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Academic Commons Annual Report (2021-2022)

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The Academic Commons

Annual Report 2021 - 2022

As Jefferson transitioned to new ways of work in the 2021- 2022 academic year, with many departments returning to the office while others continued to work in remote settings, the Academic Commons adapted to best serve our community. The resumption of many in-person activities reconnected us with the teams we support. We implemented new library technologies for improved communication with patrons and collaboration among our staff. We created new positions focused on expanding our reach, targeting specific audiences like undergraduate students. We adapted our services for educators and researchers by leading hybrid programs and creating more on-demand learning modules on emerging themes in higher education and scholarship.

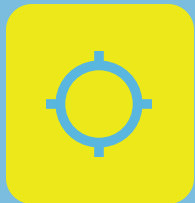
We are energized by the renewed collaboration with our Jefferson colleagues. We know they will continue to inspire us to provide the best services to support both individual goals and shared growth.

Academic Commons: By the Numbers



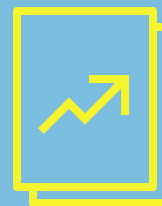
Staff

68



Campuses

3



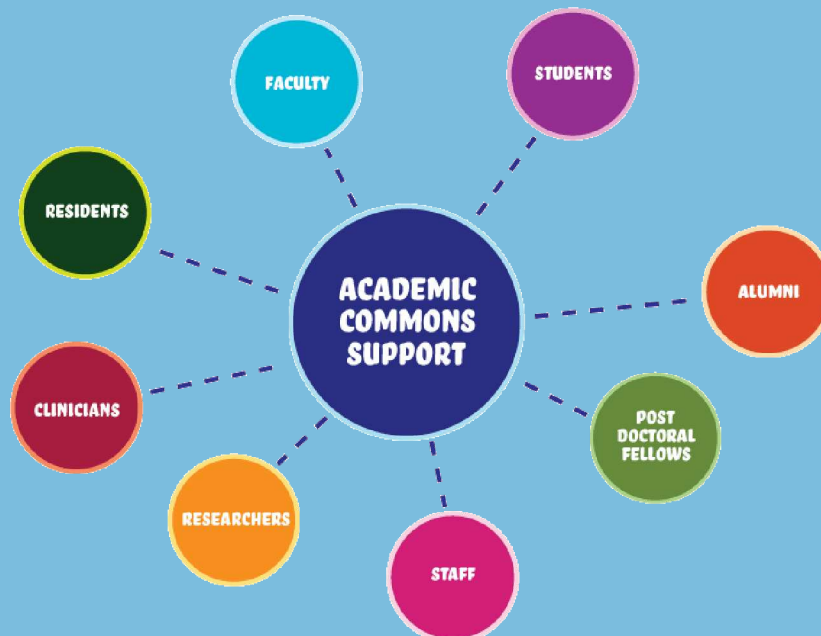
TRENDING UP

27% increase in workshop attendees



Total Workshops

88 with 257 attendees



Thomas Jefferson University Libraries

The Thomas Jefferson University Libraries include the Dixon Library on the Horsham campus, the Paul J Gutman Library on the East Falls campus, and the Scott Memorial Library on the Center City campus.

6,394 total help sessions & consultations



5,705 Scott Library

689 Gutman Library



TRENDING UP

35% increase in help sessions & consultations

129 total instruction sessions with 3,183 learners



TRENDING UP

42% increase in total students reached



84 sessions 2,445 Scott Library learners

45 sessions 738 Gutman Library learners

882,970 total website views

170,328 total website visitors

222,117 Scott homepage visits

65,696 Gutman homepage visits



15 new student orientation events

6 librarian-led workshops

4 on-demand training modules on Information Literacy

2 library-led book clubs



Jefferson Digital Commons (JDC): By the Numbers

The JDC, Jefferson's institutional repository, is a resource for authors to freely share their scholarly work with the world.



