

**LHU Libraries**  
**Assessment to Budget Linkages 2007-2009**

Reviewing of questions in the University Archives indicated that digitization of the student newspaper would significantly enhance users' ability to independently find the information they need. Since performance funds were available from PASSHE, that project is currently underway.

Clearfield Campus continues to have higher per student circulation rates, indicating that continuing to put a disproportionately high budget into books at Clearfield is still warranted, though slowing.

The education librarians across PASSHE conducted an assessment of the materials we have to support PDE curricular changes for teacher education. They identified materials needed at each campus, as well as materials needed in selected institutions. We are currently using performance funds to fill in these gaps.

The Electronic Resources Librarian has been evaluating database usage statistics and considering a matrix to fairly allocate those funds across disciplines. While this is still under development, some changes seemed fairly evident based on thinking so far, and that has affected which databases have been canceled over the past two years.

When the university faced serious shortages in 08/09, we decided to cancel almost half of the remaining print journals in the collection. We could not justify the cost given the low usage data, and the availability of titles online was another major factor.

We have two new technical people working in Media Services as of Fall 2009. They reviewed usage of videocameras and realized that it was time to take several generations of cameras out of circulation and move the bulk of that activity to a new type of camera. We are in the process of acquiring several of the new type in order to make sure that a larger investment in that particular model is wise.

In 2007 the coordinator of the President's laptop initiative conducted a faculty survey. As a result the library installed more laptop charging areas in Stevenson Library. Some informal benchmarking indicated that we should have laptops available for two hour loan rather than increasing the number of workstations we have available in the public area.

Last year the department updated the disciplinary book allocation formula. An examination of best practices in academic libraries led to the inclusion of circulation rates as a major contributor to the discipline allocation formula.

A library department task force was convened to evaluate the standing order list. A recommendation was made to discontinue approximately 50% of the titles based on need and redundancy of information. The recommendations were accepted by the full department.

Librarians continued to evaluate usage and age data of subject collections in order to apply performance fund spending.

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