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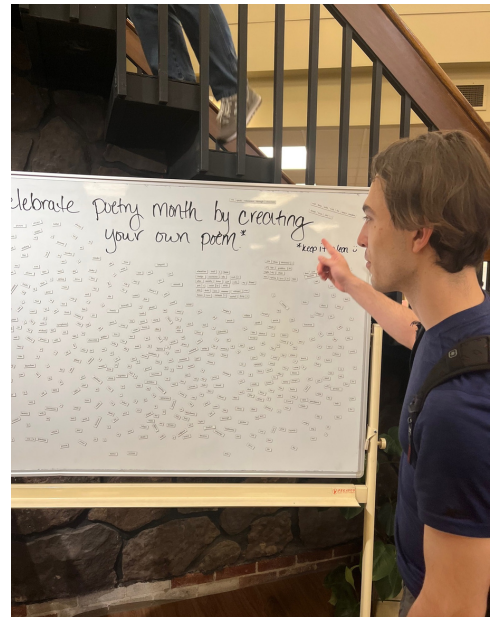
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MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

I am delighted to present McKee Library's annual report, highlighting our accomplishments and exciting developments during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Over the past year, we have undertaken a comprehensive and collaborative effort with the Association of College & Research Libraries to develop a strategic plan that will guide our library's growth for the next three years, ensuring that it reflects the needs and aspirations of our diverse community of faculty, staff, students, and researchers alike.

The creation of our strategic plan has been an inspiring journey. It allowed us to reflect on our strengths, identify areas for improvement, and set forth a clear vision of the future of our library. Emerging trends in academia, technological advancements, and the evolving needs of our patrons were considered to chart a course that will propel our library forward.

One of the critical pillars of our strategic plan is the contribution to student learning and academic success. We aim for the library to continue serving as a powerful catalyst for student learning, providing resources, services, and spaces that foster academic excellence and support the pursuit of knowledge.

Collaboration has also emerged as a vital element of our strategic plan. We believe that fostering strong relationships with faculty, researchers, and academic departments is crucial to the success of our library. Likewise, implementing media and technology information remains our plan's core. We aim to facilitate remote access, expand our online collections, and provide an immersive and interactive digital environment. Finally, our strategic plan emphasizes communicating the library's value. In a rapidly evolving information age, articulating the library's worth is imperative, along with conveying the broader impact we have on student learning, faculty research, and the overall academic success of our institution.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the future of McKee Library. We remain dedicated to fostering a vibrant intellectual hub that empowers our learning community and enriches the academic experience.



Deyse Bravo Rivera
McKee Library Director

MEET THE LIBRARY TEAM



Deyse Bravo Rivera
Library Director



Leah Christ
Circulation Manager
Beginning August 2023



Genevieve Cottrell
Cataloger
Part-time



Stan Cottrell
Technical Services
Librarian



Sonja Fordham
Director, Writing
Center & Tutoring
Center



Bethany Howard
Public Services
Librarian



Donald Martin
Digital Resources
Librarian



Shelly Merryman
Tutoring Center Office
Manager
3/4 time



Mica Myers
Periodicals &
Reference Librarian
Beginning June 1, 2023



Jessica Spears
Research Services
Librarian

LIBRARY GROWTH

Throughout the past year, McKee Library experienced a sustained and impressive expansion in its utilization of digital resources, mirroring the evolving trends in information access and consumption. Additionally, the demand for appointments related to research support and tutoring witnessed a notable upsurge, underlining our library's vital role in facilitating academic excellence and comprehensive learning support for our valued patrons.

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Electronic Resources Usage Increased

The utilization of electronic resources increased this year, which is reflective of the ongoing trend of preference for electronic materials as opposed to physical resources.

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Rise in Research Coaching Sessions

Research coaching session increased during the fiscal year, a trend the library faculty hope to continue in future years. This increase may be due to students becoming better acquainted with new librarians and due to concerted efforts during library instruction to promote this service.

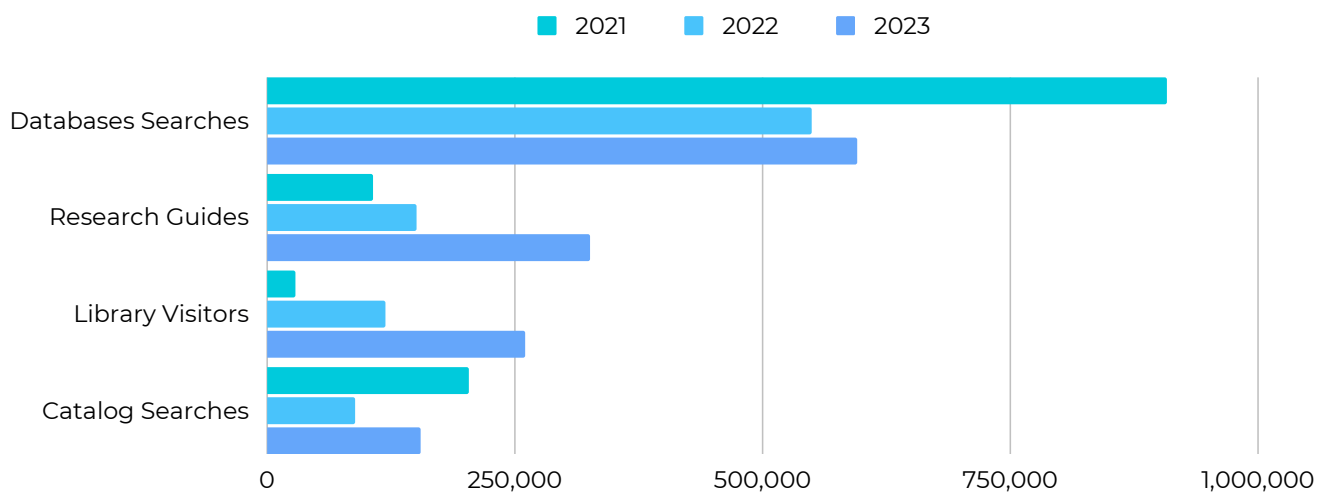
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Information Literacy Instruction Growth

