



LEARNING RESOURCES 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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From the Director

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The scope of Learning Resource’s contributions to the strategic objectives of the College continued to grow this year.

Records Management

Learning Resources initiated the Records Management project and continues to show leadership through ongoing application and implementation of the records classification scheme and retention schedule. We’ve also created a DC Connect page where various training and information resources are maintained for College use.

Third Party Tools & Privacy

Under the Learning Technology Steering Committee (LTSC), I am participating in a Third Party Tools working group to identify means to support faculty in the use of various tools in teaching while complying with privacy legislation. This work is ongoing. Established guidelines for faculty using these tools will be available over the coming year.

eTextbooks on the Texidium Platform

With Tim Paul (Academic Technology Services Manager), Linda Valecourt (Bookstore Manager) and various willing volunteer faculty members, I have been leading a project to evaluate the eTextbook experience using the Texidium platform. The pilot began in the Winter, continued in the Summer and is ongoing this Fall 2016 semester, where we hope to do a more focussed comparison and evaluation of learning outcomes between different sections taught by the same instructor. Evaluation of the platform experience will take place following the completion of the Fall 2016 semester. Possibly more significantly, we are considering how this platform can offer open textbooks from BC Campus and others, to our students.

Library Numbers

737,789 People Visited

522,521 Website Page views

194,580 Items Circulated

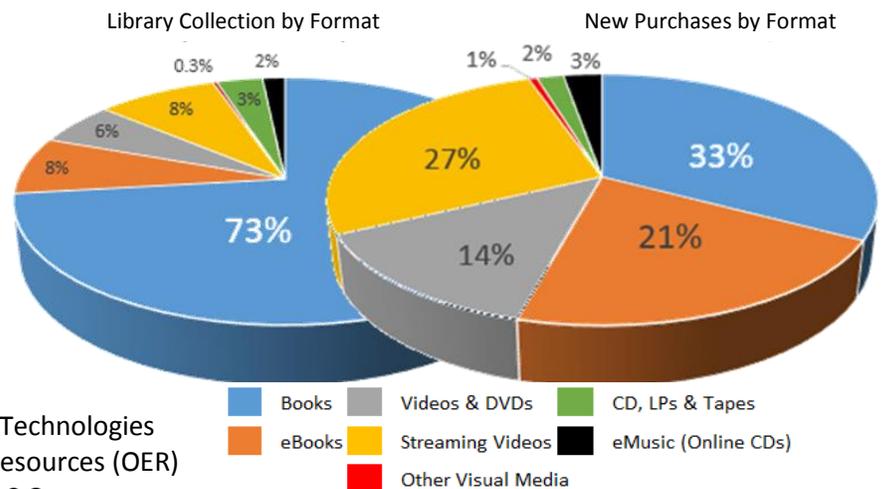
Open Textbooks, Open Educational Resources & Provincial Initiatives

Debra Flewelling, Open Education & Emerging Technologies Librarian is responsible for Open Educational Resources (OER) initiatives at Douglas, and is a member of the BC Open

Education Librarians group, through BC Campus. Debra attended the Festival of Learning conference to present at a panel discussion on OER initiatives at Douglas College, and along with physics instructor, Jennifer Kirkey, on establishing an OER Working Group, for garnering support for the use of OER, at Douglas College.

Debbie Schachter has been participating with Shirley Lew from VCC, Todd Mundle of KPU, David Porter of BCIT and Mark McLaughlin of SFU, on a Digital Learning Resource Network potential for a common technology platform for BC Post-Secondary institutions. This project is in the initial stages of determining what a platform could be and how it could benefit students and faculty for improved access to open resources, and discounted publisher resources.

Evolution of Library Material Formats



Research & Partnerships

New faculty member *Mina Sedaghatjou*, and acting

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Coordinator *Nancy Squair*, conducted a research project on self-regulated learning and tutor training, entitled *In-depth analysis and evaluation of Peer-tutoring activities in higher education*. Initial results suggest that tutor training in self-regulated learning had a positive effect on tutors' intrinsic motivation. The study found growth in post-test scores for metacognition, self-regulation, personal control and self-efficacy skills.

Nancy has been elected the Vice-Chair of the Canadian Writing Centres Association (CWCA). This executive position is for three years (vice-chair, chair, past chair) which also means that Nancy, with the support of the Learning Centre team, will be arranging the next three annual conferences!

Institutional Repository



The Douglas College Open Repository (DOOR) is developing a collection of scholarly publications: <http://dc.arcabc.ca/> Institutional Repository and Research Librarian, *Gretchen Goertz*, is the lead on this project and is working as part of the B.C. Arca consortium. The repository will launch to the College community in Fall 2016, and we have been working to ensure a significant number of collections will be available.

More Service Numbers

5,269 Tutoring Sessions 40,654 Service Interactions

1,827 Students Served in 22,933 Ask me/Circulation

460 Courses by 9,025 Research Help

48 Peer Tutors 896 Learning Centre

Top Three.....

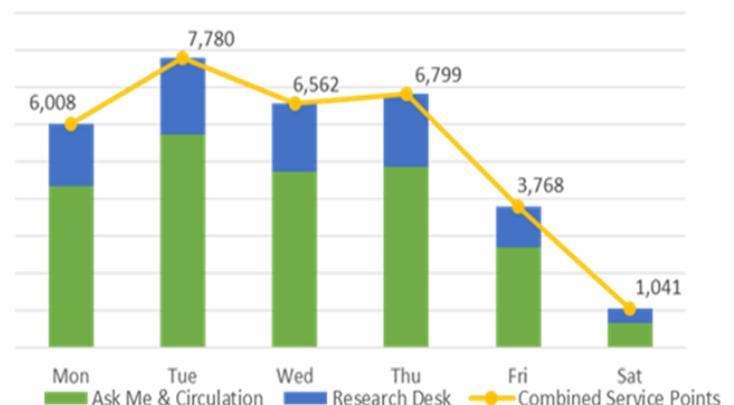
Courses tutored

- ENGL 1130
- ENGL 1106
- FINC 1231

Equipment types borrowed

- Accessories - cables, cords, chargers
- Laptops
- Other - Calculators, iclickers, Typewell

Library Service Interactions by Day of the Week



Employee Matters this past year we welcomed:

- ★ Alicia Arding, Information Literacy & Educational Technology Librarian
- ★ Angela Fleming, Public Services Technician
- ★ Dana McKee, Learning Centre Services Coordinator
- ★ Karen Meijer-Kline, Contract Research Librarian

- ★ Mina Sedaghat Jou, Learning Centre Faculty
- ★ Nancy MacDonald, Public Services Technician
- ★ Taren Urquhart, Public Services Technician
- ★ Trevor Smith, Monograph Acquisitions & Metadata Librarian

KUDOS from faculty



This term was my first term teaching at Douglas College, and I wanted to comment on a few things that I found Douglas does particularly well. First, I've taught at three different institutions in the past two years, and nowhere have I encountered such supportive, helpful librarians: they were endlessly patient with students who had difficulty finding research materials, were willing to adapt their in-class presentations to each section, and provided feedback to the students along the way. This was incredibly impressive.