

# Wolfgram Memorial Library

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## **Introduction**

### **Molly Wolf, Executive Director**

The 2024–2025 academic year was a period of meaningful growth, innovation, and renewed community engagement at the Wolfgram Memorial Library. Across every department, our faculty and staff worked collaboratively to strengthen the library’s role as a dynamic center of learning, scholarship, and campus connection. This year’s report highlights the depth and breadth of those efforts—from expanding access to essential resources and creating new opportunities for student support, to deepening our commitment to information literacy, technological innovation, and archival stewardship.

The library continued to adapt to a rapidly evolving higher-education landscape, particularly in response to generative AI’s impact on research and learning. Our team approached this shifting environment with curiosity and care, developing workshops, instructional materials, and professional development initiatives that empower our community to navigate emerging technologies responsibly and confidently. At the same time, we broadened access to physical and digital collections, enhanced user services through initiatives like poster printing and the lending of cultural heritage institutions passes, and strengthened our partnerships across campus and within the Chester community.

This annual report also reflects the dedication of our library faculty, staff, and student workers, whose expertise, creativity, and service mindset make the Wolfgram Memorial Library an inviting and impactful academic hub. Their work ensures that every member of the Widener community—students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests—can find the support, resources, and guidance they need to learn, discover, and thrive.

As we look ahead to 2025–2026, we remain committed to innovation, accessibility, and the continual enhancement of our spaces, services, and collections. It is a privilege to lead this exceptional team and to share the stories, accomplishments, and data that illustrate another successful year at Wolfgram.

# ADMINISTRATION

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## **Wolfgram Memorial Library Goals 2024-2025**

1. Wayfinding – Look at the current signs and directories in the library and identify gaps and improvements.
2. AI – Continue to grow library faculty and staff knowledge and proficiency with generative AI.
3. PA Forward Silver Star – Work towards obtaining the Silver star in each of the 5 literacies.
4. Library Programming – Generate ideas for additional library programming.

## **AI Work Undertaken by Library Faculty & Staff**

### **Workshops Presented:**

Edge, T., & Goldstein, R. (2025, April 10) Leveraging AI Tools in Library Databases for Enhanced Research (April 10, 2025) [Presentation]. Thriving in a Digital World Workshop Series, Wolfgram Memorial Library, Widener University, Chester, PA.

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Dorsett, K.I. (2024, October 22). AI for Nursing Faculty [Presentation]. School of Nursing Faculty Meeting, Widener University, Chester, PA.

### **Professional Development Attended at Widener:**

*AI Day, Learn, Experience, Innovate: The Opportunity for Education in an AI World*, keynote Amanda Bickerstaff, Widener University AI Day, March 21, 2025.

*AI Day, Workshop: AI Tool Exploration for Your Practice*, Amanda Bickerstaff, Widener University AI Day March 21, 2025.

*Artificial Intelligence and Information Privilege*, LIS Pedagogy Chat, January 31, 2025.

*Teaching Generative AI Literacy: Approaches and Challenges*, LIS Pedagogy Chat, March 14, 2025.

*The Three Es of Teaching with AI: Ethics, Equity, and Empowerment*, Widener University DEIB Office, September 10, 2024

### **Professional Development Attended Externally:**

*AI and Academic Integrity*, AI Pedagogy Project, Harvard University, October 25, 2024.

*AI & Libraries: Literacy, Ethics, and Responsible Use* [Virtual Conference]. Library 2.0., March 13, 2025.

*AI at EBSCO: Innovation with Integrity*, EBSCO Webinar, January 23, 2025.

*AI for Libraries: Advancing Research and Discovery*, Choice/ACRL webinar, October 1, 2024.

*Assessing and Enhancing AI Literacy in Libraries!* Lyrasis webinar, October 22, 2024.

*Benefits and Risks of AI*, Elsevier Webinar, January 27, 2025.

*Copyright and AI: What Current Debates Might Mean for the Future!* Lyrasis webinar, November 5, 2024.

*Demystifying AI (and What it Means for Libraries)*. Clarivate Webinar, August 28, 2024.

*Developing Information and AI Guidelines: Blazing a New Trail*, ALA Webinar, June 12, 2025.

*Empowering Librarians with AI Literacy: A Framework for Navigation and Teaching AI,*  
CHOICE/ACRL, December 10, 2024.

*Empowering Research Through Responsible AI on ScienceDirect*, ALA webinar, March 25, 2025.

*Equipping Librarians with AI: New Tools to Enhance Workflows*, Choice/Libtech Insights webinar, May 22, 2025.

*Exploring AI with Critical Information Literacy*, ALA Elearning Course, July 15-August 9, 2024.

*Foundations of AI*, Elsevier Webinar, January 13, 2025.

*Gen AI: Navigating Changes to the Scholarly Literature Research Process*, CHOICE/ACRL, December 3, 2024.

*How Generative AI Changes Information Discovery*, Wiley webinar, March 27, 2025.

*IAIPC Mid-Institute Event*, AAC&U Webinar, January 10, 2025.

*The impact of AI in the classroom* [Webinar]. ACRL. March 6, 2024.

*Integrating Artificial Intelligence in Libraries*. Library Journal online class. October 17-November 7, 2024.

*Intellectual Property in the Age of AI*, Digital Data Design Institute at Harvard webinar, February 24, 2025.

*Leveraging AI innovations to improve student outcomes*. Choice Webinar. October 24, 2024.

*Libraries, AI, and the future of Learning and Work*, EBSCO Webinar, June 10, 2025.

*Libraries and AI: Building a Framework for Evaluation and Integration*, Library 2.0 webinar, June 20, 2025.

*Library Programming With AI: Using AI to Help Create Impactful and Memorable Library Programs*, [Webinar]. Library 2.0. March 28, 2025.

*Professional Productivity with ChatGPT + AI*, Learning Revolution Online Class, July 12, 19, 26, 2024.

*Responsible AI*, Elsevier Webinar, February 3, 2025.

*Students and AI: A Framework for Understanding the Benefits, Challenges, and Impacts of AI on Learners*, Library 2.0 webinar, May 16, 2025.

*Teaching AI Literacy with Authenticity and Vulnerability*, GAIL Webinar, June 11, 2025.

*The Three Es of Teaching With AI: Ethics, Equity, and Empowerment*. Center for Engaged Pedagogy, Barnard College, September 22, 2024.

*Transformative Reference Services in the Age of AI*, ALA Reference and User Services Association, January 22, 2025.

*Upholding Academic Integrity: How Libraries are Leading the AI Conversation*, ACRL Choice webinar, June 12, 2025.

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# USER & ACCESS SERVICES

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### Year in Review

- In January 2025, Wolfgram library launched a new poster printing service, in collaboration with the Technology Support Center. A total of **64 posters** were printed in these first six months of operation.
- Overall Information Desk transactions held steady with the previous year, at around 4000.
- Checkouts of items **increased 19%** over the previous year. Circulation of study room keys and dry erase marker sets continue to be the most popular transactions. Laptop loans and course reserve items were also popular.
- The number of professors and courses offering Course Reserve items **increased by over 200%**.
- The library expanded the cultural pass program by adding a third Longwood Gardens pass, along with passes to Shofuso Japanese Gardens, National Constitution Center, Eastern State Penitentiary, Pennsylvania Colonial Farmstead, and the Mutter Museum. A total of **78 reservations** were made for the passes this year.
- Study rooms continue to be very popular. Two new study rooms were added to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and opened in February 2025. Total bookings **increased 22.5%** and unique users **increased 28.2%** over last fiscal year.
- The number of patrons visiting the library increased again this year, by at least **13%**. In addition to members of the university community, this also included Chester community members, alumni and guests from other colleges.
- The library employed 18 library student assistants during the year, for a total of 5562 hours. Most were Federal Work Study grant recipients. Graduate Student Assistants have proven invaluable in meeting staffing needs, especially for evenings and weekends.

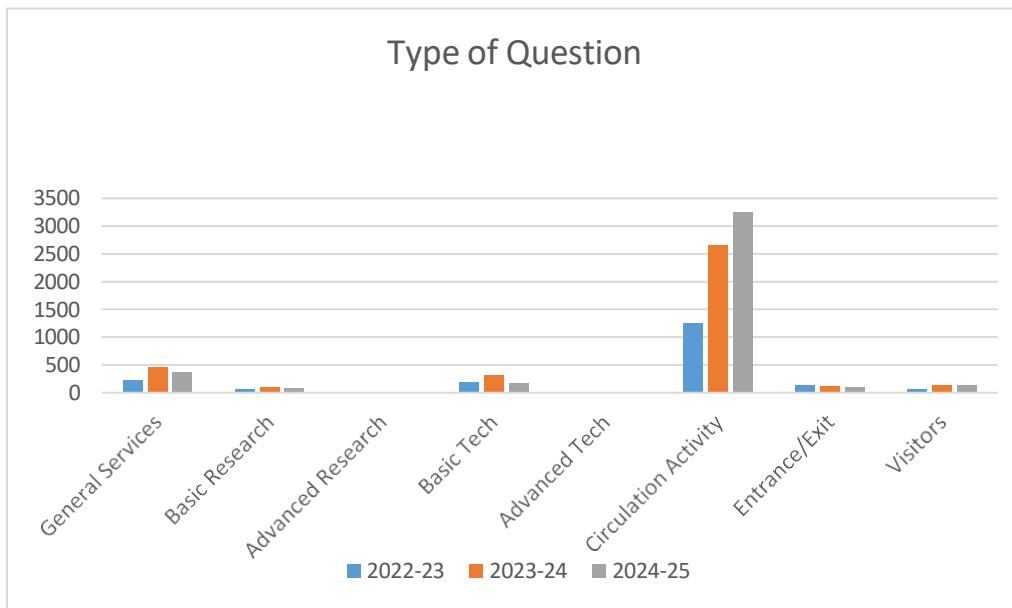
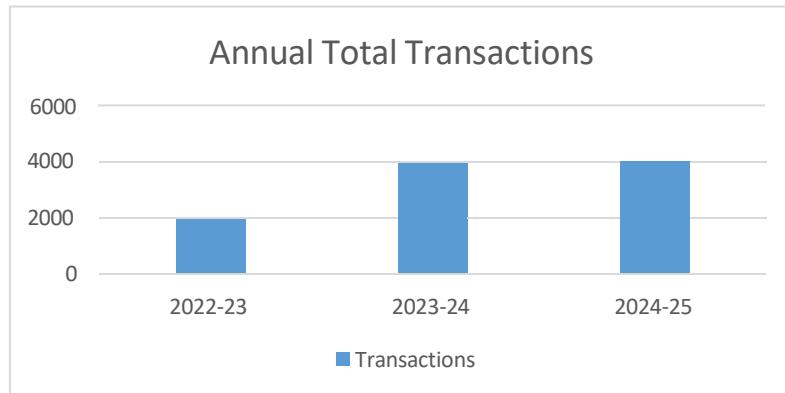
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## LIBRARY INFORMATION DESK STATISTICS

**Total = 4120 Transactions**

User & Access Services staff used the LibAnswers platform to record the data, listed below, about the services they provided in-person at the Library Information Desk during the times that the library building was open.



Widener University welcomed a large first-year class in Fall 2023, which likely contributed to our team fielding essentially twice the interactions compared to the previous year. Most transactions are general services (policies, directions, etc.) questions and circulation activity, especially of study room keys and dry erase marker sets.