The number of information literacy events has increased from the previous year due to efforts to connect faculty to information literacy presentations via frequent email promotions as well as connections built with new and long-term faculty members. Moreover, the introduction of library tours for Southern Connections classes have added events to connect with new students, thus necessitating the change in the category title from information literacy "classes" to "events."

Library Usage & Statistics

Comparison of statistics from the last three fiscal years.



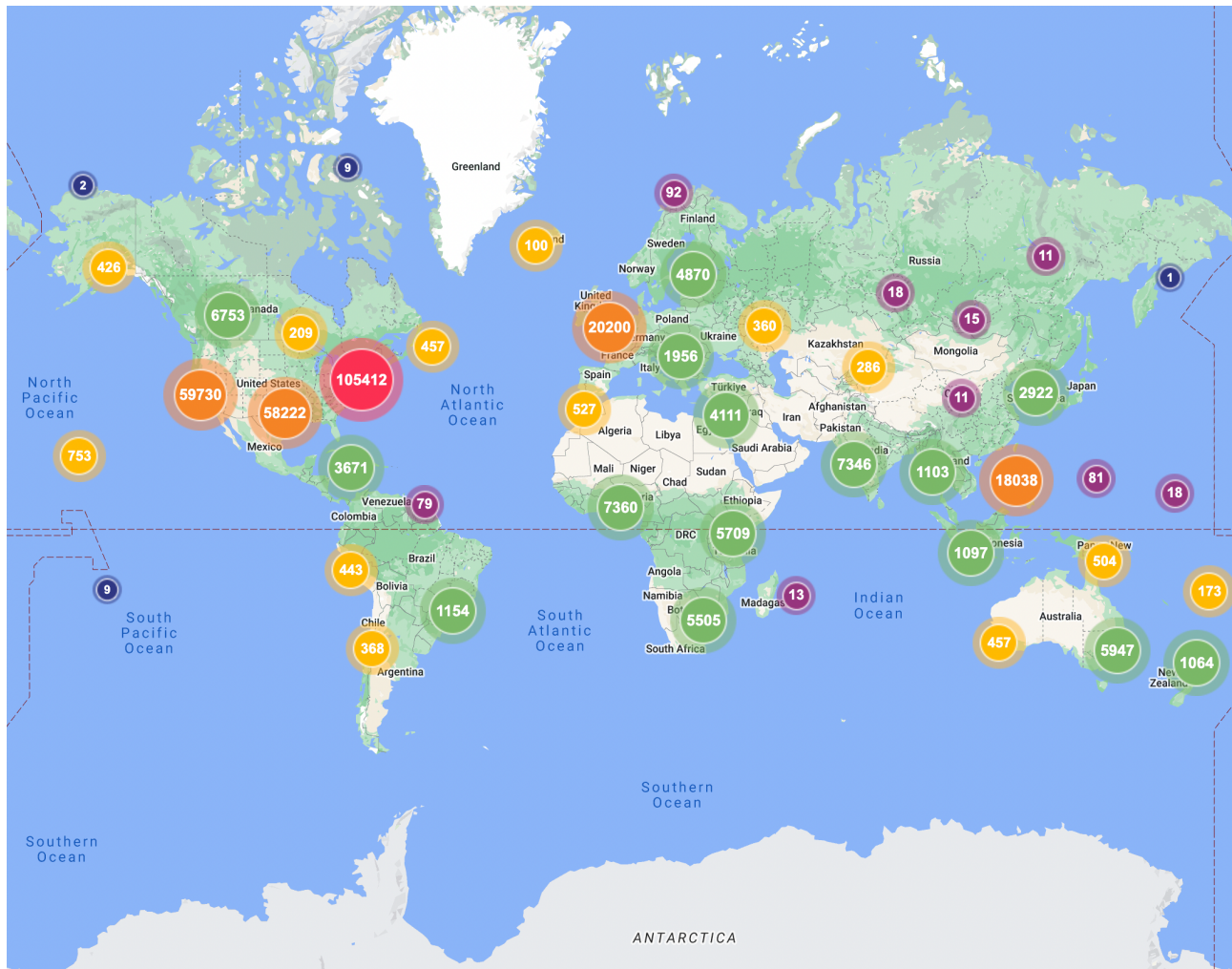
Last year, the library saw the following usage:

- 71 - Information literacy sessions conducted.
- 1,681 - Interlibrary loan transactions completed.
- 1,753 - Individual periodical subscription usage not in electronic database.
- 11,792 - Number of items checked out, renewed, and used within the library.
- 4.25 days - Average turnaround time for rush book request orders.



