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Refined Libraries Plan

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What We've Heard and Learned

More data needed to understand and refine plans

Some print resources are still needed and valuable

Students value libraries as scholarly places and for resources

Local community members value access to resources



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The Data: Why We Are Transitioning from Physical to Digital

Physical collection currently totals 304,172 items and 30% of budget

3.94% (11,975 items) checked out in pre-pandemic year 2018-19

1.82% (5,525 items) checked out in post-pandemic year 2021-22

Digital collection use has increased 328%-3513% since 2014



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Electronic Materials Dominate

Electronic books and serials accounted for the vast majority of materials checked out in 2019, and their usage has been growing.

■ 2015 ■ 2019

Physical Items: -32%

■ 32,197

■ 21,994

Ebooks: +4%

■ 242,109

■ 251,471

E-serials: +7%

■ 526,215

■ 561,661

Note: E-serials include electronic articles, journals, periodicals, and other materials available online.

Source: Association of College and Research Libraries, 2019

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**Physical items
were 2.6% of total
circulation in 2019**



Refined Draft Plan Elements

Academic Collection of recently-accessed physical books and materials

“Neighborhood Library” collection of casual reading and children’s books

Libraries remain open for reserve materials and academic collection access

Expand space usability by Fall 2023 with one-time funds



Next Steps:

Consultation with employee unions, faculty assemblies, libraries teams

Student input meetings on renovations to be held late March-April

Continued work on digital-first plans:

website, databases, resource guides, workshops, tutorials