## CIRCULATION STATISTICS

**2024-2025**

### Check Outs - Comparative Data

LOCATION	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
Wolfgram CIRCULATING	1005	1357	1,663
ARCHIVES	0	0	16
DVD / CD / EQUIPMENT	10	11	38
SERIALS	0	2	0
MCNAUGHTON	234	173	233
RESERVE (includes cultural passes)	969	823	445
UAS Desk (study room keys, markers, etc.)	8994	7253	6099
LAPTOPS & CHARGERS	1222	748	289
DISABILITY SERVICES	0	1	7
REFERENCE	0	4	2
CURRICULUM	147	136	123
DESK REFERENCE	4	3	2
TAX COLLECTION	2	0	0
**FOLIO Checkouts, June 2024		53	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,587 (+890 renewals)</b>	<b>10,564 (+1349 renewals)</b>	<b>8917 (+1297 renewals)</b>

\*\*On May 21, 2024, the library migrated to a new integrated library system called FOLIO. Our previous system, Sierra, was shut down at that time, so circulation data for June, 2024 is from FOLIO, but the output format did not use the same location categories.

Circulation transactions increased in 2024-25. Some contributing factors include an adjustment in laptop lending policy resulting in more checkouts for shorter periods, an increase in Course Reserve usage including additional cultural passes, and large first and second year class sizes. Study room keys and whiteboard marker kits continue to be extremely popular.

### Cultural Pass Program

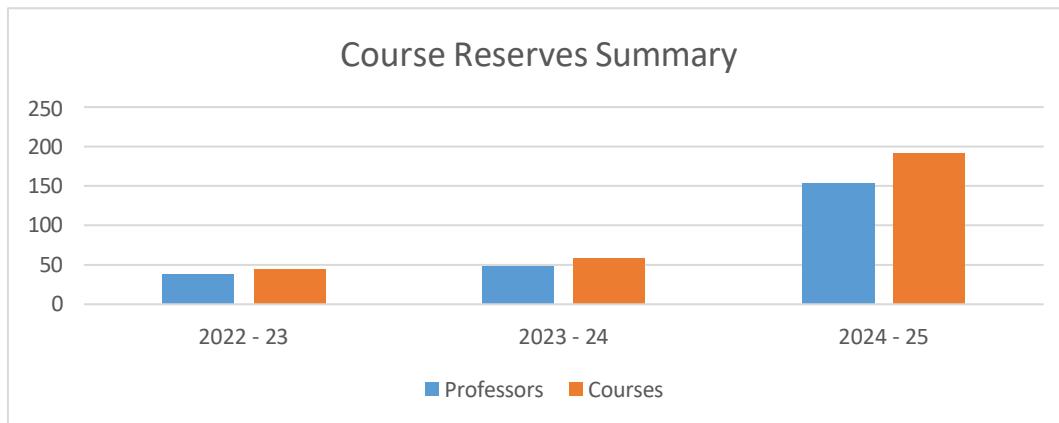
The library launched its cultural pass program in the spring of 2024 with two passes to Longwood Gardens that allowed Widener students, faculty and staff free admission. Due to the immediate popularity, the program was expanded this past year to include an additional pass to Longwood, as well as passes to five additional locations, as noted below.

Location(#available)	Reservations
Longwood Gardens (3)	44
Shofuso Japanese Gardens (1)	10
National Constitution Center (1)	8
Eastern State Penitentiary (1)	6
Pennsylvania Colonial Farmstead (1)	5
Mutter Museum (1)	5
Total	78

### Course Reserve Statistics

The Library provides a service called Course Reserves, whereby Professors can direct students in their classes to the Library for use of certain course materials as a shared resource for their particular classes. Once the professors provide the Library with the materials, primarily books and DVDs, which may either be personal or Library owned copies, the items are entered into the Circulation system as Reserve items. These are available for checkout during a single semester for a specific course, per the directives of the professor.

The Wolfgram Library faculty have made a concerted effort to encourage professors to utilize the Course Reserve service in order to lower textbook costs for students. Their success is evident, as both participating professors and courses included increased more than 3-fold this academic year.



## Study Room Statistics

For the fiscal year 2024-2025, the library continued to utilize the reservation system provided by LibCal. No policy changes were made for this fiscal year. Two study rooms were added on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and made available for use in February 2025.

Total bookings increased 22.5% and hours booked increased 11.2% over last fiscal year. Unique users also increased by 28.2% over last year.

By Semester 2024-25	Summer II 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Summer I 2025	Full Year
	7/1/2024-8/25/2024	8/26/2024-12/20/2024	1/6/2025-5/13/2025	5/17/2025-6/30/2025	
Unique Users	41	716	675	50	1482
Total Bookings	78	2,334	2,243	81	4736
Hours Available	4,440	13,880	14,885	2,760	35,965
Hours Booked	209	5,155	5,231	225	10,820
Average Booking Duration (Minutes)	160	133	140	166	

By Semester for Comparison 2023-24					
	Summer 2 7/1/23-8/27/23	Fall 8/28/23-12/21/23	Spring 1/3/24-5/12/24	Summer 1 5/13/24-6/30/24	Full Year
Unique Users	23	587	516	30	1156
Total Bookings	36	1,954	1,832	43	3865
Hours Available	3,244	11,180	11,776	2,844	29,044
Hours Booked	106	4,849	4,660	113	9728
Average Booking Duration (Minutes)	177	149	153	158	

## LIBRARY PATRON VISITS

### Entrance/ Exit Gate Statistics

By all measures, patron visits to the library increased in 2024-25 over the previous year. Even given the under-reporting due to software malfunctions, the library experienced at least 10,000 more visits during this academic year. Adding another large first year class likely contributed to this result.

Month	2024-2025		2023-2024		2022-2023	
	Entrance Total	Exit Total	Entrance Total	Exit Total	Entrance Total	Exit Total
July	755	988	806	910	1,143	1,508
August	4,495*	4428	3,017	2,917	5,798	4,747
September	6,675*	14,612	12,697	10,995	13,470	11,193
October	13,862*	15,549	14,111	12,551	12,740	10,723
November	12,435	12,014	13,283	11,393	12,521	10,579
December	7,490	1717*	7,467	6,173	4,603	3,854
January	6,616	5871	4,558	4,072	5,854	5,225
February	10,932	9434	11,124	9,626	9,729	7,916
March	9,865	8611	7,560	6,632	7,845	6,809
April	12,419	11,118	4,323*	9,485	9,324	8,199
May	3,888	3588	183*	3,587	2,204	1,970
June	1,121	1213	509*	981	878	963
<b>Totals</b>	<b>90,553</b>	<b>89,143</b>	<b>79,638</b>	<b>79,322</b>	<b>86,109</b>	<b>73,686</b>

\*Inaccurate totals due to reporting software not functioning properly.

### Non- Widener Library Patrons – Visitors

In Spring 2023, Wolfgram library welcomed back non-Widener library visitors, including retired faculty/staff, alumni, members of local colleges/universities and Chester community members. We also extended our Chester community membership to include all zip codes within the Chester-Upland School District.

Chester Community Visitors	Sponsored Guests (special research need, sponsored by librarian)	Alumni Active in FOLIO	Other College Member visits
183 visits	7	13	20

## LIBRARY STUDENT ASSISTANTS

### Library Student Assistants

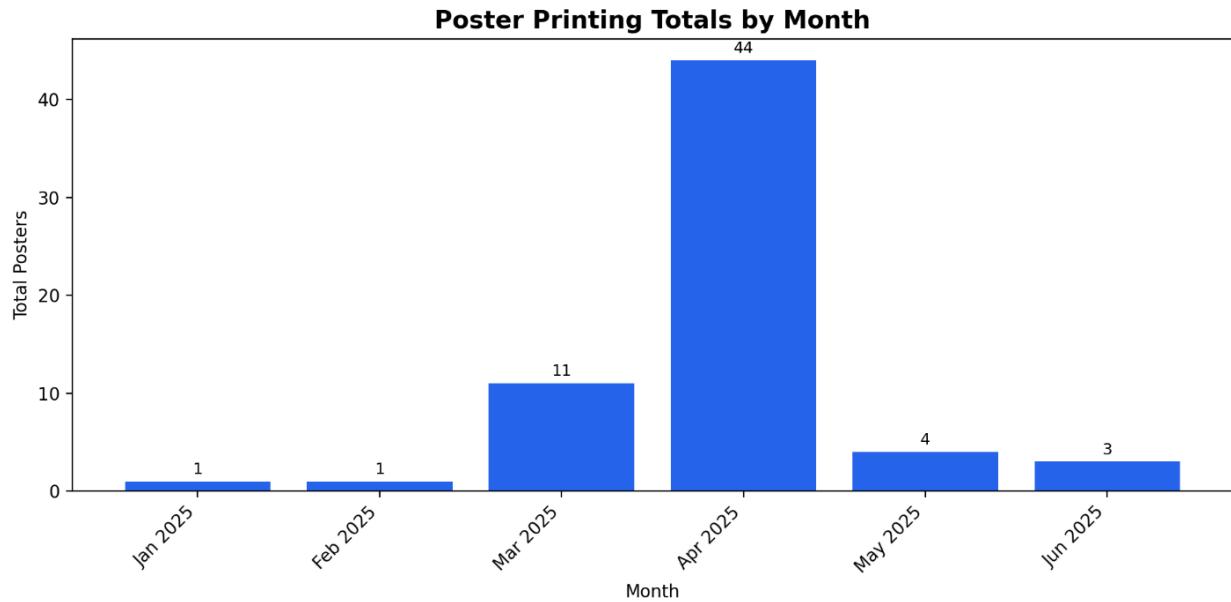
Below are charts representing the number of students employed during each semester of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, along with a breakdown of hours worked each semester. The second chart is a breakdown of student workers by department and role. A new undergraduate position was created for the Director's Office and a Graduate position was created for the Research, Instruction, and Outreach department, beginning in Fall 2024.

Semester	Dates	FWSP Students	Non-FWSP Students	Total Students	Semester Hours
Summer II 2024	7/1/2024-8/25/2024	2	2	4	296
Fall 2024	8/26/2024-1/5/2025	12	6	18	2,548.50
Spring 2025	1/6/2025-5/13/2025	9	8	17	2,485.25
Summer I 2025	5/14/2025-6/30/2025	1	3	4	232
				FY Hours Total	5,562

Summer II 2024 (7/1/2024-8/25/2024)	
User and Access Services	3
<i>Library Student Assistant</i>	2
<i>Graduate Library Student Assistant</i>	1
Sexuality Archives	1
Fall 2024 (8/26/2024-1/5/2025)	
User and Access Services	12
<i>Library Student Assistant</i>	10
<i>Graduate Library Student Assistant</i>	2
Director's Office*	2
Research, Instruction and Outreach*	2
Sexuality Archives	1
University Archives	1
Spring 2025 (1/6/2025-5/13/2025)	
User and Access Services	14
<i>Library Student Assistant</i>	12
<i>Graduate Library Student Assistant</i>	2
Director's Office*	1
Research, Instruction and Outreach*	1
Sexuality Archives	1
University Archives	0
Summer I 2025 (5/14/2025-6/30/2025)	
User and Access Services	3
<i>Library Student Assistant</i>	1
<i>Graduate Library Student Assistant</i>	2
Sexuality Archives	1
University Archives	0

## \*\*New Service: Poster Printing

In collaboration with the Technology Support Center (TSC), User & Access Services launched a new poster printing service in the Spring 2025 semester. The objective of this service is to provide an affordable poster printing option for campus community members who need a product for conferences and events, both on and off campus. Two options of poster size are offered: 24x36" and 36x48". There were **64 posters printed** from January – June, 2025.