260K

Patrons visited McKee Library a total of 259,572 times during the fiscal year.



KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY

The university's institutional repository is a digital haven, preserving and disseminating the collective knowledge generated within our academic community. It

serves as a vital platform for sharing research papers, scholarly articles, creative works, and valuable insights from our faculty, students, and researchers.

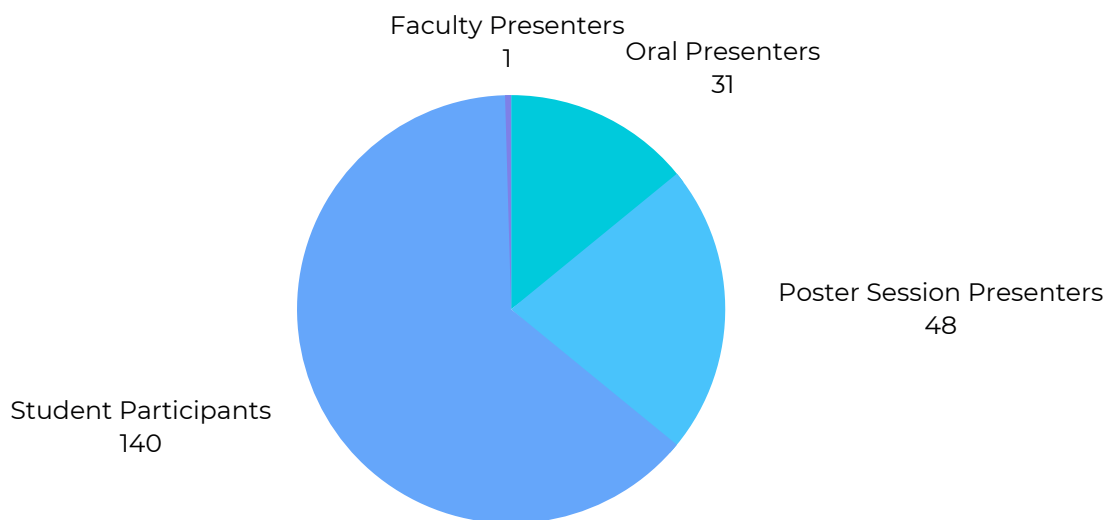
Last fiscal year, the repository had 334,243 downloads and 52,161 page visits from 10,358 institutions from 218 countries. The map above shows the overall readership from across the globe.

Campus Research Day 2023

Campus Research Day served as a vibrant platform showcasing our academic community's ingenuity, dedication, and diverse expertise. Students and faculty scholars converged to share their groundbreaking research, innovative projects, and thought-provoking ideas that spanned across disciplines and ignited new avenues of inquiry.

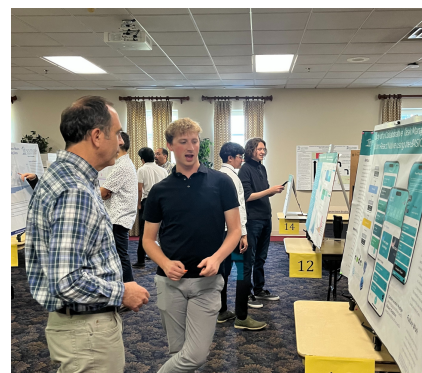
By the Numbers

Campus Research Day participants April 2023



141

Total participants in Campus Research Day 2023



PEER TUTORING

The Writing Center and Tutoring Center tutors served students across the disciplines with writing and course support.

Appointment usage for both areas increased over the previous year, though the Writing Center has not returned to pre-COVID numbers. With the creation of the new specified space for the Writing Center and the Tutoring Center on the remodeled third floor, the library hopes to see a more marked increase in tutoring sessions.

Writing Center Appointments

Writing Center tutors conducted 1,808 appointments last fiscal year, an increase from the previous year.



Tutoring Center Appointments

The Tutoring Center held 6,896 tutoring appointments during the fiscal year, representing a ratio of 2.68:1.



Workshops & Instruction Sessions

Dr. Sonja Fordham conducted 20 instruction sessions across various departments.



LOOKING AHEAD

The strategic planning and accomplishments of the past year have laid a robust groundwork for even greater achievements in the coming months.



RFID Project

McKee Library will begin the process of RFID to enable self-checkouts of library materials in the future.

Construction Continues

Construction continues on the library entrance. This space will provide additional seating and study environment options for students.



Open Access Promotion

Continued emphasis on open access resources. McKee Library will provide two \$250 stipends for faculty interested in transitioning to Open Access course materials.

We invite all members of our academic community and stakeholders to delve into our comprehensive strategic plan, outlining our vision and initiatives for the future of McKee Library.

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