

Library/Learning Resources

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The library is located on the 3rd and 2nd floor of Jolliffe Hall. In its current location the library is ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. The staff uses the Library of Congress classification system. The library contains over 30,000 volumes and over 3,000 bound and unbound journals. The EOSWeb Express automation system provides public access, computerized card catalog, and circulation control. In addition, patrons have access to several on-line databases, interlibrary loan, the OCLC database, reference assistance, computer access, CD-Roms, and a photocopy machine. Through a formal cooperative agreement with Kansas State University, MCC students, faculty, and staff enjoy full access to the KSU Hale Library system. The Learning Resources Committee assists the director of library services. The committee consists of faculty and student representation and is chaired by the library director. Through monthly meetings the committee provides oversight of various aspects of library operations. The committee functions as an advisory and steering committee to the library director. It provides evaluative decision-making to assist in setting policy for major improvements within the library, assigns portions of the library acquisitions monies to appropriate faculty for purchases in their curricular area, and entertains requests for special purchases for the library and its patrons.

Mission

In harmony with the mission of Manhattan Christian College, the mission of the library is “educating, equipping, and enriching” the students, staff, faculty, administration, and community of MCC. This mission is primarily centered in the instructional tasks of the college, focusing on curricular support of students and teaching faculty of the college. This means the library’s mission includes both “educating” and “equipping,” terms defined here to encompass both liberal arts and professional instruction. The library’s mission, therefore, includes providing facilities, staff assistance, patron orientation, and material – print and non-print media – appropriate for most of the support for the curriculum, and at least some of the support of faculty research. The library’s mission also includes “enrichment” - which is here defined as support for personal growth, providing a place and media for non-technical and recreational reading and other activities, as appropriate and feasible.

Vision

The library seeks to provide instructional support and learning resources by combining elements of a traditional “liberal arts” education with professional and pre-professional training for various aspects of ministry for students, staff, faculty, administration, and the community.

Objectives

To achieve its vision and mission, the library will...

- seek budget increases to a percentage which reflects the ideal of the ABHE’s recommended level of 6% of “G & E” expenditures of the college.
- seek augmented budgetary funding for the library through various sources of revenue including (a) a library use fee, (b) memorial gifts, (c) application for funding from grant proposals.
- seek to provide onsite and remote access to materials needed to support the curriculum and faculty research.
- provide library orientation and instructional assistance to all patrons.
- seek to enhance resource sharing services by providing access to additional materials supporting the curriculum and faculty research.
- seek to enlarge and enhance library facilities by completing the renovation of an existing campus building into a state-of-the-art library.
- seek to acquire and maintain the necessary equipment and technology to support developing programs.

- seek to acquire and regularly update computer hardware and software necessary to access and display electronic information resources.
- enhance the current systems by acquiring an automated, integrated library system for cataloging, public access, and circulation services.
- participate in library consortia to enhance library.