patel and Gregory Youssef.

KUDOS!

David Scharf,
Director of Reference,
received a
Distinguished Service
Award
from the Martin Tuchman
School of Management.

about libraries on “Take Your Children to Work” Day. The reference librarian team also began making video tutorials last summer for the new digital display in the Van Houten library.

The reference department designed and emailed surveys about library resources and services to all undergraduate and graduate students and found that the library was extremely important to the respondents, and overall they were highly satisfied with the library. The survey has already helped to improve the space, collection and services.

Question: How satisfied are you with the library?

	UG # Users	UG % Usage	UG Satisfied or Very Satisfied	UG % Satisfied or Very Satisfied	GRAD # Users	GRAD % Usage	GRAD Satisfied or Very Satisfied	GRAD % Satisfied or Very Satisfied
Library website	706	56%	622	88%	421	74%	349	83%
Get help from circulation desk	531	42%	491	92%	368	64%	330	90%
Get help from a librarian	233	18%	222	95%	221	39%	207	94%
Computers in the library lab	1006	79%	798	79%	448	78%	369	82%
Get help from lab assistant	441	32%	381	93%	342	60%	303	89%
<i>Respondent: UG = 1271; GRAD = 571</i>								

ResearchGuides @ NJIT

ResearchGuides at NJIT are mini web pages created just-in-time by the librarians in support of the information literacy program and course curriculums. ResearchGuides continues to provide valuable information for students and

faculty. During FY2018 there were 88,578 views (33% higher than FY2017) of 148 guides with October 2017 having the highest at 9,817 views.

Top 5 Guides Viewed During FY2018	Views
How to Evaluate Information Sources	29,373
Computer Science	4,945
Open Educational Resources	3,516
Understanding Citations	3,452
Literature Reviews	2,920

Circulation Services @ Van Houten Library

The libraries at NJIT strive to meet student needs with welcoming and helpful services, from assisting patrons with finding a book, signing students in for a group study room or providing a stapler for students organizing their papers. Many students enter the libraries looking for research help, a quiet corner to study, group study space, reserve books, or other services, and their first point of contact is with the circulation desk staff.

The libraries are a key resource for both commuting and resident students at NJIT. With one of the largest open floor computer labs on campus and extended hours up to 3:00 am during exams, the libraries are an inviting destination for students seeking congenial group or individual study spaces.

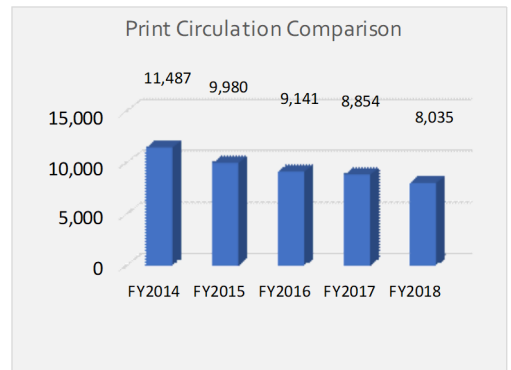
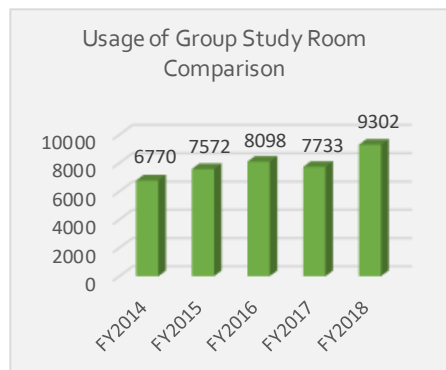
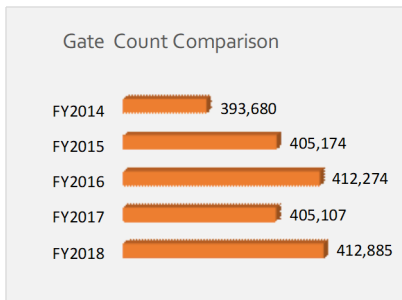
We welcome Richard Donegan as Evening Supervisor to manage the library building, the evening staff, and student use of late night hours, ensuring a safe environment for our students.