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# COLLECTIONS & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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## Year in Review

The electronic resource data in this report is being pulled from Panorama, our new statistical dashboard, reflecting a full year of statistics. Early in 2025, the standard for counting electronic usage changed. The new standard is counting long user sessions as one session instead of splitting the sessions up. This may result in a 4-5% drop in the usage numbers of our electronic materials.

The circulation weeding project was paused for almost a year to give us time to fully implement our new library system. In late spring we resumed weeding, and in FY25, 1409 titles were removed from the collection. Phase II of this weeding project will be completed in May 2026.

Due to the popularity of our Kanopy streaming videos often purchased as short-term leases, the library added a subscription to Kanopy BASE, giving us access to more than 10,000 academic streaming videos, and providing the library with long-term savings while giving our community access to more titles. As a result, our Kanopy usage increased from 21,933 viewing minutes in FY24, to 36,603 minutes in FY25.

The library continues to add to the game collection available for circulation. 5 new games were added in FY25, bringing our total to 60.

435 new titles were purchased for the library collection – 105 eBooks and 330 print titles, the average eBook cost \$162 per title, while the average print book cost only \$69.21 per title.

The full-text eBook data shows that this year there are 1,149,522 unique titles of the 1,978,201 managed titles among our various electronic resources, the usage data of all of the ebook collections shows an increase over last year,

The full-text eJournal data shows that there are 85,101 unique journal, newsletter and newspaper titles of the 190,758 managed eJournal titles among our various electronic resources. 25,720 of these eJournals are included in our subscriptions, the rest are accessed through our various databases. The usage data of all of our eJournal collections shows an increase over last year.

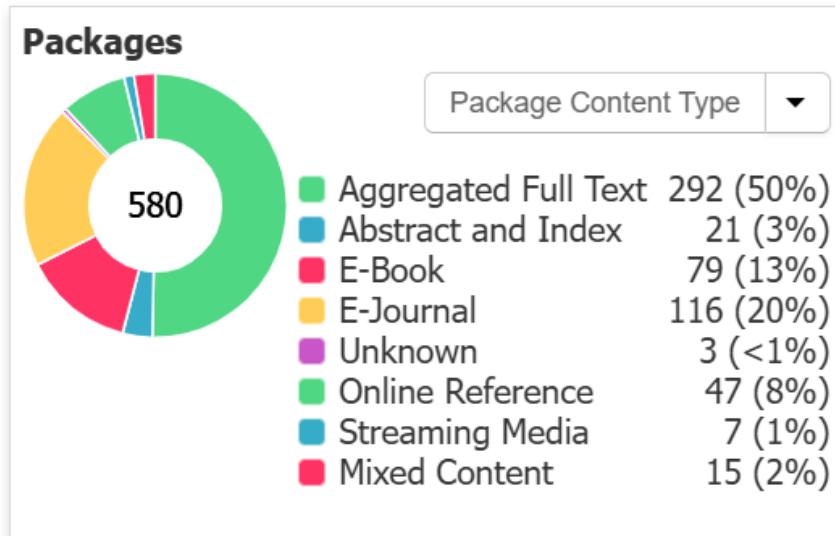
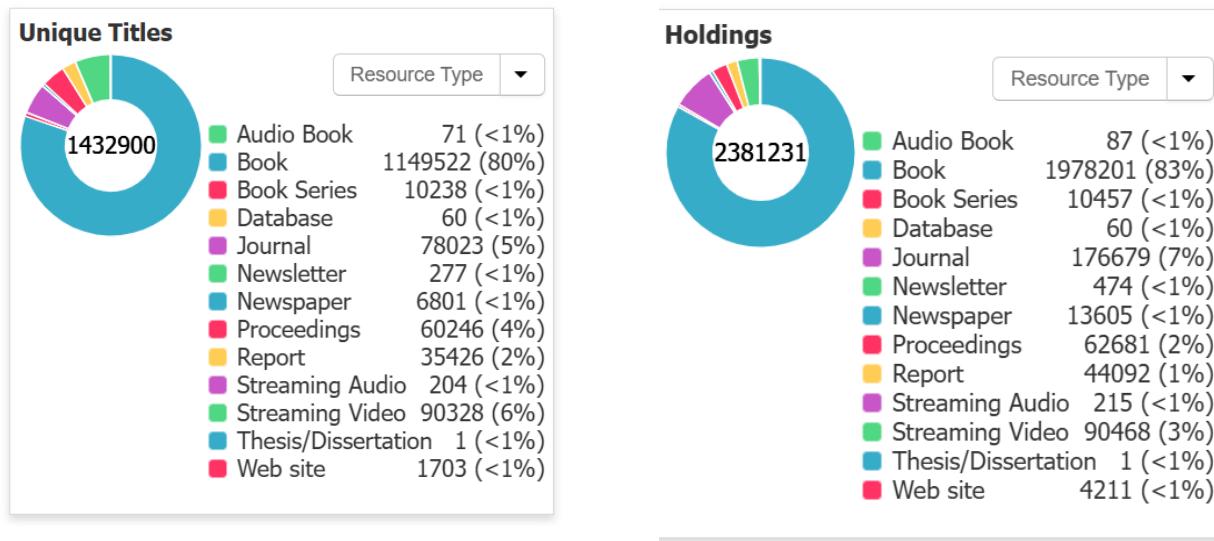
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**Head of Collections and Resource Management**

## ELECTRONIC COLLECTIONS

### Electronic Collections Data from EBSCO – (Including Full-Text and Indexed Resources)

Please see below for the distribution of our full-text and indexed electronic resources – There is some overlap among the electronic resources, the library has 1,432,900 unique electronic titles out of 2,381,231 titles (holdings) included in all of our collections.



## Electronic Resources Usage Statistics – 3 Year Comparison

Ebook usage	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
	29,809	23,659	22,958

Ejournal usage	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
	151,873	152,288	176,868

### Electronic Resource Usage Statistics

The lists below show the top 35 Journal and eBook titles downloaded during the past year. These titles provide an interesting glimpse into the most highly researched topics at Widener University.

#### Top 35 eJournals

Title	Publisher	Usage
Journal of Affective Disorders	Elsevier	927
Journal of Sex Research	Society for Scientific Study of Sex	718
Child Abuse and Neglect	Pergamon	697
Archives of Sexual Behavior	Springer Nature	682
Children and Youth Services Review	Pergamon	673
Nurse Education Today	Churchill Livingstone	663
Clinical Psychology Review	Pergamon	581
Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Elsevier	521
Social Science and Medicine An International Journal	Pergamon	489
Behaviour Research and Therapy	Pergamon	461
Clinical Social Work Journal	Springer Nature	460
Journal of Professional Nursing	W B Saunders Company	452
Current Psychology Research and Reviews	Springer	390
Journal of Child and Family Studies	Springer Nature	369
Journal of Sexual Medicine	Oxford University Press	364
Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders	Springer Nature	359
Social Work Journal of the National Association of Social Workers	Oxford University Press	352
Journal of Interpersonal Violence	SAGE Publications	342
Journal of Pediatric Nursing	W B Saunders Company	338
Personality and Individual Differences	Pergamon	336
Journal of Clinical Psychology	John Wiley & Sons Incorporated	334
Sexuality and Culture	Springer Nature	328
Current Directions in Psychological Science	SAGE Publications	327

Journal of American College Health	Taylor & Francis	306
Harvard Business Review	Harvard Business School Publishing Division	305
Sex Roles A Journal of Research	Springer Nature	304
Addictive Behaviors	Pergamon	293
Nurse Education in Practice	Elsevier	291
Cognitive and Behavioral Practice	Elsevier	290
Psychological Trauma Theory Research Practice and Policy	American Psychological Association	288
Journal of Adolescent Health	Elsevier	279
Computers in Human Behavior	Pergamon	278
Aggression and Violent Behavior	Pergamon	268
Nursing Education Perspectives	Wolters Kluwer	268
Trauma Violence and Abuse	SAGE Publications	268

### Top 35 eBooks

Title	Publication Year	Authors	Usage
Inside Out and Outside In: Psychodynamic Clinical Theory and Psychopathology in Contemporary Multicultural Contexts	2022	Joan Berzoff; Laura Melano Flanagan; Patricia Hertz	318
Educational Psychology: History, Practice, Research, and the Future	2019	Jennifer L. Martin; Sarah E. Torok-Gerard	283
Aphasia and Related Neurogenic Communication Disorders	2022	Ilias Papathanasiou; Patrick Coppens	234
General Principles and Empirically Supported Techniques of Cognitive Behavior Therapy	2009	William T. O'Donohue; Jane E. Fisher	223
Essential Criminology	2014	Mark M. Lanier	176
Mammalogy	2015	Terry A. Vaughan; James M. Ryan; Nicholas J. Czaplewski	163
Routledge Handbook on Capital Punishment	2017	Robert M. Bohm; Gavin Lee	103
Doing Play Therapy: From Building the Relationship to Facilitating Change	2018	Terry Kottman; Kristin K. Meany-Walen	84
Introduction to Health Behavior Theory	2017	Joanna Hayden	82
Forensic Mental Health Assessment: A Casebook	2014	Kirk Heilbrun; David DeMatteo; Stephanie Brooks Holliday; Casey LaDuke	79
The Dissection of Vertebrates: A Laboratory Manual	2007	Gerardo De Iuliis; Dino Pulerà	77
Out of This Furnace	1976	Thomas Bell	76
Applied Theories in Occupational Therapy: A Practical Approach, Second Edition	2020	Marilyn B. Cole; Roseanna Tufano	75
Success Through Failure: The Paradox of Design	2018	Henry Petroski	74
Living Through Loss: Interventions Across the Life Span	2021	Nancy R. Hooyman; Betty J. Kramer; Sara Sanders	71
The Anxiety and Worry Workbook: The Cognitive Behavioral Solution	2023	David A. Clark; Aaron T. Beck	71
Inciting Joy: Essays	2022	Ross Gay	69

The King of Tars	2015	Chandler, John H	66
Clinical Practice of Cognitive Therapy with Children and Adolescents: The Nuts and Bolts	2015	Robert D. Friedberg; Jessica M. McClure	65
Travel Light	2005	Naomi Mitchison	63
Silencing the Past: Power and the Production of History	2015	Michel-Rolph Trouillot	55
Social Work Practice with Children	2018	Nancy Boyd Webb	55
Essentials of Psychiatric Diagnosis: Responding to the Challenge of DSM-5®	2013	Allen Frances	53
Hungering for America: Italian, Irish, and Jewish Foodways in the Age of Migration	2001	Hasia R. Diner	50
Principles and Practice of Sex Therapy	2020	Kathryn S. K. Hall; Yitzchak M. Binik	50
Academic Library Services for First-Generation Students	2020	Xan Arch; Isaac Gilman	48
Steel Drivin' Man: John Henry, The Untold Story of an American Legend	2006	Scott Reynolds Nelson	45
Death by Meeting: A Leadership Fable...About Solving the Most Painful Problem in Business	2004	Patrick M. Lencioni	44
Foundations of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice in Health Care	2018	Margaret Slusser; Luis I. Garcia; Carole-Rae Reed; Patricia Quinn McGinnis	44
You Might Go to Prison, Even Though You're Innocent	2023	Justin Brooks	43
Clinical Work with Substance-Abusing Clients	2014	Shulamith Lala Ashenberg Straussner	42
Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High, Third Edition	2022	Joseph Grenny; Kerry Patterson; Ron McMillan; Al Switzler; Emily Gregory	42
Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields	2013	Wendy Lower	41
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents	2020	Isabel Wilkerson	40
Managing the Risks of Organizational Accidents	2016	James Reason	39
A People's History of Psychoanalysis: From Freud to Liberation Psychology	2019	Daniel José Gatzambide	36

