

## **UC Merced Library: Overview of Leo and Dottie Kolligian Library**

### **Support for Student Learning (WASC Standard 2.13)**

The physical library building is designed to support community, collaboration, individual study, and research. Library instruction is focused on outreach to students and collaboration with faculty to ensure the effective ability to navigate information resources, the ability to evaluate information, and ethical behavior related to acknowledgement of resources and understanding of intellectual property rights. Library reference service is predicated on efficient and effective response to student and faculty needs. Reference information resources are integrated into the physical and online collection and are available to all. The Library has helped develop a digital reference service among UC libraries that has the goal of providing round-the-clock service. Online library services and information resources are available via all UC Merced network connections and also via authenticated remote network access. Access to these networked services and resources is via personal computer or notebook computer borrowed from the Library. Privacy is enhanced by use of the self checkout process for borrowing library materials. See <http://library.ucmerced.edu/> for additional details and note the very simple home page that is focused on providing the most efficient route for students to acquire information resources.

### **Fiscal, Physical, and Information Resources (WASC Standard 3.6)**

- Fiscal Resources

The 2005/06 base allocation for information resources is \$1,514,700. That amount was subject to a one-time reduction of \$500,000 due to critical campus needs, i.e., the net allocation for 2005/06 is \$1,014,700 but the base allocation will revert to the larger figure in 2006/07. The base budget will grow with the University. The total Library budget for 2005/06 is \$2,001,574. Over 50% of the Library budget is allocated to information resources. Contrast this percentage to the typical 35% expenditure for most research libraries. The UC Merced Library is efficiently operated so that as much focus as possible can be placed on access to information resources.

- Physical Facility

The UC Merced Kolligian Library building was designed with a focus on “place”. The Library is a gathering place for students and faculty. The myriad types of spaces each serve the varied needs and methods of today’s students and faculty. The first floor reading room is more like a student union than a library. Students can take care of business for both student government and student services, drop by the book store, grab a mocha in the coffee shop, and meet friends in the café-style seating area. The large reading rooms on the upper floors are more conventional library spaces. There are individual carrels (each with exceptionally large work surfaces) and traditional library tables (also with very large personal work surfaces), sofas and coffee tables, and

collaborative workrooms for tackling group projects with the aid of high-tech tools. There are numerous multipurpose rooms of varying size that can be used for seminars, for presentations, e.g., movies or guest speakers, and for meeting rooms for student organizations. There are very quiet places for study and reflection including the magnificent McFadden-Willis Reading Room. Power and data connections are available from all seats, and wireless network access is ubiquitous. Students and faculty bring their own laptop computers, or they may check out a notebook computer (just like a book). .

- Information Resources

The University of California operates with the mandate of “One University, One Library”. This manifests as full access to the complete collections of the Libraries of the University of California. The UC Libraries share an online catalog for that complete collection: Melvyl <http://melvyl.cdlib.org>

The Melvyl catalog contains records for materials (books, journals, movies, maps, music scores and recordings, computer files, dissertations, government documents, etc.) held by the libraries of the ten UC campuses, the California State Library, Hastings College of the Law, the California Academy of Sciences, the California Historical Society, the Center for Research Libraries, the Graduate Theological Union, and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The database contains over 25,000,000 records, and most campuses update their holdings on a weekly basis. The Melvyl Request function allows direct online user request for any book at any UC library. Courier delivery to the campus of the requestor is typically within one to three days. Data for June 30, 2004 (most recent compilation) show holdings that include:

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The Melvyl catalog also provides access to the online collections of the California Digital Library. The California Digital Library provides access to scholarly materials, databases of journal article abstracts and citations, electronic journals, publishing tools, and reference databases for the University of California community. The CDL also builds collections and provides public access to cultural heritage materials through a variety of innovative programs such as Counting California, which hosts digital government information, and the eScholarship program, which assists in the creation and dissemination of UC-produced scholarship. Data for June 30, 2004 (most recent compilation) show 10,763 online serials that encompass the large majority of contemporary scholarly journal publications as well as back files that extend in some cases to volume one of these publications.

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### **Written library collection development and weeding policies, including the bases for accepting gifts (WASC Stipulated Policies)**

Library collection development is premised on easy access to the 32 million volumes of the print collections of the UC Libraries and upon full access to the California Digital Libraries and all Tier 1 licenses to scholarly journals. Electronic format is preferred over print for journal subscriptions. E-books are included in the collection as discovery tools, i.e., the Library will rapidly acquire a print copy of any online book upon request. This reduces the need to acquire so many expensive print books "just in case" they would be needed. The Library does not discriminate on the basis of format: books, online journals, paintings, microfilm, databases, etc. are all information resources that might be acquired in support of instruction and research. All content selections are focused on instruction and research programs at UC Merced, but there is a steady effort to also build a broader, more general collection. Gifts are accepted in support of these collection policies with the right to send unwanted items to other libraries or to sell or discard those items.

The Library uses an RFID security and book management system that makes it very easy to record in-library use. This usage information will be combined with the record of checkouts for each item to determine which materials are used and which are not. Materials which receive no use (i.e., have never been off the shelf since they were purchased) will be removed from the local collection and will be sent to low use storage at the UC Regional Library Facility. These materials can be requested for use in the Library at any time and will be delivered via courier within one to three days. The "no use" time threshold will be dependent upon space needs in the Library. The intention is to maintain an actively used current collection of about 250,000 volumes. N.B.: Given that all journals are online, this is actually a large research collection with immediate on-site access.

### **Data Sheet – Library**

#### **Total library collections:**

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\$759, 856 spent on library information resources in 2004/05

\$1,014,700 allocated for library information resources for 2005/06

Services and access to information resources were provided to founding faculty and the limited number of graduate students prior to "opening day", September 6, 2005. However, the library has not been operational with the complete cohort of students and faculty sufficient time to provide meaningful usage data since September 6, 2005.