With support from the Student Senate, we continued to make improvements to our library study spaces. Due to high demand, the new learning space on the second floor was recently added. The technologically enhanced, informal study area allows students to work collaboratively with one another outside of the classroom. The space includes four wall mounted display monitors, four tables that are equipped



2nd floor Collaborative Learning Space

with plug and play technology, twenty red, swivel chairs, two portable white boards, and three lounge chairs with desk arm for writing.



Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery

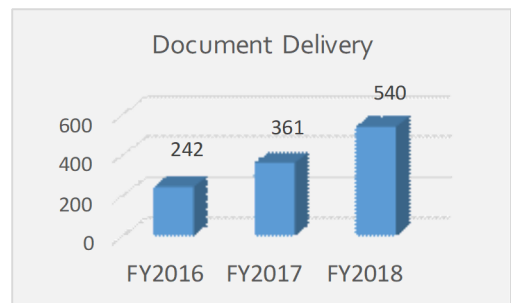
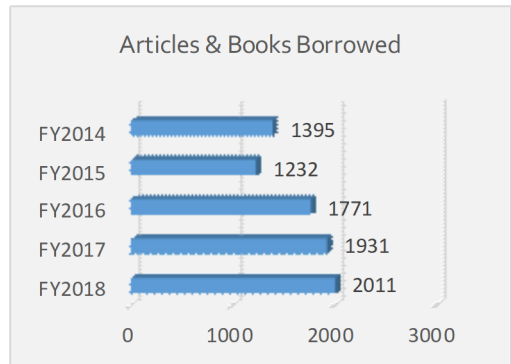
While the NJIT electronic and print collections are substantial, we cannot own all published material. Our Interlibrary Loan system fills that gap and obtains materials on loan from other libraries throughout the United States and abroad. Our dedicated and efficient Interlibrary Loan staff continued to quickly and accurately deliver articles and books requested by the NJIT community throughout the year. Major changes this year included new staff member Aimee Calderon, who joined the library staff in September 2017 as a Library Assistant II.

In addition, we now have a new delivery company, TForce, which provides quick delivery of print books

borrowed from other libraries who are members of the LibraryLinkNJ network. We recorded the following statistics in FY2018:

- 1,496 articles supplied from other libraries for NJIT users
- 515 book requests filled from other libraries
- 540 items retrieved as requested from our own NJIT collections (document delivery)

Just as we borrow from other academic libraries, we reciprocate by lending materials from our own NJIT specialized technical collection. For FY2018 we provided to other libraries: 1,401 articles from our electronic and print journals, plus we sent out 403 NJIT books on loan.



Electronic Theses & Dissertations (ETD)

Currently there are 2,914 theses and dissertations available in electronic format as ETDs (Electronic Theses & Dissertations) out of approximately 6,000 theses and dissertations produced by NJIT students. From July 2017 to June 2018, 460 ETDs were added to the ETD portal, of which 264 were retrospectively scanned by ProQuest. 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 online portal.

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

Digitization Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Current T&D	109	133	105	96	77
ILL Request	1	-	1	2	-
Proquest Retro	-	-	-	-	264
Retrospective	10	5	65	42	121
Web Request	4	4	7	5	-
Total	124	142	178	145	452

Requestor Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ETD Project*	119	138	170	138	462
NJIT Alumni	-	1	2	2	-
NJIT Faculty	-	-	-	1	-
NJIT Staff	1	-	-	1	-
NJIT Student	1	3	2	-	-
Non-NJIT Staff	-	-	1	3	-
Other	3	-	3	-	-
Total	124	142	178	145	462

*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

@

<https://digitalcommons.njit.edu>

Archives and Virtual Yearbooks

During fiscal year 2018, the library digitized seven Nucleus yearbooks and added them to the digital archive: 1938, 1950, 1968 and 1992 through 1995. The Nucleus is NJIT's official yearbook and archives the significant moments of the university. It connects the past, the present, and the future of NJIT. There are 35 virtual yearbooks available online at <http://libapps.njit.edu/virtual-collections/>



