

LIBRARY

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Through the selection, organization, and dissemination of information, the Library supports the academic and vocational programs of the College. It seeks to fill the information needs of its user community by developing a conceptually coherent and rational collection of print and non-print materials which support the School's teaching and research functions.

To fulfill this mission, the Library faculty participate in the development and review of the curriculum and work closely with teaching faculty and students to analyze their curricular, research and recreational interests. Staff also teach the bibliographic structure of knowledge and the means of gaining access to that knowledge, explore and implement new technology to expand and improve information resources and services, and test new ways to extend service to the broader community. The Library encourages the formation of cooperative programs and arrangements with other libraries through networking and consortia to share ever-expanding information resources.

In all of its activity, the Library seeks to support the designated programs of the College and to respond to the unique information demands generated by the College mission.

Library Collection

The Library collection is comprised of print and electronic journals and books, curriculum materials (primarily K-12), media, government documents, microform items and serials. Special collections include the Lewis-Clark Centennial Collection of Pacific Northwest materials; children's and young adult literature; elementary and secondary school textbooks and the Allan H. Smith Collection. The Library also serves as a partial depository for federal documents. The Library subscribes to essential academic databases for undergraduate research to meet curricular and program needs.

Research Help

Librarians advise, instruct, and assist patrons on the effective use of resource materials in both print and digital formats. Assistance is available to support research needs including the development of research strategies, resource identification, and evaluation of resources.

Library Instruction

The LCSC Library employs a variety of instructional methods to help LCSC students develop the full range of information literacy skills needed to succeed in their courses and meet the expectations of their future employers. Together with course instructors, the librarians develop assignment-related instruction and subject guides. Librarians also provide individualized instruction to students on the use of library resources to complete their assignments. To meet the needs of distance students and provide self-paced in-depth instruction, the library offers online tutorials for research skills. These tutorials are available for faculty to download into the online course management system.

Borrowing from other Libraries

Inter-library loan is a service available to students, faculty and staff at LCSC. The service provides access to resources not available in the LCSC Library collection. The Library maintains local, regional and worldwide agreements with libraries for resource sharing. The Library will borrow books and obtain articles from other libraries for members of the campus community.