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## Top Search Terms Report



## Wolfgram Collections – 3 Year Comparison

	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
Total book titles added	462	476	1,334
Total book titles withdrawn	1409	26,524	14,015
Net book titles added	(947)	(26,048)	{12,681)
Total print book titles	89,102	90,049	116,097
Total book volumes added	9	0	3
Total book volumes withdrawn	19	0	2,490
Net book volumes added	(10)	0	(2,487)
Total book added volumes	11,660	11,670	11,670
<b>Total print book collection</b>	<b>100,762</b>	<b>101,719</b>	<b>127,767</b>
Bound periodical volumes added	0	0	0
Bound periodical volumes withdrawn	0	59	305
Net bound periodical volumes added	0	(59)	(305)
Total bound periodical volumes	8,532	8,532	8,591
<b>Total print books and periodicals</b>	<b>109,294</b>	<b>110,251</b>	<b>136,358</b>
<b>Ebook collection subscribed (unique title count)</b>	<b>1,149,714</b>	<b>1,107,091</b>	<b>477,294</b>
Print journal subscriptions	47	50	50
Electronic journal subscriptions	25,673	26,514	25,640
<b>Total journal subscriptions</b>	<b>25,720</b>	<b>26,564</b>	<b>25,690</b>
<b>Streaming video subscription title count</b>	<b>97,402</b>	<b>86,782</b>	<b>83,827</b>

## SINGLE PURCHASE MONOGRAPHIC ACQUISITIONS

### Title Purchases

During the 2024-2025 fiscal year the Acquisitions Department purchased new titles including ongoing standing orders, 5 board games were added to the game collection. The Kanopy streaming video title count, increased by an additional 10,000 titles with the addition of the Kanopy BASE subscription.

### Single Purchase Monographic Acquisitions – 3 Year Comparison

Year	Total
2024-2025	435
2023-2024	434
2022-2023	446

**Average Cost Per Title = Print average \$62.00, eBook average \$162.00**

The single purchase monographic costs have been rising steadily as the library continues to order more electronic resources and fewer print titles.

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**Head of Collections and Resource Management**

## RESOURCE SHARING

### Resource Sharing - 3 Year Comparison

Processes	2024-2025		2023-2024		2022-2023	
	EZBorrow ReShare	ILLiad	EZBorrow ReShare	ILLiad	EZBorrow ReShare	ILLiad
Borrowing	172	1,774	63	1,940	20	1,829
Lending	280	596	524	755	484	828
*Document Delivery	-	368	-	299	-	326
<b>Total transactions</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>2,994</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>2,983</b>

\*When a Widener Patron orders an article that we own, the request is transferred to **Document Delivery** and then it is processed.

**Prepared by: Tammy Jackson,**  
**Resource Sharing Coordinator**

# RESEARCH, INSTRUCTION & OUTREACH

## Research & Instruction

### Year in Review

In October 2024, Heather Burychka moved from her position as Research & Instruction Librarian/ Information Literacy Coordinator to become the Head of the Research, Instruction & Outreach (RIO) Department in Wolfgram Library taking over from Jill Borin, who previously led the department as the Interim Head of Research, Instruction & Outreach. The RIO Department had a very successful year in 2024-2025 with highlights such as an increase in information literacy class instruction, the establishment of a Research Office, the writing of shared learning outcomes and sample lesson plans for ASC 101 information literacy classes, the presentation of a four-part virtual workshop series on the impact of gen AI tools on the research process, and the creation of a Teaching Toolbox to strengthen the community of practice for information literacy instruction among library faculty.

In 2024-2025, the RIO Department saw a 22% increase in the number of information literacy classes taught with totals rising from 153 in 2023-2024 to 187 in 2024-2025. By teaching these additional classes, library faculty reached 41% more students and faculty this year with totals rising from 2,973 in 2023-2024 to 4,219 in 2024-2025. This synchronous information literacy instruction happened both in person and virtually for introduction courses (ASC 101, ENGL 101/103, First Year Seminar), subject specific classes within library faculty liaison areas, and workshops/orientations.

In January 2025, we established a Research Office in the main atrium of Wolfgram Library as a clearly defined and promoted space for students seeking drop-in research assistance. Research help statistics from the spring semester revealed that the questions students ask of library faculty in this space are more suited to our expertise as librarians. Directional and library service questions are now fielded by the Information Desk and printing and other technology questions get answered by the Technology Support Center. As the new Research Office is featured in new student orientations and tours during the Fall 2025 semester, students will become even more familiar with it as the place to go for drop-in research help.

In the summer of 2024, library faculty worked together to write shared learning outcomes for information literacy instruction for ASC 101 classes in the fall semester to encourage consistency in the skills being taught to first-year students. Library faculty developed their own lesson plans to teach these learning outcomes and shared them with each other in our new Teaching Toolbox. This Teaching Toolbox for information literacy instruction is a LibGuide that can be edited by any library faculty member, which allows for sharing of resources, posting of information about basic pedagogy, and collaboration in real time during our monthly meetings.

In April 2025, library faculty addressed the significant impact that generative AI tools have had on learning in higher education in a four-part virtual workshop series called *Thriving in a Digital World*. Library faculty took an objective, evidence-based approach to address gen AI's impact on the research process on the topics of copyright, social justice & ethics, new tools

appearing in the research databases, and the application of the Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education. The workshop series proved to be the most successful one yet with high attendance numbers in real time and even more views of the workshop recordings on the library's YouTube channel.

As both the statistics and innovations in the RIO Department in 2024-2025 demonstrate, library faculty continue to be dedicated to their work expanding and improving the information literacy instruction and research assistance in support of our students and faculty.

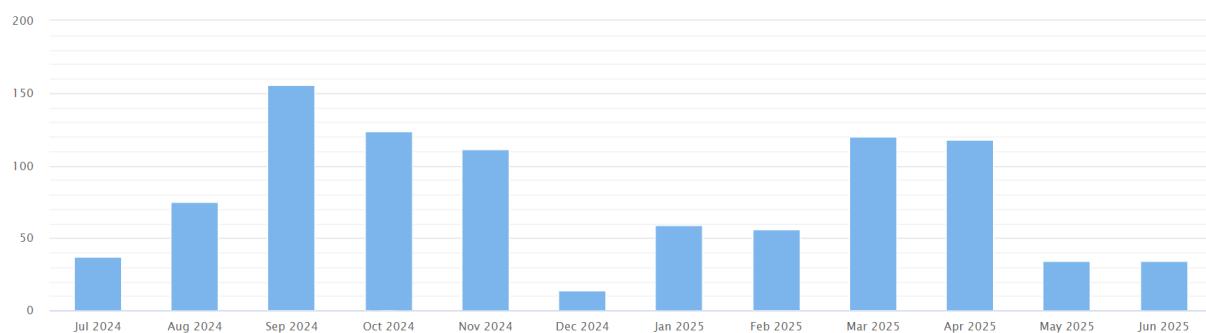
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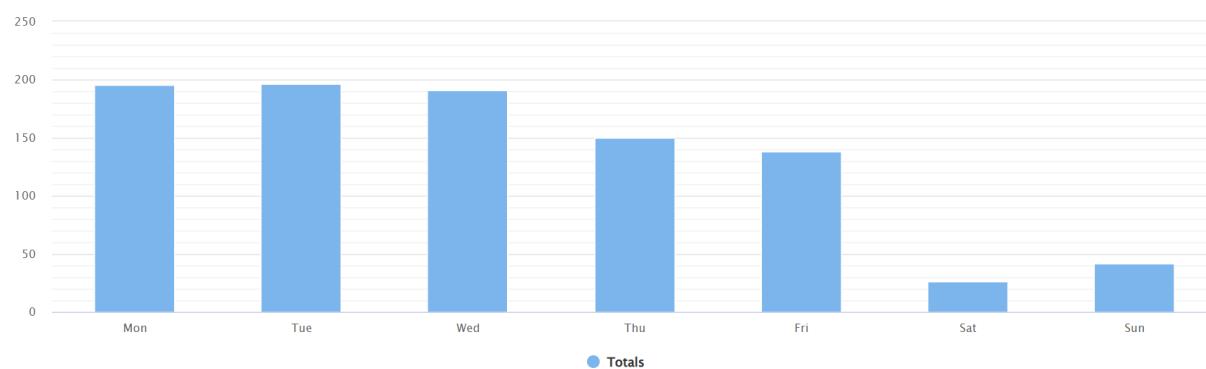
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Total Transactions = 938

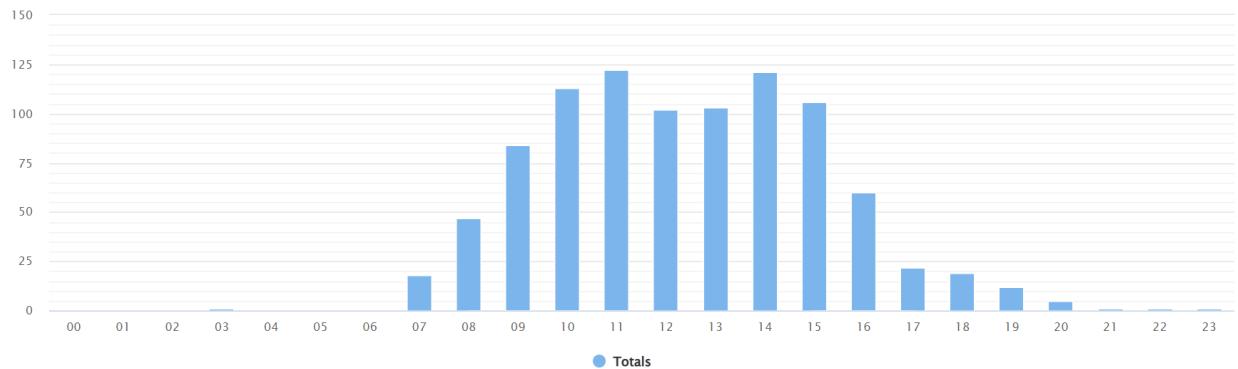
Monthly Breakdown of Research Help Transactions