1938

1950

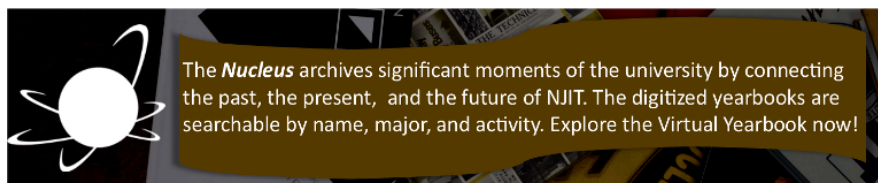
1968

1992

1993

1994

1995



The *Nucleus* archives significant moments of the university by connecting the past, the present, and the future of NJIT. The digitized yearbooks are searchable by name, major, and activity. Explore the Virtual Yearbook now!

Littman Architecture and Design Library

The 2017-2018 academic year was a success as we were able to meet many goals previously set forth. External funding as well as the support of the College of Architecture and Design (CoAD) enabled us to maintain existing and introduce new initiatives. Below are just selected highlights of the Library's activities and services:

- ◆ Acquired 423 new books.
- ◆ Circulated library materials (3,541) accounting for more than 30% of the total circulation for both libraries.
- ◆ Compiled five new ResearchGuides.
- ◆ Conducted major reorganization of the print collection.
- ◆ Continued "Music in the Library" program of chamber music performed by Vramensko Quartet.
- ◆ Curated nine exhibitions that presented materials from the Library collection in the context of student and faculty creative work.
- ◆ Designed three virtual exhibitions that accompanied "Music in the Library" program.
- ◆ Equipped and furnished the Mostoller Reading Room.
- ◆ Established the Digital Scholarship Lab with Virtual Reality and spatial analysis tools as a place to conduct research through critical engagement with digital technologies.
- ◆ Expanded Digital Image Database with 670 new images.
- ◆ Improved and expanded the Digital Archive of Newark Architecture featured in ARLIS's "Multimedia and Technology Reviews" as "the most comprehensive digital documentation of Newark's architecture." Added crowdsourcing function and developed a mobile app.
- ◆ Initiated a series of workshops as "Skills Exchange" program.
- ◆ Introduced "Author Book Talks" — a series of presentations of recently published and forthcoming books authored by NJIT faculty.
- ◆ Maintained the Library presence on social media e.g. Twitter, Facebook, etc.
- ◆ Provided the whole range of reference services, subject consultations, and course-specific instruction sessions for all CoAD programs.



- ◆ Prepared four citation analysis reports for P&T committee.
- ◆ Presented at the ITE workshop.
- ◆ Published results of conducted research and presented them at various conferences.
- ◆ Raised substantial external funding (\$150,000) for various initiatives. And submitted four grant proposals.
- ◆ Received over 500 titles as gifts from friends of the library.
- ◆ Started several digital projects in collaboration with other departments.

Littman Library Author Book Talk

Come by!

Featured by the "Architect's Newspaper" as *"the best book on architecture and infrastructure of this decade"* and praised by *Planning Magazine* and *Landscape Architecture Magazine*

and

presented at the Littman Library on **October 11 at 1pm.**

"The Rule of Logistics: Walmart and the Architecture of Fulfillment"

Jesse LeCavaller

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM LIFE: People, Places, Food, and Flowers

LITTMAN ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN LIBRARY

NJIT College of Architecture and Design

Littman Library presents

The Vramensko Quartet

Robert Radliff, violin
Aurora Mendez, violin
Jordan Fusco, viola
Paul Vandervael, cello

