



The University of Washington Libraries is one library serving three campuses and ranks 14th overall among the 113 North American academic libraries that are members of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), and 7th among public institutions in the U.S., after UC Berkeley, Michigan, UCLA, Penn State, Texas and Illinois. This “Investment Index” ranking is based on expenditures and staff size.

RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION

4.5 million articles downloaded from Libraries-licensed journals in science, engineering, and health sciences alone
125,000 search sessions on Libraries-licensed citation indexes
The *Libraries 2007 Triennial Survey* (1455 faculty respondents) indicates:

- Faculty receiving federal research funding rated libraries higher in importance than others
- 97% rate the Libraries as very important to their work (4.89 on a 5 point scale)
- 96% rate journals as most important resource to their work (4.83)
- 93% rate the Libraries as making a major contribution to keeping current (4.66)
- 93% rate the Libraries as making a major contribution to their researcher productivity (4.66)
- 80% connect to the Libraries at least twice per week from a remote computer

TEACHING AND LEARNING CONTRIBUTION

- 850 library instruction sessions on Seattle campus reaching 18,000 students
- 70% of all visits to campus libraries are by undergraduate students
- 750,000 log-in sessions to Access+ workstations in libraries and another 550,000 log-in sessions at Odegaard Undergraduate Library (OUGL) Commons
- Co-leader of Common Book effort
- Prestigious Library Research Award for Undergraduates

ANYPLACE, ANYTIME LIBRARY

- Resources and services available to the UW community (UWS, UWB, UWT) 24/7
- 35,000 Libraries-licensed online journals
- 400,000 electronic books
- 200,000 locally digitized items in 130 collections
- Reference services available 24/7
- OUGL open continuously from 1 p.m. on Sunday through 9 p.m. Friday

ONLINE RESOURCES AND SERVICES USAGE

- 6 million Libraries-licensed journal articles downloaded at a cost of \$1.10 per article (based on journal costs)
- 8.7 million separate sessions on Libraries websites
- 75,000 downloads of 1.35 TB of geospatial data from GIS website
- 1.3 million separate log-in sessions to 150 Libraries-licensed bibliographic databases
- 1 million student uses of digitized items on course reserve
- 20,000 reference questions answered online

PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND PRINT COLLECTIONS USAGE

- 13 library facilities on the UW Seattle campus
- 7.3 million print volumes
- 4.3 million visits to library units (OUGL 1.8 million, Suzzallo-Allen 1.5 million, all others 1 million)
- 50,000 visits to OUGL and 40,000 to Suzzallo-Allen in an average week during the academic year
- 1000 daily visits overnight to OUGL (2000 daily visits overnight during Finals)
- 1.4 million check-outs from Libraries print and media collections (5th among ARL U.S libraries)
- 90,000 reference questions answered in person

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

- 6 UW librarians honored with life-time achievement awards from professional associations during past two years
- Winner of ACRL 2004 Academic Research Library of the Year
- Highest number of ARL visiting program officers (assessment, electronic resources management, e-science)
- Highest number of librarians selected for competitive ARL diversity and emerging leader programs
- Regional and global impact through WorldCat Local, Pacific Rim Digital Library Alliance, Global Research Libraries 2020, Orbis Cascade Alliance, Carnegie Fellows for South Africa, international librarianship, assessment leadership, and diversity efforts
- 90,000 items loaned to other libraries, many in the Pacific Northwest (rank in top 5 among ARL libraries)

Image from Libraries Artist Images bookmark 2008, from an installation by Norie Sato