Daily Breakdown of Research Help Transactions

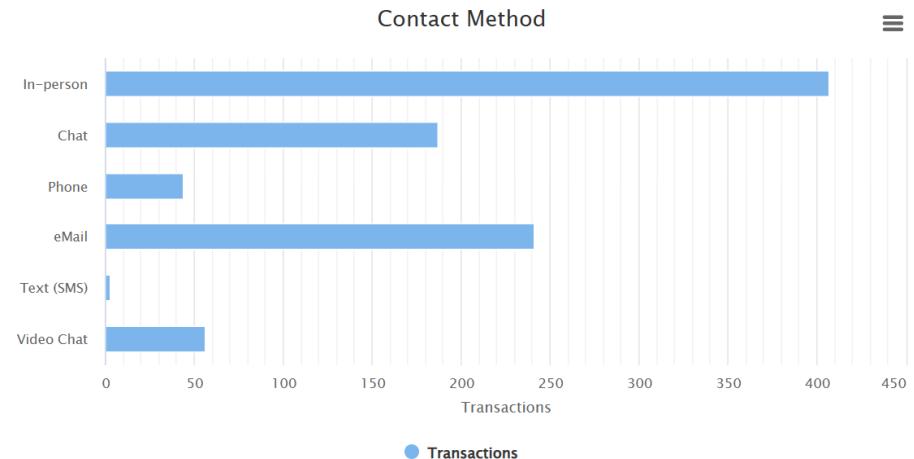


### Hourly Breakdown of Research Help Transactions



### Contact Method

Value	Count	%
In-person	407	43.4%
Chat	187	19.9%
Phone	44	4.7%
eMail	241	25.7%
Text (SMS)	3	0.3%
Video Chat	56	6%

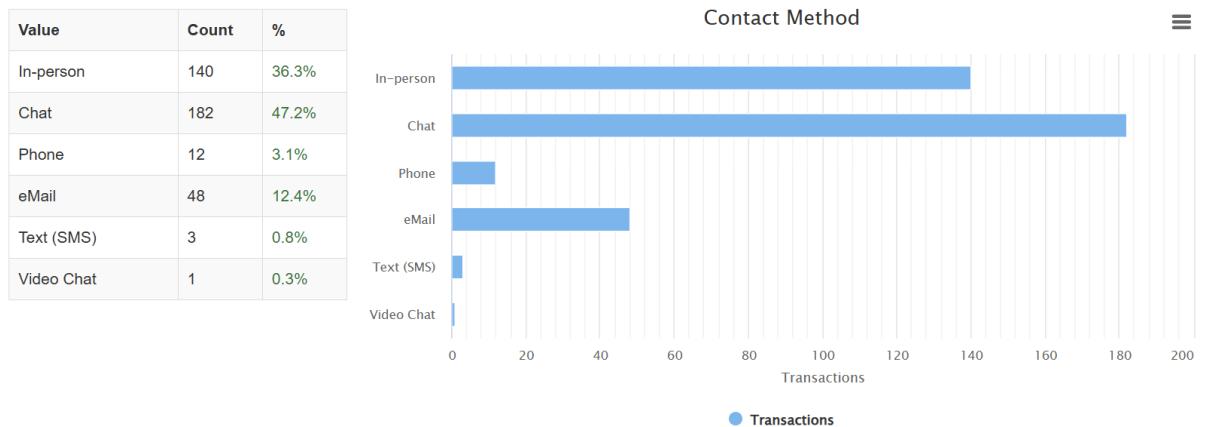


### **Contact Method – 3 Year Comparison**

	In-Person	Chat	Phone	Email	Text(SMS)	Video Chat	Total
<b>2024-2025</b>	407	187	44	241	3	56	938
<b>2023-2024</b>	456	547	14	104	30	3	1134
<b>2022-2023</b>	352	507	38	108	7	6	1012

### **Research Office (Desk) Transactions**

Total Transactions = 386



### Research Office (Desk) – Contact Method – 3 Year Comparison

	In Person	Chat	Phone	Email	Text(SMS)	Video Chat	Total
<b>2024-2025</b>	140	182	12	48	3	1	386
<b>2023-2024</b>	382	116	6	12	4	1	520
<b>2022-2023</b>	280	52	8	12	0	1	353

## OFFICE CONSULTATIONS

Total Office Consultations = 272

### Office Consultation- 3 Year Comparison

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
<b>July</b>	11	12	12
<b>August</b>	15	11	15
<b>September</b>	30	24	20
<b>October</b>	32	30	29
<b>November</b>	37	30	34
<b>December</b>	2	15	2
<b>January</b>	9	13	19
<b>February</b>	23	29	33
<b>March</b>	45	40	30
<b>April</b>	37	30	26
<b>May</b>	10	15	7
<b>June</b>	21	11	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>236</b>

## INFORMATION LITERACY INSTRUCTION (SYNCHRONOUS)

Total Sessions Taught = 187

Total Students/Faculty Taught = 4219

### Sessions Taught

Month	ASC 101, ENGL 101/103, Freshman Seminar	Subject Specific	Workshop/Orientation	Number of Students/Faculty
July	0	0	0	0
August	5	0	0	837
September	39	12	1	853
October	48	3	2	905
November	7	5	2	253
December	0	1	0	1
January	1	5	1	169
February	2	16	1	297
March	2	13	2	476
April	4	5	8	326
May	0	0	0	0
June	0	2	0	46
<b>Totals</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4219</b>

### By Library Faculty Member

Library Faculty	Number of Classes Taught
Jill Borin	30
Heather Burychka	57
Kristina Dorsett	32
Teresa Edge	17
Roz Goldstein	0
Kayla Van Osten	27
Molly Wolf	6
Jill Borin & Kayla Van Osten	3
Heather Burychka & Kristina Dorsett	1
Heather Burychka & Kayla Van Osten	1
Kristina Dorsett & TLT (Teaching & Learning with Technology)	2
Kristina Dorsett & Kayla Van Osten	1
Kristina Dorsett & Kristen Seikaly	1
Teresa Edge & Roz Goldstein	1
Molly Wolf & Jill Borin	1

## INFORMATION LITERACY SESSIONS (ASYNCHRONOUS)

### Subject Guides Usage

Total Number of Published Guides = 116

Total Number of Views = 123,125

Guide Name	Number of Views
APA Style Guide - 7th Edition	25229
Chicago Manual of Style (COMS) Guide - 18th Edition	12420
AMA Style Guide	7272
Children's Literature	6687
ASA Style Guide	6543
Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Information Literacy	6138
Zotero Tutorial	5479
Library Resources	5342
Evaluating Online Resources	4811
Database Tutorials	4280
Research Poster Design	3524
Printing at the Library and on Campus	2537
Dissertation Submission Requirements & Procedures	2059
Cultural Heritage Institution Passes	1626
Social Work	1585
InterLibrary Loan	1526
Widener University Sexuality Archives	1474
Evidence-Based Practice	1329
Widener University Archives & Distinctive Collections	1217
Human Sexuality	1116
Sizeism, Fatphobia & Fat Liberation	1096
Streaming Video	1059
Modern Sexual Cultures: Early 20th-Century Pamphlets	880
MLA Style Guide	832
Curriculum, Lesson Plans, & Teaching Activities  K-12	787
Plagiarism	784
What Even is Consent? An Investigation Into Educational and Media Presentations of Consent	697
Poster Printing	696
World History	641
Widener University Faculty Authors 2023 - 2024	629
U.S. History	604
Leisure Reading	601
Special Topics in Health Science	513
Business Administration & Management	478
Psychology	474
Board Games at the Library	464
Clinical Psychology	446
Nursing	425
The Research Process	391

Biology	385
Widener University Faculty Authors 2021 - 2022	382
Native American Studies	352
Course Reserves for Faculty Members	299
Banned Books	286
Disability & Sexuality	269
Anti-Racism Resources	248
Engineering	242
Open Educational Resources (OERs)	233
Widener University Faculty Authors 2022 - 2023	223
Disability Rights & Disability Studies	222
eBook Database Tutorials	220
Education	209
Creating Accessible Digital Materials for Teaching & Learning	208
Library Tips & Tricks for Graduate & Doctoral Students	196
Widener University Faculty Authors 2019 - 2020	195
Sexuality Institutional Review Board Resource Repository	174
Occupational Therapy	174
Criminal Justice	156
LGBTQIA   Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity	149
English	148
Finance & Investment	146
Widener University Faculty Authors 2020 - 2021	145
Copyright & Fair Use	141
Textbooks	140
Sociology	133
RefWorks Tutorial	125
Widener Community Reading Group	125
Gender & Women's Studies	119
Mental Health	113
Physical Therapy	108
Poetry	100
Communication Studies	96
Robotics	93
Political Science & International Relations	88
Sport & Event Management	88
Grants & Scholarships	86
Computer Science & Computer Information Systems	85
Environmental Science	81
African & African American Studies	80
Speech-Language Pathology	75
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	72
Management Information Systems	70
Physician Assistant Studies	69
Health Care Management	66
Grad Student Summer Camp	65
Know Your Rights!	64
Accounting & Taxation	63
Gamification in Education	63
Economics	58
Anthropology	48
President Stacey M. Robertson's Reading List	46
Health Literacy	46

Open Access Publishing	46
Chester   Resources and Statistics	45
Philosophy & Religion	42
Science	39
Digital Media Informatics	36
Travel & Tourism	36
Scholarly Communication	33
Career Resources	30
Fine Arts & Art History	25
The Common Core	23
Theatre	22
The Geoghegan CD Music Library	22
U.S. Government Information	21
Modern Languages	20
WWI Centennial Symposium	19
Music	18
Educational Tests & Measurements	17
The Personal Librarian Program	17
Dance	16
Leadership	16
Special Education	15
The New Book List	7
PA Forward & The Wolfgram Memorial Library	2
Mathematics	0

### Subject Guides 3 Year Comparison

	Number of Published Guides	Number of Views
2024-2025	116	123,125
2023-2024	108	124,202
2022-2023	106	103,616

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Head of Research, Instruction & Outreach

# OUTREACH & COLLABORATION

## Year in Review

Outreach for the 2024-2025 academic year at Wolfgram Memorial Library focused on collaboration and community building. We produced 23 individual events including regular mindfulness activity sessions, Banned Books Week programming, and a series of workshops in the Spring semester about AI literacy titled “Thriving in a Digital World.” Kristina, Jill, and Kayla curated the presidential election exhibit using the Kauffman Presidential Collection and we debuted our first interactive immersive exhibit in collaboration with Widener’s Center for Civic Engagement and the Chester Cultural Arts and Technology (CAAT) Center.

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**Outreach Coordinator**

### LIVE EVENT

Live events during the 2024-2025 academic year highlighted our physical displays and our efforts to create an atmosphere of belonging on campus for our students, faculty, and staff.

