2019

2018-2019 Annual Report By the Numbers

Murray Library

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Three new staff:
- Linda Poston, Director
- Tracy Sheaffer, Library Administrative Assistant
- Loni Allen, Cataloging Technician

2,528 new items purchased

4-year Library Strategic Plan developed

5 Newsletters and 14 issues of Murray in a Hurry

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42,868 Checkouts

470,740 Database Searches

225 Information Literacy Sessions

1,809 Reference Questions

500+ Attendees at 9 Library events

2,831 Interlibrary Loan items borrowed

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The Collection

242,324 Books

681,328 e-Books*

8,746 Sound Recordings

10,835 Scores

12,340 DVDs/Blu-ray

455,190 Periodicals

108,468 Streaming videos

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Highlights

Most used databases
- Ebook Central ebooks
- Academic Search Ultimate
- JSTOR
- PsycInfo
- Ancestry Online

Most checked out items
- Book: American nursing: a history (23)
- Score: On Wenlock edge: a cycle of six (7)
- DVD: One flew over the cuckoo's nest (15)

*Not all are owned; all are accessible
“The Murray staff are always so excellently helpful. You all are the secret weapon in my arsenal of smart...” - Graduate Student

“The library is a great resource for both academic work and as a study space. It is helpful that it is open until midnight most days.” - Undergraduate Student

“So many good things! I love the library, the hours are great and the resources here are marvelous!” - Undergraduate Student

“The resources offer our students the world’s knowledge, catalogued and searchable. The librarians teach our students how to find the good stuff and how to use it and cite it correctly. The change in our students’ level of information literacy in a nine month period is astonishing.”

- Milton Gaither, Education

“These resources grow every year, much to my delight. As a teacher, researcher, and writer who reads constantly for both professional and personal reasons, I am so grateful for our library and the library staff.”

- Kerry Hasler Brooks, English

“The staff is extremely friendly, collaborative, and go out of their way to facilitate study and research.”

- Bernado Michael, History

“I am continually impressed with the Murray Library...The quality of the resources is impeccable, and the people are awesome!” - Graduate Student