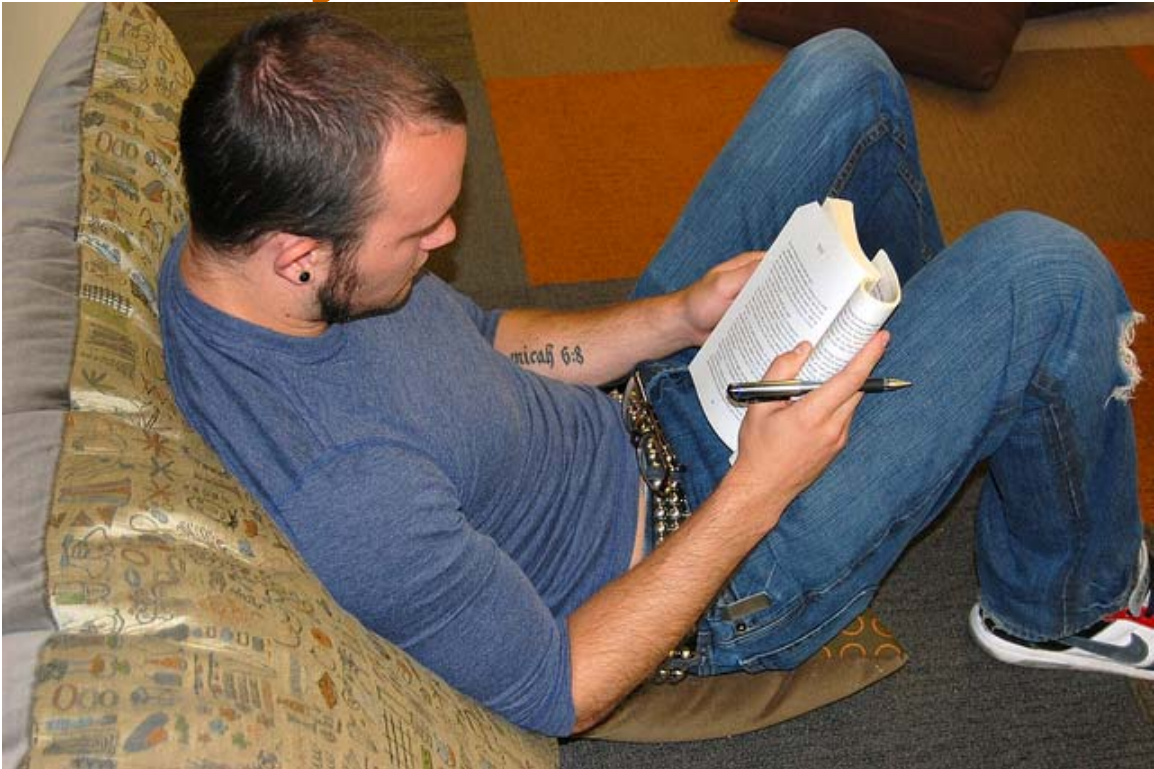


Library Annual Report 2010



Teaching the knowledge needed to create intentional inquiries

Promoting opportunities to experience the joy of serendipitous discovery

Building collections and services in collaboration with the community

Creating environments for solitary contemplation and gregarious collaboration

Facilitating the appreciation and celebration of books

Engaging technologies that enhance services and the collection

Year in Review

The gate count, circulation, reference interactions, and number of library instruction sessions all increased this year: the gate count was 105,686; the total circulation 39,469; and there were 1,027 reference interactions. The annual average of books checked out per student was 23.4. The following are the percentage change increases from FY09 to FY10:

- 5% Gate count
- 5% Faculty book borrowing
- 9% Student acquisition requests
- 9% Database searches
- 13% Interlibrary loan borrowing
- 270% Laptop circulation



Services

There were 23 library instruction sessions with 340 students. Some sessions took place in the library, others in classrooms; topics varied from broad overviews of resources to very specific research questions. The average rating for the sessions was 4.6 (1 = poor and 5 = excellent). Students rated the effectiveness of the librarian teaching in terms of organization and clarity of presentation, the overall value of the library instruction class session, and the relevance of the information presented to the research assignment. Online tutorials were created for the following topics: Google Scholar, locating course reserves, searching for articles, how to use interlibrary loan, and how to search for journals.