Date	Event	Collaborators	Attendees/Views
08/29/24	Summer Craft Showcase	Kristina Dorsett	4 attendees
09/24/24	2024 Freedom to Learn Update Webinar	Kristina Dorsett, Dana Reisboard, Sabrina Baête (PEN America)	75 attendees (Zoom), 32 views (YouTube)
09/27/24	Drag Queen Story Time featuring Banned Books	Kristina Dorsett, Dana Reisboard, Brent Satterly as Clitty Umbridge, Nicholas Turner as Estee Lauderdale	40 attendees, 36 views (YouTube)
10/09/2024	From George to Joe: The Legacy of Voting for Our Presidents	Kristina Dorsett, Jill Borin, Kayla Van Osten, Steve Kauffman, James Vike	54 attendees, 71 views (YouTube)
11/14/2024	Mindful Meetup #1	Kristina Dorsett	12 participants
12/03/2024	Yoga & Meditation with OSIB	Kristina Dorsett, Joi Dallas	5 attendees
12/06/2024 – 12/11/2024	Focus on Finals with Wolfgram	Kristina Dorsett	No stats available
12/12/2024	Mindful Meetup #2	Kristina Dorsett	12 participants
01/23/2025	Mindful Meetup #3	Kristina Dorsett	19 participants
02/06/2025	Debut of the Baldwin & Giovanni Exhibit	Kristina Dorsett, Jill Borin, Center for Civic Engagement, The Chester CAAT Center	No stats available
02/13/2025	Mindful Meetup #4	Kristina Dorsett	12 participants
02/27/2025	Mindful Meetup #5	Kristina Dorsett	18 participants
03/19/2025 & 03/20/2025	Thriving as a Digital Reader with Amanda Sholtis	Molly Wolf, Amanda Sholtis	28 views (YouTube)

03/27/2025	Mindful Meetup #6 – Biofeedback	Kristina Dorsett, Biofeedback Clinic	8 participants
04/04/2025	LGBTQ+ Open Mic	Kristina Dorsett, English & Creative Writing, SAGA, OSIB	4 performers
04/07/2025	Whose Copyright is it Anyway   Thriving in a Digital World	Kristina Dorsett, Kristen Seikaly	26 participants (Zoom), 126 views (YouTube)
04/08/2025	Fostering Intentionality: Gen AI and the Framework for Information Literacy   Thriving in a Digital World	Kayla Van Osten, Heather Burychka	17 participants (Zoom), 53 views (YouTube)
04/09/2025	AI, Ethics, & Equity   Thriving in a Digital World	Jill Borin, Molly Wolf	29 participants (Zoom), 53 views (YouTube)
04/10/2025	Mindful Meetup #7	Kristina Dorsett	5 participants
04/10/2025	Leveraging AI Tools in Library Databases for Advanced Research   Thriving in a Digital World	Teresa Edge, Roz Goldstein	21 participants (Zoom), 80 views (YouTube)
04/24/2025	Mindful Meetup #8	Kristina Dorsett	10 participants
04/27/2025 – 05/07/2025	Focus on Finals with Wolfgram	Kristina Dorsett	No stats available
05/08/2025	Mindful Meetup #9	Kristina Dorsett	5 participants

## SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

The library's social media presence continued to expand with the assistance of library staff and student workers. We began to focus on short form video content using popular sounds and editing styles on the main accounts. Our second annual March Madness cart naming contest through the library's Instagram and TikTok named "Chappel Roam" the newest addition to our named cart collection.

Platform	Subscribers/Followers	Additional Information
YouTube @WolfgramLibrary	140 subscribers (+4)	175,387 views (+2,809)
Instagram @WolfgramLibrary	690 followers (+74)	485 posts (+72)
TikTok @WolfgramLibrary	128 followers (+73)	1,427 likes (+866)
Twitter @WidenerArchives	279 followers (-26)	Follow 373 accounts (-21)
Instagram @WidenerArchives	1,054 followers (+12)	318 posts (+5); follow 496 accounts (+1)
Facebook Widener University Archives	210 followers (+0)	190 likes (+0)
Facebook Widener University Sexuality Archives	511 followers (-16)	

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# ARCHIVES & DISTINCTIVE COLLECTIONS

## UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

### Year in Review

2024-2025 was another productive year for the University Archives. We showed growth in many of our significant metrics. This year, we answered 53 research questions, compared to 37 the previous year. This caused us to spend more time addressing these questions as well. Off-campus researchers still asked the most questions, followed by Alumni, but we received questions from a variety of patron. The increase in the number of pageviews of our Digital Collection site this year is very exciting. In 2024-205 we had over 6,500 more pageviews than the previous year. Our three collections of student scholarship remained among our top five most viewed collections.

During this year, we finally concluded a long-standing project by uploading the Photographs-Widener University collection which features nearly 180 images from 2008 – 2021. This exhibit adds photographs representing Widener's recent past covering the following themes: Academics, Clubs & Organizations, Events and Student Life. We had the opportunity to train a staff member at the Delaware Law School in using the Contentdm software this year. She added the Delaware Law School collection and uploaded the issues of four Delaware Law School newspapers. We hope to continue this collaboration with the Delaware Law School by providing them continues access to this platform to share additional archival documents and photographs.

Every year we add many new digital materials to the existing digital collections. This year, we uploaded new issues of Widener Magazines, Widener Insider, course catalogs, student handbooks and other important artifacts. Yet, as in previous years, our collections of student scholarship experienced the most growth. In 2024-2025, we uploaded over 300 works of student scholarship to the Digital Collections site. These include posters and digital presentations from The High Impact Practices Fair, Student Project Day, Graduate Student Research Showcase, and Occupational Therapy Capstone Symposium. Additionally, our Digital Repository added 67 Doctoral Dissertations, Master's Theses and Doctor of Nursing Practice Capstone Projects completed in 2024. The University Archives has collected and showcased, on the Digital Collections site, this rich variety of student scholarship since 2019. These collections continue to grow and remain among our most viewed exhibits each year. We are confident that these valuable works of student scholarship will continue to enhance our Digital Collections site in the future.

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## ARCHIVAL RESEARCH QUESTIONS

### Archival Questions Received

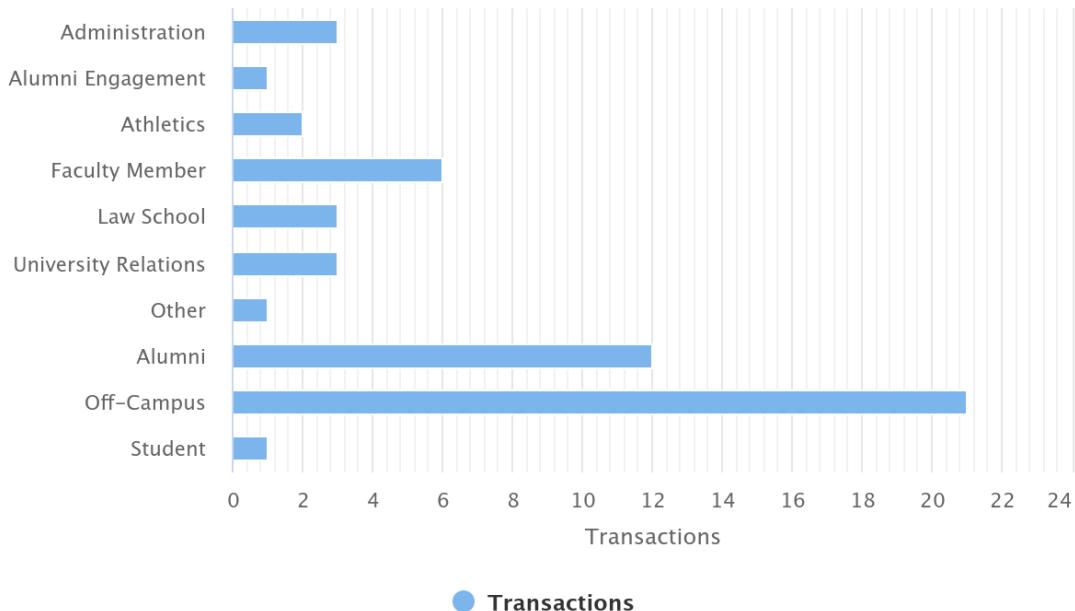
Total = 53 Questions

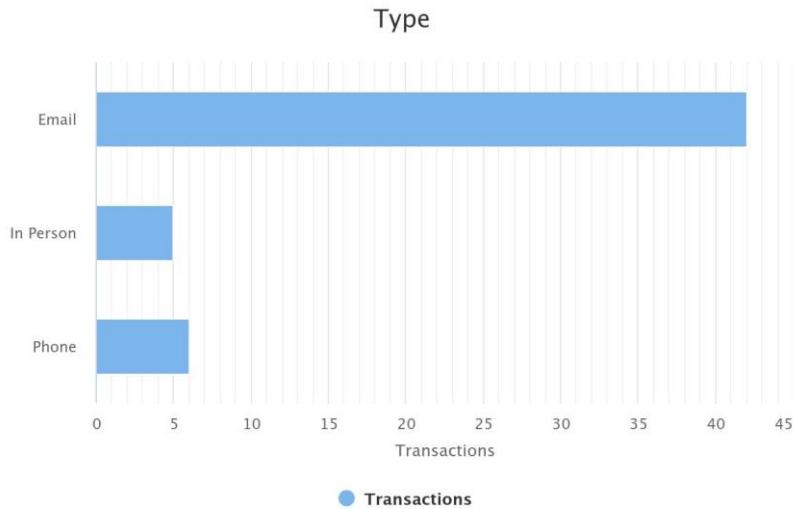
### Archival Questions – 3 Year Comparison

