

LIBRARY/LEARNING RESOURCES

Director of Library Services: Ron Ratliff

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 photocopier/scanner. Through a formal cooperative agreement with Kansas State University, MCC students, faculty, and staff enjoy full access to the KSU Hale Library system, while KSU faculty, staff and students also have access to MCC's library. 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

The mission of the Manhattan Christian College Library is to provide the services and resources necessary to help educate, equip, and enrich the students, faculty, administration, and staff of Manhattan Christian College, as well as to the surrounding local community. This mission is primarily centered on the instructional tasks of the college, focusing on the curricular support of the students and teaching faculty of the college. The library's mission includes providing the following:

- Materials (print and non-print media) to support the curriculum of the college.
- Materials (print and non-print media) to help support faculty research.
- Staff assistance
- Library orientation
- Research Instruction

In addition, it supports 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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Seek to provide onsite and remote access to materials needed to support the curriculum and faculty research.
4. Provide library orientation and instructional assistance to all patrons.
5. Seek to enhance resource sharing services by providing access to additional materials supporting the curriculum and faculty research.
6. Seek to acquire and maintain the necessary equipment and technology to support developing programs.
7. Seek to acquire and regularly update computer hardware and software necessary to access and display electronic information resources.
8. Enhance the current systems by acquiring an automated, integrated library system for cataloging, public access, and circulation services.

Intellectual Freedom and Censorship

The library is committed to the free exchange of ideas. To meet the curricular needs of the college, materials will be purchased to reflect a wide variety of viewpoints and modes of expression, even those of a controversial nature. No materials shall be excluded from the collection because of the race or nationality of the authors, or the political, moral, or religious views expressed therein.