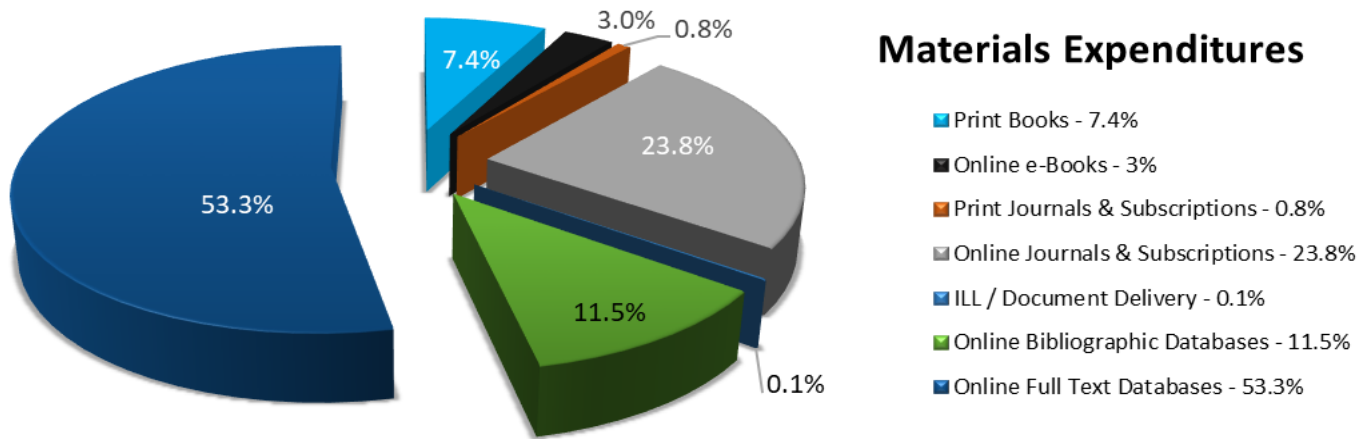
Spring Concert Program

String Quartet No. 13 in Bb Major, Op. 64 No. 3
I. Valse assai
II. Adagio
III. Menuetto - Trio, allegretto
IV. Finale: Allegro con spirito
Haydn, Franz Joseph (1732 - 1809)

String Quartet in A Major, Op. 18 No. 5
I. Allegro
II. Menuetto - Trio
III. Andante cantabile
IV. Allegro
Beethoven, Ludwig van (1770-1827)

February 7th, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Sponsored by the Darmstadt Lindemans Family

Key Statistics



92% of the materials expenditures are in electronic format

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
Van Houten Library: Hours Open in a Typical Week	100.50	100.50	100.50	108.50	111.50
Van Houten Library: User Visits to the Library	393,680	405,174	412,274	405,107	412,885
Littman Library: Hours Open in a Typical Week	72.00	72.00	72.00	73.10	74.00
Littman Library: User Visits to the Library	95,457	N/A	N/A	82,352	75,505
Circulation for Print Books : Van Houten & Littman Libraries	17,098	14,594	13,587	12,824	11,576
Circulation for ebooks: Van Houten & Littman Libraries	N/A	8,253	9,323	15,367	21,059
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed Materials	1,395	1,232	1,771	1,931	2,011
Interlibrary Loan: Loaned Materials	2,185	2,176	2,101	1,915	1,804
Document Delivery of NJIT Owned Print Collection	N/A	N/A	242	361	540
Total Number of Full Text Articles Accessed/Downloaded	263,609	307,625	292,784	323,656	*343,672

*Estimated number due to discrepancies and compromised usage data.

LIBRARY RESOURCES	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
Total Journal Titles in Online Databases (purchased)	38,764	33,563	25,483	34,202	33,585
Total Journal Titles in Online Databases (not purchased)	22,695	23,878	29,808	28,827	27,227
Total Individual Journal Subscriptions	187	187	179	176	193
Total Individual Print Journals	71	59	57	58	50
Total Individual E-Journals	104	111	108	109	111
Total Print and E-Journals	12	17	14	8	11
Total Online Bibliographic Indexes	5	6	6	6	8
Total Online Full Text Databases	27	27	34	33	35
Total ebook Volumes Held	N/A	27,759	168,107	168,991	185,262
Total Print Volumes Held	170,765	170,618	222,461	222,953	*221,728

*Decrease in 2018 print volumes due to weeding in preparation for system migration.