2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
53	37	78

2024-2025

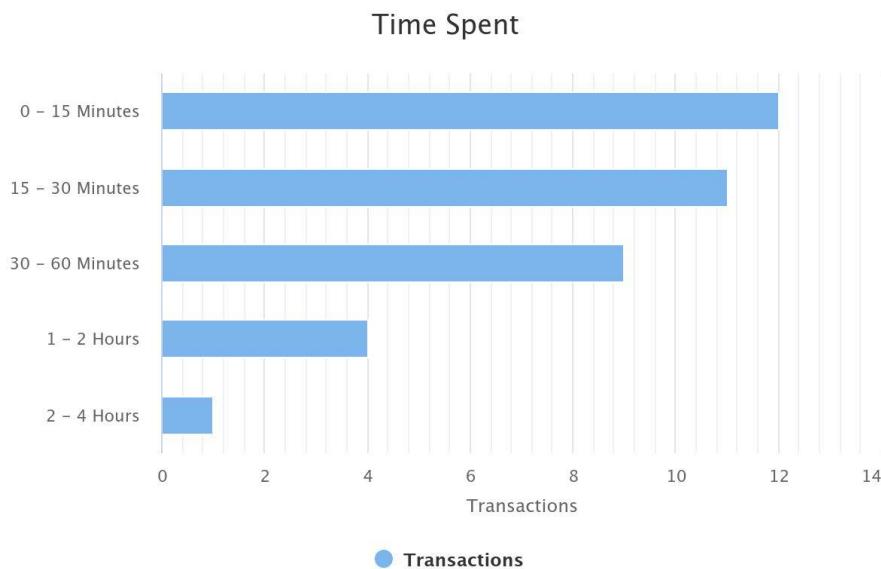
### Widener Department/ Patron





**Email= 79.2%; In-Person= 9.4%; Phone= 11.3%**

Total Time Spent = 42 Hours



**Time Spent (in hours) – 3 Year Comparison**

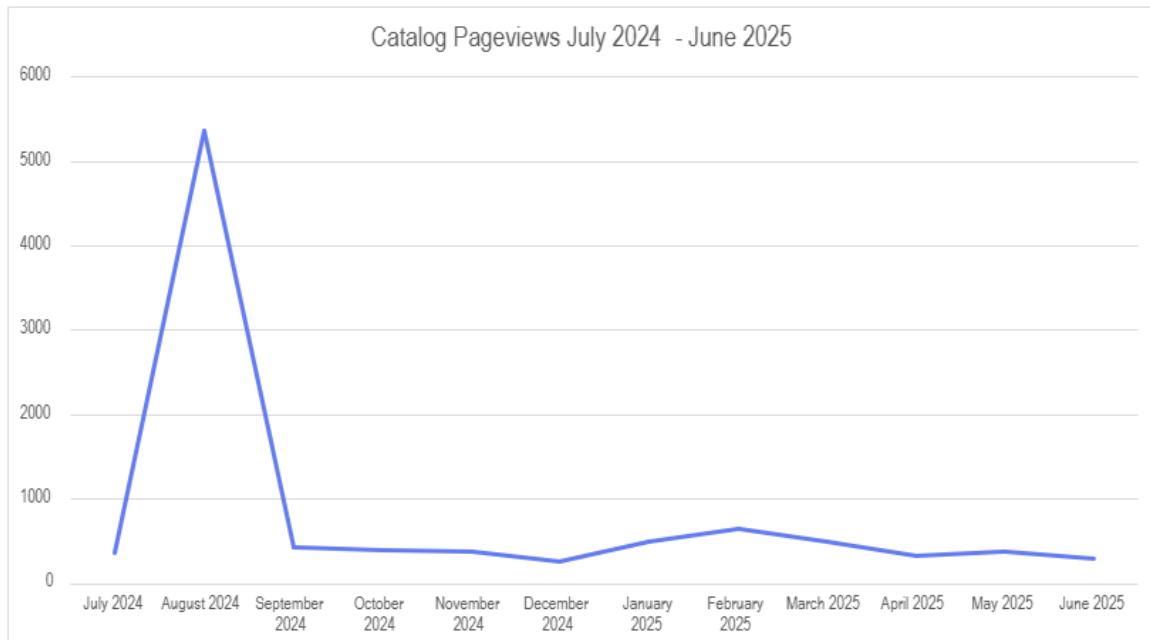
2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
42	26	52

## NEW AQUISITIONS

- Our physical collections increased to approximately 1976.6 linear feet.
- We received 4 digital donations.

## ARCHIVES ONLINE CATALOG

From July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025, the Archives Catalog had a total of 9,828 pageviews.



## DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

- Wolfgram-Archives (Office 365): 147,003 image files; 672 video and audio files; 28,365 document files.
- Wolfgram Memorial Library Digital Collections (CONTENTdm): 13,864 items; 46.789 GB/ 100GB.

### New Exhibits and Materials added to the Digital Collections:

- Photographs – Widener University – nearly 180 images from 2008-2021
- Delaware Law School – 159 PDFs
- Widener Magazine – Fall 2024 and Summer 2025
- Widener Insider Vol. 5 (August 2023 – August 2024 (21 PDFs)
- 2022 and 2024 Hall of Fame photos and biographies
- 20 Senior Engineering Projects completed in 2024.

- 56 posters and digital presentations completed for Student Project Day 2024. Linked Senior Engineering projects to their corresponding posters.
- 2024-2025 Nursing Student and University Student Handbooks.
- 2024-2025 Undergraduate Course Catalog (40 pdfs).
- 2024-2025 Graduate Course Catalogs (14 catalogs).
- 31 Posters from the 2025 High Impact Practices Fair.
- 4 works of Scholarship by Faculty Librarians.
- 47 Posters from 2025 Graduate Student Research Showcase.
- 42 Posters from the 2025 Occupational Therapy Capstone Symposium.
- 17 Senior Engineering Projects completed in 2025.
- 45 Student Project Day Posters completed in 2025 - Linked Senior Engineering projects to their corresponding posters.
- Uploaded Dissertations, Master's Theses and Doctor of Nursing Practice Capstone Projects to the Widener University Digital Repository. The 2024 collection includes:
  - o 54 Doctoral Dissertations
  - o 12 Master of Engineering Theses
  - o 1 Doctor of Nursing Practice Capstone Projects

### Top 10 Most Viewed Digital Collections – 3 Year Comparison

2024-2025	
Collection	Number of Views
Yearbooks - Widener College and Widener University -- 1973 - 2010	12,227
Widener University Digital Repository	9,560
Widener University Student Scholarship	8,635
Widener Engineering Senior Projects	8,177
Yearbooks - Pennsylvania Military College and PMC Colleges -- 1900 - 1972	7,225
Brandywine College	6,509
Alumni Magazines - Impact -- 1968-1989	5,064
Alumni – Distinguished	4,736
Newspapers - The Dome -- 1947-2008	3,451
Chester -- George Raymond Papers	3,123

2023-2024	
Collection	Number of Views
Yearbooks - Widener College and Widener University -- 1973 - 2010	14,738
Widener University Digital Repository	10,677
Widener University Student Scholarship	8,701
Alumni – Distinguished	8,293
Yearbooks - Pennsylvania Military College and PMC Colleges -- 1900 - 1972	8,046

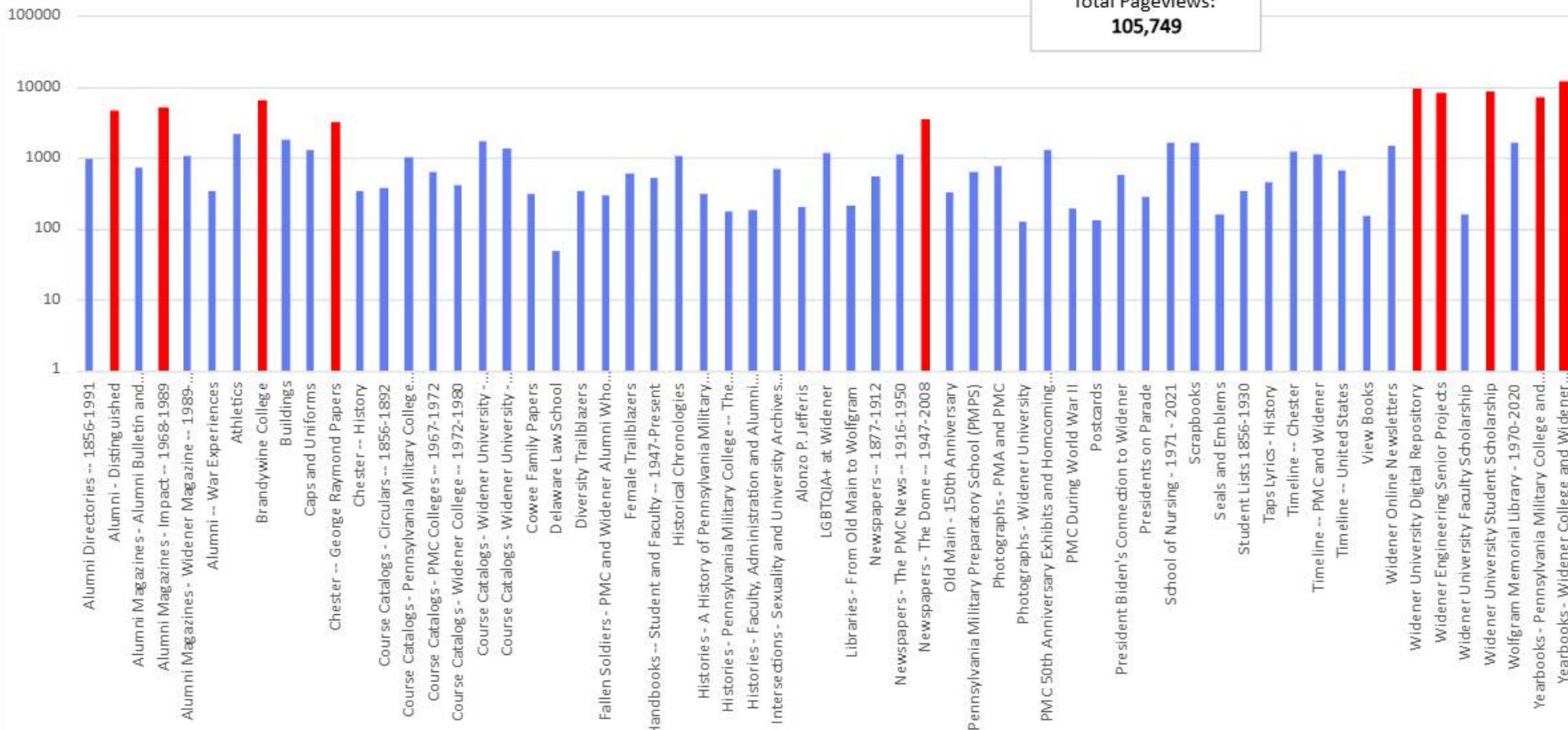
Brandywine College	7,366
Chester -- George Raymond Papers	2,650
Widener Engineering Senior Projects	2,635
Caps and Uniforms	2,137
Buildings	1,794

2022-2023	
Collection	Number of Views
Yearbooks - Widener College and Widener University -- 1973 - 2010	15,296
Alumni – Distinguished	15,390
Yearbooks - Pennsylvania Military College and PMC Colleges -- 1900 - 1972	12,406
Widener University Digital Repository	10,714
Widener University Faculty and Student Scholarship	7,266
Brandywine College	7,027
Buildings	3,709
Widener Engineering Senior Projects	3,566
Chester -- George Raymond Papers	3,539
Caps and Uniforms	3,405

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and Kayla Van Osten, Assistant Archivist**

## CONTENTdm Pageviews 2024-2025

Total Pageviews:  
105,749



# SEXUALITY ARCHIVES

## Year in Review

The 2024-2025 fiscal year was much like the previous year in that it saw an increase in visitors to the Sexuality Archives, mainly through class visits from ASC101 and Gender and Women's studies classes.

Although donations were up, the number of books cataloged was zero, as the library did not have a full-time cataloger to complete to work. Materials like DVDs, pamphlets, and ephemera, that can be added to the database by the Sexuality Archives curator, were processed as time allowed.

The Sexuality Archives hired a student worker this fiscal year and that is helping to get gifts processed faster. It is also helping get materials re-shelved after class visits, boxes labeled, and folder lists for the personal papers collection created.

Although the original goal for this year was to revitalize the Sexuality Archives' social media accounts on Facebook and X, possibly even expanding into Instagram, with the emerging conservative political climate, that plan was postponed. In fact, the Sexuality Archives deleted its X account after the fascist takeover of the platform.

Traffic on the Sexuality Archives website is up approximately 300%. I have no way to account for the increased traffic but welcome a wider audience.

