

**Paul M. Adams Library  
Rocky Mountain College  
Annual Report  
2021/22**

**Message from the Director**

The library updated its collection development plan. As part of this update the plan will now be updated every three years instead of five. We also eliminated fines on overdue books. This was something we had been doing as a trial during the previous year and found that we did not see an increase in lost material and students appreciated not having that pressure on them. Our library instruction remained static from last year but we are hoping with a better school schedule and promoting the service we will start to see an increase in this area and get back to pre-pandemic levels. We were once again asked into all of our graduate programs. We were able to add several key journals for our Occupational Therapy program by adding the Taylor and Francis medical library. This also benefited our Physician Assistant program and our Doctorate of Medicine program. We added LibKey to allow our students to more easily find full text within our databases. The library participated in MIT's Direct to open program which in addition to opening up 80 front end titles gave us access to their Humanities and Social Science backlist as well as their STEM + Art and Design backlist. Our library consortium updated our Primo service to Primo VE in May. We expect to continue testing functionality into the next fiscal year. The library was able to conduct its survey this year and based on survey feedback the library will be trying to expand our evening hours. This is a challenge due to our continued staff shortage but we feel it is important for the success of our students. It will be contingent on being able to hire enough students which continues to be a challenge due to off campus jobs paying considerably more than we are able to offer. We were happy to see our usage overall increase. Although small we are hoping the trend continues as things are normalized after the pandemic. We also saw an overall increase in the usage of our databases and our physical collections. We added fewer titles than usual this year primarily due to the cost of academic books increasing and our budget being static. We have asked for an increase in our book budget for next year and are hopeful that will be granted. In April the college had its seven year accreditation visit. This was done virtually. The library interview went well and no deficiencies were noted.

**Library Goals**

- Increase library instruction (Instruction page on website to help faculty know what services the library offers).
- Increase general usage of the library
- Weed the collection (space is becoming an issue)

**Library Statistics**

Circulation

Books	1251
Periodicals	265
Media-AV	116

Equipment	125
Sub Total	<u>1757</u>
In Library Use	
Reserves	108
Reference books	21
Sub Total	<u>129</u>
Grand Total Use	1886
Cataloging Activity	
Titles Added	399
Titles Deleted	129
Interlibrary Loan Activity	
Items Borrowed for RMC Users	
From MT Libraries	194
Outside Montana	214
Total	<u>408</u>
Items Loaned to Other Libraries	
In Montana	191
Outside Montana	152
Total	<u>343</u>
Patrons Served	
Average patrons/week	753
Average Questions/week	30
Total classes taught	14
Total students in classes	198
Database Usage	
Periodical databases searches	
EbscoHost	85,493
Gale InfoTrac	7488
Heinonline	22
Proquest	14,339
Science Direct	985
AVON (Academic Video Online)	6925

Reference database searches	
Britannica	2434
Statista	57

## **Library Collection**

Books (titles)	
Print	49,499
Electronic	292,309
Periodicals (titles)	
Print	376
Online access (via databases)	58,637
Media-AV	1888
Streaming Video	79,406
Total titles	<hr/> 482,115