Library Instructional Activities Executive Summary 2013-2014

During the 2013-2014 school year, librarians engaged in many activities to promote the library and teach students how to discover research material. These activities included conducting research sessions for students, collaborating with faculty, and promoting the library.

One of the most important instructional activities performed by librarians is teaching class sessions on request by faculty for students' research assignments. Six librarians taught a combined 175 sessions for instructors in all colleges during 2013-2014. These sessions taught information literacy topics including how information is organized, how to search it, critical thinking, and documenting sources properly. This instruction reached 4,313 students, an 8.5% increase from the previous year. Included are thesis research and formatting workshops for graduate students through a CEGE Center Title V grant. In addition, Librarians presented 14 orientations to departments and groups such as Summer Bridge, Nursing, Executive MBA, and two high school groups. An additional 291 students were introduced to the library in these orientations for a total of 4,604 students taught during group instruction sessions.

Librarians also teach graded courses. The library offers two sections each semester of a course in information literacy, SSCI 3005, and collaborates with Honors Program faculty in a team-taught course, HONS 3500. Combined 105 students received graded instruction by librarians.

Librarians teach students in one-on-one reference sessions as well. Reference transactions consisted of 3,183 in person at the reference desk, 472 chat, 273 phone, and 562 email questions logged. Additionally, librarians consulted with faculty and students in 525 appointments in their offices for a total of 5,015 instructional reference consultations.

The library website is an important instructional resource in which librarians build instructional materials for classes and for students to serve themselves. Currently, the library website has 58 tutorials and we are developing more. We have built 40 "class pages" in collaboration with faculty for specific class assignments and 57 other guides focusing on specific discipline strategies, resources, or users.

Librarians were also involved in training workshops for faculty. Librarians participated in the workshop for implementing the CSU Affordable Learning Solutions initiative, attended by 10 faculty.

Librarians also promoted the library in several ways. They held an open house and participated in campus events such as Preview Day, the Tech Fair, and New Student Orientations. Finally, their social media presence is increasing with 224 likes on the library's Facebook page and 89 twitter followers.

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