**Prepared by: Molly Wolf,  
Curator, Widener University Sexuality Archives**

## DONATIONS

### 2024-2025 Donations

Hardback Books	110
Paperback Books	319
Pamphlets	100
Periodicals	250
DVDs	34
Other	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>819</b>

### Donation Totals – 3 Year Comparison

Year	Total Donations
2024-2025	819
2023-2024	830
2022-2023	651

## ACQUISITIONS (ITEMS CATALOGUED)

### Acquisitions - 3 Year Comparison

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
Books	0	52	67
Pamphlets	85	8	231
Periodicals	0	80	71
DVDs	11	31	0
Other	5	120	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>371</b>

## WEBSITE VISITS VIA GOOGLE ANALYTICS

## IN PERSON VISITORS

Date Range	Active Users	Event Count
July 1 -30, 2024	638	2,000
August 1 -31, 2024	30,000	90,000
September 1-30, 2024	787	2,600
October 1-31, 2024	26	486
November 1-30, 2024	39	389
December 1-31, 2024	62	497
January 1 - 31, 2025	235	1,100
February 1-28, 2025	621	2,900
March 1-31, 2025	6,300	27,000
April 1-30, 2025	640	2,500
May 1-31, 2025	66	435
June 1-30, 2025	89	672
	638	
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,503</b>	<b>130,579</b>

People Visiting	Number of Visits
97	5

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# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE**

### **Year in Review**

During the 2024 – 2025 year, Wolfgram Memorial Library faculty and staff continued to participate in all levels of professional development, scholarly activity and service. The expansion of the cultural passes program, provided the library with the opportunity to gain memberships to five leading institutions in the Philadelphia region. Scholarly activity increased significantly this year. Library faculty and staff gave 12 professional presentations on campus, many of which attracted impressive attendance from Widener students, faculty and staff. In April 2025, library faculty and Kristen Seikaly collaborated to present the “Thriving in a Digital World” series. These four live virtual presentations attracted nearly 100 attendees. The four videos of these presentations on YouTube, received over 300 views. In October 2024, the “From George to Joe: The Legacy of Voting for our Presidents” event attracted 54 in-person attendees and the recorded video on YouTube had over 70 views. Library Faculty also presented at six regional, state, national, and international professional conferences. Finally, Kristen Seikaly, a library staff member, published an article in a scholarly journal. While the number of conferences and webinars decreased slightly for library faculty, library staff attended more programs than they have over the last three years. The fact that librarians taught an increased number of instruction classes and the library invited more users than in past years, makes this higher level of scholarly activity and development even more impressive.

Librarians still maintained the same level of service as previous years. Library faculty continued to serve on all of the Faculty Council Committees for which they were eligible. They served on over 20 additional University Committees, representing a wide range of initiatives, as well Widener University library faculty and staff continued to demonstrate their dedication to service excellence for the Widener community in 2024-2025 and they will continue to provide even more innovations in the future.

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## MEMBERSHIPS – PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### Institutional Memberships

- American Library Association (ALA)
- College of Physicians
- Colonial PA Farmstead
- Eastern State penitentiary
- Innovative User's Group
- Inter-library Delivery Service of PA(IDS)
- Japan America Society
- Longwood Gardens
- LYRASIS
- National Constitution Center
- Partnership for Academic Library Collaboration & Innovation (PALCI)
  - Access Services Leadership Roundtable – Teresa Edge
    - Coordinating Committee – Teresa Edge
    - Convener – Teresa Edge
  - Deans & Directors Group – Molly Wolf
- Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collection Libraries (PACSCL)
  - Beyond the Textbook/K-12 Outreach Committee – Co-Chair – Kayla Van Osten
  - Program and Membership Committee – Kayla Van Osten
  - 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Group – Co-PI - Jill Borin
  - Disaster Planning Working Group – Jill Borin
- Tri-State College Library Cooperative (TCLC)
  - Spring Programming Committee – Molly Wolf
  - ILL Interest Group - Roz
  - Technical Services Interest Group

### Faculty and Staff Memberships

#### National

- American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT)
- American Library Association
  - Association of College & Research Libraries
    - ACRL DOLS Distance and Online Learning Section
    - ACRL IS Instruction Section
    - ACRL Instruction Section Mentoring Program
    - ACRL ULS University Libraries Section
  - Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures
  - Reference and User Services Association
    - RUSA BRASS Business Reference and Services Section
    - RUSA CODES Collection Development and Evaluation Section
    - RUSA RSS Reference Services Section – Teresa

- RUSA Emerging Technologies section
- National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME)

## **State/Regional**

- Affordable Learning Pennsylvania (ALPA)
- Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA)
  - Academy of Leadership Studies – Molly Wolf
- Tri-State College Library Cooperative (TCLC)
- Drexel Advisory Board

## **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY**

### **Widener Presentations**

Edge, T., & Goldstein, R. (2025, April 10) Leveraging AI Tools in Library Databases for Enhanced Research (April 10, 2025) [Presentation]. Thriving in a Digital World Workshop Series, Wolfgram Memorial Library, Widener University, Chester, PA.

Colby, L. P., Storey, J. S., Hendee, A. S., McQuillan, T. J., Borin, J. M., & Van Osten, K. M. (2025, April 9). The inclusion revolution: Accessibility version. [Presentation] 18-21 Series. Widener University, Chester, PA.

Borin, J. M., & Wolf, M. M. (2025, April 9). AI, ethics and equity: Who wins, and who loses? [Presentation]. Thriving in a Digital World Workshop Series, Widener University, Chester, PA.

Burychka, H. & Van Osten, K. (2025, April 8). *Fostering intentionality: Gen AI and the Framework for Information Literacy*. [Presentation]. Thriving in a Digital World Workshop Series, Widener University, Chester, PA.

Seikaly, K., & Dorsett, K.I. (2025, April 7). Whose Copyright is it Anyway? Copyrights and Copywrongs When Working with AI [Presentation]. Thriving in a Digital World Workshop Series, Wolfgram Memorial Library, Widener University, Chester, PA.

Dorsett, K.I, & Burychka, H. (2025, March 24). CHHS Faculty Workshop: Gen AI Tools, Information Literacy & Your Scholarship [Presentation]. College of Health & Human Services Faculty Meeting, Widener University, Chester, PA.

Wolf, M. (2024, December 12). Leadership Opportunities and Academic Citizenship [Panel presentation]. Faculty Engagement Series. Widener University, Chester, PA.

Van Osten, K. M. & Borin J. M. (2024, November 21). Zombie journal: The project that would not die. [Presentation] LIS Team Meeting, Widener University, Chester, PA.

Burychka, H. (2024, November 7). *Letting CRAAP go: Teaching the evaluation of online sources with lateral reading*. [Presentation]. LIS Team Meeting, Widener University, Chester, PA.

Edge, T. (2024, November 1). Course Reserves Glow Up: Supporting Students' Affordable Access to Course Materials [Presentation] Provost Scholarship Hour, Widener University, Chester, PA.

Dorsett, K.I. (2024, October 22). AI for Nursing Faculty [Presentation]. School of Nursing Faculty Meeting, Widener University, Chester, PA.

Borin, J., Van, Osten, K., Dorsett, K., Kauffman, S., & Vike, J. (2024, October 9). From George To Joe: The legacy of voting for our presidents. [Presentation] Widener University, Chester, PA.

### **External Presentations**

Burychka, H., Dorsett, K., & Van Osten, K. (2025, June 29). *Nailed it: Building a teaching toolbox for information literacy*. [Poster Presentation]. American Library Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Van Osten, K., & Dorsett, K. (2025, June 29). *Nailed it: Building a teaching toolbox for information literacy*. [Presentation]. American Library Association

Annual Conference, Springshare Booth, Philadelphia, PA.

Goldstein, R. (2025, May 2). Some of the Things We Wish We Had Known and Understood Early in Our FOLIO Implementation. [Presentation]. EBSCO Users Group, Providence, RI.

Borin, J. M. & Van Osten, K. M. (2024, October 25). Zombie journal: The project that would not die. [Presentation] PACSCL Fall Meeting. Laurel Hill West, Bala Cynwyd, PA.

Burychka, H. (2024, October 6). *Letting CRAAP go: Teaching the evaluation of online sources with lateral reading*. [Presentation]. Pennsylvania Library Association Annual Conference, Harrisburg, PA.

Vecchio, D. & Wolf, M. (2024, September 8). Matchmaking in the Archives: Bringing Students & Archival Materials Together [Paper presentation]. Midatlantic American & Popular Culture Conference, Atlantic City, NJ.

Levand, M. & Wolf, M. (2024, July 22-24). Sexuality IRB Resource Repository (SIRBRR): Creation and Curation [Poster session]. International Association of Sex Research Annual Conference. Berlin, Germany.

## **Publications**

Seikaly, K. (2024). “ChatGPT, how do people feel about you?”: Emotions, artificial intelligence, and information behavior. *Journal of Web Librarianship*, 1-16.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/19322909.2024.2382689>

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Conferences & Webinars Attended - 3 Year Comparison

Type	2024-2025		2023-2024		2022-2023	
	Library Faculty	Library Staff	Library Faculty	Library Staff	Library Faculty	Library Staff
Widener Events, Conference, Webinars, and Workshops	35	16	36	4	28	9
External Virtual Webinars, Conferences, Workshops, and Courses	80	52	102	44	38	41
External In-Person Conferences	13	3	12	2	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>58</b>

## SERVICE

### Faculty Service on University Committees

Faculty Council Committees	Library Faculty Member(s)
Academic Affairs	Heather Burychka, Secretary
Alternate	Roz Goldstein; Heather Burychka
Budget, Planning and Assessment	Teresa Edge
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	Kayla Van Osten
Faculty Affairs	Jill Borin
Faculty Grants & Awards	Jill Borin
Library Committee	Teresa Edge; Molly Wolf, Ex Officio
Promotion, Tenure and Academic Freedom	Kristina Dorsett
Student Affairs	Kristina Dorsett
Student Learning and Assessment	Roz Goldstein
Technology and Information Resources	Kayla Van Osten

Additional University Committees	Library Faculty Member(s)
Diversity Leadership Inclusion Committee	Heather Burychka
Equity in Mental Health on Campus Task Force	Molly Wolf
First Year Experience Coordinating Group	Heather Burychka
Health & Well Being at WU Task Force	Kristina Dorsett
Leah Greene Creative Writing Scholarship Selection Committee	Molly Wolf
HIP Fair Planning Committee	Jill Borin
LIS Semester Start Up Committee	Kristen Seikaly; Teresa Edge; Molly Wolf
ITS Web Presence Working Group	Teresa Edge
Land Acknowledgement Task Force	Kayla Van Osten; Kristina Dorsett (Chair); Molly Wolf
LGBTQ Advisory Board	Kristina Dorsett
LIS Artificial Intelligence Literacy Committee	Heather Burychka
LIS Leadership Team	Molly Wolf
LIS Management Team	Jill Borin; Molly Wolf; Teresa Edge; Roz Goldstein
LIS Service Navigation Working Group	Teresa Edge
LIS Communications Working Group	Jill Borin
LIS Organizational Learning Working Group	Roz Goldstein; Kayla Van Osten
LIS Change Management	Teresa Edge
Middle States Standards VI, Workgroup VI committee	Roz Goldstein

PMC Museum Advisory Committee	Kayla Van Osten; Jill Borin
Provost's Council	Molly Wolf
Women's Leadership Conference Planning Committee	Molly Wolf

### Library Committees

Committees	Library Faculty Member(s)
Library Faculty	Molly Wolf, Chair Kayla Van Osten, Vice-Chair; All Library Faculty Members
Library Executive Committee	Molly Wolf, Chair; Heather Burychka; Jill Borin; Teresa Edge; Roz Goldstein
Faculty Affairs	Jill Borin, Chair; Kayla Van Osten; Kristina Dorsett; Teresa Edge
PETAAF	Jill Borin, Chair; Kristina Dorsett; Teresa Edge; Roz Goldstein; Molly Wolf, Ex Officio
Collection Management	Roz Goldstein, Chair; Kristina Dorsett; Kayla Van Osten; Jill Borin (until 9/30/2024), Heather Burychka (10/2024 – 6/2025)
Information Literacy	Heather Burychka, Chair; All Library Faculty Members
Research, Instruction & Outreach Committee	Heather Burychka, Chair; All Library Faculty Members

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