Staff Transitions

WELCOME:



Margaret Oluwanifise was hired as the new **Electronic Resource Librarian** in June. She received both her MLIS

and MS in Learning Technologies from Drexel University and a BS in Marketing from Bellevue University. Margaret has over 10 years of experience working in the library system and 4 years as a professional librarian.

WELCOME:



Joanne Dera was hired as the new **Science & Engineering Librarian** in June. She holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with 10 years of industry experience and a

Masters in Library and Information Science with experience in reference service and technology instruction. She will be the liaison to the departments of, Chemistry & Environmental Science, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Chemical & Materials Engineering, and Physics.

CONGRATULATIONS:

In December, **Haymwantee Singh** was promoted to **Associate University Librarian for Digital Services**. She has been with the university since 1992 in various capacities, most recently as the E-Resources and Serials Librarian. Haymwantee earned a Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering from Alfred University and a Master's Degree in Library Science from SUNY at Albany. Ms. Singh has also taught classes at NJIT in both Mathematics and Management.



WELCOME:



Our Circulation/ILL Department gained two new employees this year. **Richard Donegan**, our new **Evening Library Supervisor**, previously worked at The Historical Society of Rockland County, New City, NY where he was the Education Coordinator. Richard also worked as a reference Librarian at the Field Library, Peekskill, New York; as Collections Manager, Education Assistant at the John Jay Homestead State Historic Site in Katonah, New York, and as an Ameri-Corps Local History Coordinator at the Oberlin Heritage Center in Oberlin, Ohio. Richard holds a Bachelor of Arts in Historical Studies from Richard Stockton

College, and has completed his Masters of Library and Information Science from Kent State University. **Amy Calderon, Library Assistant II**, transferred over from the NJ Innovation Institute (an NJIT corporation) where she worked as an administrative assistant for the past five years.

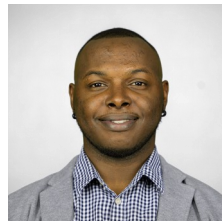
GOODBYE:

Our esteemed colleague, **Bruce Slutsky**, retired as **Technical Reference Librarian** from NJIT after **25 years** of outstanding service to the library, NJIT community, students, and faculty. He was widely known outside NJIT as the convener of the Metro SIG of Science, Technology, Medical Librarians.



GOODBYE:

James Bussey, Library Assistant II separated from the university in September after working 1½ years in the Interlibrary Loan department. He relocated his family to the Columbus, Ohio area and we wish him much success.



The Weston Museum at Robert W. Van Library holds a number of instruments and devices from Edward Weston's Newark Laboratory.



Professional News



Ann D. Hoang
University Librarian

- Member of the Faculty Senate.
- Co-chair of the CITLAR: Committee on Information Technology, Library, and Academic Resources.
- Served on the NJIT Vice President for Human Resources Search Committee during fall 2017 semester.
- Attended the Re-think it: Libraries for a New Age Conference in Austin, TX in January, 2018.
- Co-chair of the NJIT Open Affordable Textbook (OAT) Initiative Committee.
- Served on the VALE Program Manager Search Committee during spring 2018 semester.
- Hosted the Open Textbook Network Training Session for faculty, librarians and instructional designers.
- Member of NJIT Research with NJ committee, working with Elsevier PURE system for the NJ State initiative.
- Hoang, A. (2018). Open Textbook Network: Addressing Textbook Costs, Together. Co-presented at the PCCC OER Showcase. Passaic County Community College, Passaic, NJ, May 11, 2018.
- Member of VALE (Executive Committee) ALA, ACRL, LITA, LLAMA and EDUCAUSE.



Haymwantee Singh
Associate University Librarian

- Appointed to the position of Associate University Librarian for Digital Services in December 2017.
- Held E-Resources & Serials Librarian position.
- Member, NJIT Open Affordable Textbook (OAT) Initiative Committee.
- Member, NJIT Research NJ committee, working with the Elsevier PURE group on a NJ State initiative.
- Attended the 2018 OCLC resource Sharing Conference and the 2018 NJLA Conference.