The Collection



A dramatic shift of the entire collection took place in the summer of 2009 to integrate the reference book collection and the magazine/journal collection into the book collection. The goal was to have materials on a particular subject physically together to create a logical and more convenient library experience. The move has also allowed many of the folio (oversized) books which were previously shelved in separate areas back into the main stacks.

Collaborative collection development continues to be a top priority for the library. We received 1,588 acquisition requests from faculty and students (821 faculty, 767 students) representing 65% of all purchased acquisitions for the year.

The library continues to promote books and reading through displays, the newsletter and reading lists. For the fourth consecutive year the faculty provided reading recommendations for Field Work Term reading. The library also had readings lists from architects Billie Tsien & Tod Williams, chef Bill Scully, writer Akiko Busch, Vermont Public Radio host Mitch Wertlieb, and writer Davy Rothbart.

The following electronic resources were added to the collection: JSTOR Arts & Sciences II collection, African American Newspapers, 1827-1998, and Nature Journal.



The Building

- Based on student feedback a new floor seating area was created.
- The exterior stairs were replaced.
- Safety railings were installed on the interior staircase and the exterior walk way.
- A coffee station was added.
- Six carrels were refurbished with new cherry wood tops.



Select Events & Exhibitions



Crossett Library celebrated its **50th Anniversary** with events held through the fall term of 2009. Events included bookmaking, film showings, an exhibition of Ezra Stoller's photographs of the library, and a raffle benefiting the McCullough Free Library (North Bennington) children's room.



The Traveling Book Show exhibit opened at Crossett Library, Bennington College, a collaborative artist book project conceived by Dorothy Allen '09. Dorothy held a series of workshops in the fall term and the collaborative postal art project ran through Field Work Term. A reception and exhibition was held to celebrate the works in the spring.



The 2010 Senior Thesis and Project Reception, held on May 27, celebrated the accomplished works of our graduating seniors. This year marked the 11th anniversary of the event. A toast was given by faculty member Paul Voice.

The Open Face Records Tribute Concert was held in the library on December 8, 2009. A celebration of some Bennington College alumni whose songs, initiatives, and do-it-yourself styles have inspired and encouraged many to make music, put on shows, record albums, and make things happen.



World Book Day was celebrated April 23, 2010. The celebration originated in Catalonia on April 23, St. George's Day, El dia de San Jordi, where the tradition of exchanging a flower for a book began. Students, faculty members, staff and visitors share the title of a favorite book. The title was attached to a flower. In exchange for sharing a favorite book title everyone receives a flower with another person's favorite book title.



The Numbers

Library Holdings

Item	Total FY10
Books - print	90,444
Books - electronic	53,514
Movies	5,171
Journals – print titles	253
Journals – electronic titles	40,368
Music - electronic	4,585
Music - CDs	2,280
Music - LPs	9,000
Microforms	6,117
Scores - print	15,000
Scores - electronic	12,644

Acquisitions Crossett

Faculty Requests	772
Student Requests	686
Gifts	768
Replacements	185
Other New Books	783
Other New DVDs	66

Acquisitions Jennings

Faculty Requests	74
Student Requests	81
Gifts	40
Replacements	5

Overall Borrowing

Item Type	FY08	FY09	FY10
All items	39,909	41,106	39,649
Books	17,196	18,957	18,987
Movies	13,616	12,207	9,404
Reserves	2,958	2,659	2,541

Student Borrowing

Item Type	FY08	FY09	FY10
Books	13,143	14,392	14,185
Movies	9,676	8,472	6,302
CD, Music	826	909	806
Laptops	148	227	863
Books, Jennings	66	86	118

Faculty Borrowing

Item Type	FY08	FY09	FY10
Books	2,341	2,750	2,898
Movies	2,792	2,622	2,232
CD, Music	396	298	284
Laptops	8	16	31
Books, Jennings	18	43	48

Interlibrary Loan Activity -Borrowed from Other Libraries

	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10
Articles	563	605	1,046	1,278
Books, Films, CDs, etc.	1,010	1,469	1,893	2,041
Total	1,573	2,074	2,939	3,319

Interlibrary Loan Activity - Loaned to Other Libraries

	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10
Articles	142	71	101	64
Books, Films, CDs, etc.	911	838	1,139	1,010
Total	1,053	909	1,240	1,074

Journal Finder Searches

	FY09	FY10
Title Searches	1900	2135
Subject Browsing	573	704
Other Searches	3354	3004
Total	5827	5843