Davida Scharf
Director of Reference

- Received an award for exceptional service to the Martin Tuchman School of Management.
- Attended professional meetings of METRO, ACRL in NY and NJ and the Bloomberg Education Conference.
- Collaborated with NJIT faculty on the following publications and presented on her work with Mailchimp.
 - Scharf, D. Bargaonkar, A., Sodhi, J. (2018). Collaborating with librarians to help first year students explore engineering disciplines and improve research & writing skills. 10th Annual First Year Engineering Experience (FYEE) Conference. Enhancing the First Year of Engineering Education. Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ. July 25-26, 2018.
 - Egan, R., Fjermestad, J. Scharf, D. (2017). The Use of Mastery Quizzes to Enhance Student Preparation. Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice 17(8):36-42.
 - Scharf, D. (2017). Communicate like a marketer. Conference talk at Diving Deep: Exploring New Possibilities in Information Literacy and Assessment Summer 2017 Workshop. ACRL-NJ User Education Committee & ACRL-NJ Assessment Committee, Morris County CC, Randolph, NJ.



Doreen Mettle
Director of Circulation and Interlibrary Loan

- Attended Ex Libris User Group meeting at St. Peter's University, Oct 19-20, 2017.
- Attended Super Library Supervisor Training, final session, Monroe Township Library, May, 2018.
- Attended Management & Staff Academy sessions.
- Received a Management and Staff Academy Certificate of Achievement, May 2018.



Maya Gervits
Director, Littman Architecture & Design Library

- Chaired AASL Professional Development committee.
- Co-wrote "Library as a Facilitator of Digital Collaborative Projects" (VALE conference).
- Presented co-authored work "Evolving through Collaboration and Partnership" at the AASL conference.
- Member of the NJDHC steering committee.
- Member of the CoAD Excellence in Teaching Awards committee.
- Initiated Digital Scholarship Lab and secured \$150,000 for its establishment and activities.
- Initiated Author Book Talks, "Skills Exchange", and "History of the College of Architecture and Design" projects.
- Curated 12 exhibitions.

Professional News (continued)



Raymond Vasquez
Research & User Services
Librarian

- Member, NJIT Open Affordable Textbook (OAT) committee.
- Attended the CUNY & SUNY Open Educational Resources (OER) Showcase and the Passaic County Community College OER showcases.
- Participated in the 2018 High School New Jersey Chemistry Olympics as a judge for the Information Search event.
- Participated in training Rutgers librarians to use a rubric to assess information literacy.
- Participated on a task force that investigated the feasibility of VALE pursuing a consortia membership in the Open Textbook Network (OTN).



Danielle Reay
Architecture, Art & Design
Library Specialist

- Active in ARLIS/NA as a member of the Professional Development Committee and the Fair Use Instructional Materials Task Force.
- Co-edited the ARLIS/NA open access e-book Fair Use in the Visual Arts: Lesson Plans for Librarians.
- Co-moderated the panel "New Voices in the Profession" for the 2018 ARLIS/NA conference.
- Delivered presentation at VALE Users' Conference co-authored by M. Gervits and A. Wendell, "Digital Scholarship in Libraries."
- Reviewer for Art Documentation and the Journal of Archival Organization.
- Presented "Copyright in the Digital Age" at May 2018 ITE workshop.
- Participated in NJDHC meetings, digital humanities workshops, and digital preservation and web archiving webinars.



Lisa Weissbard
Cataloging Librarian

- Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee of the NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ.
- Attended the Ex Libris Northeast Users Group meeting in Jersey City in October, 2017 and the Ex Libris Users of North America meeting in Spokane, WA in May, 2018.



Matthew Brown
Digital Projects Librarian

- Launched NJIT's Digital Commons Institutional Repository.
- Participated in the Library Link NJ Project Management Series.
- Secured \$300 to purchase supplies for the Weston Blueprint Inventory Project.
- Member of the NJLA CUS/ACRL - NJ Technology Committee and PSA Staff representative.

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<http://researchguides.njit.edu/illiad>

Special Collections
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