761,806 downloads



1,426 works added
(23,302 total works)



15,733 institutions accessed
content from 221 countries

TRENDING UP

4% increase in institutions accessing the JDC

Thomas Jefferson University Libraries

4,076 total items loaned



3,813 Scott Library

263 Gutman Library

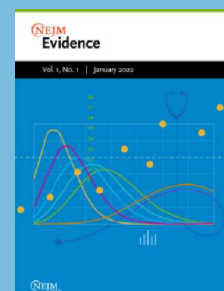
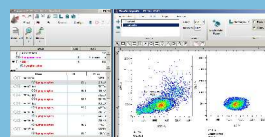
2,927 total items borrowed



2,505 Scott Library

422 Gutman Library

New Resources



New Initiatives

Thomas Jefferson University Libraries implemented four new **Springshare** tools to automate and integrate day-to-day tasks and patron-facing services. The new tools: **LibCal**, **LibAnswers**, **LibGuides**, and **LibStaffer** improved and consolidated the room reservation process, LiveChat and the searchable knowledge base for patrons, research and informational library website guides, and staff schedule management.

The Paul J Gutman Library created a new **Student Success & Outreach Librarian** position. Partnerships are growing with East Falls student-serving departments and organizations. Starfish, a student success platform, is now used by faculty to raise referrals to students at the point of need, further supporting student success and library integration.

Thomas Jefferson University Libraries initiated **OpenAthens**, a new remote authentication method which utilizes Jefferson's central identity management system, across all libraries.

Instructional Design & Educational Technologies

By the Numbers

19 WORKSHOPS

WITH

100 PARTICIPANTS



**333 ONE-ON-ONE
CONSULTATIONS**

3,418 TECH SUPPORT HOURS



Curriculum Design & Program Development

The Instructional Design and Educational Technologies Team supported faculty across the university with program development and course design. A special project with the School of Continuing and Professional Education led to the creation of 21 redesigned courses in the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Colleges supported include:

- College of Architecture & the Built Environment
- College of Continuing & Professional Studies
- College of Design, Engineering, & Commerce
- College of Life Sciences
- College of Nursing
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Rehabilitation Sciences
- Jefferson Center for Interprofessional Practice & Education (JCIPE)
- Sidney Kimmel Medical College

Instructional Design & Educational Technologies

The team partnered with the Office for Strategic Initiatives to assess the current status of digital learning at Jefferson.



We created and deployed faculty and learner surveys to gain insights into the use and perception of digital learning at Jefferson

We analyzed those findings and tested more than 25 virtual and augmented reality tools and platforms for use consideration

We developed workshops and asynchronous courses for educators based on the findings from our surveys and field research

New workshops, created based on survey feedback from instructors and students, include Best Practices in HyFlex, Building a Better Rubric, Engaging Discussions, A Guided Tour of Ally, An Introduction to Curriculum Mapping, An Introduction to Universal Design for Learning, Pedagogical Uses of Learning Analytics, and Resources to Improve Accessibility.

Resource Guides & Tutorials for Educators

Support tools for educators, including written guides and video tutorials, were created on new technologies to support integration and adaption into teaching. Technologies featured include:



Draw it to Know it
Turnitin
Visible Bodies
VoiceThread
ZyBooks



PROFESSIONAL WRITING & PUBLISHING

Office for Professional Writing, Publishing, and Communication

516 documents reviewed
(including 3 books)

472 individual consultations

108 presentations reviewed

94 publications supported

55 workshops and
retreats delivered

Highlights

- ▶ Liz Declan, Scholarly Writing Specialist, joined the team, leading many new workshops and presenting at 2022 Faculty Day

- ▶ Major projects included: Science Communication Series, Eakin's Writing Project, Summer Undergraduate Research Programs, and the Quality Improvement Patient Safety Certificate



TRENDING UP

34% more workshops
offered

Open Access Publishing Fund



\$86,507

awarded to



59

authors from



36

departments
who published
in



24

open access
journals



TRENDING UP

20% more authors
supported

Textile & Costume Collection



200

**Design Center
Visitors**

7

Exhibits

5

**Large Scale
Presentations**

Presentations & Workshops

- "Weaving the Past into the Present" East Falls Villages
- "Buy Local: Textile & Fashion Companies Around East Falls" East Falls Historical Society
- "Tools of the Trade: Women & Textiles in the 19th Century" The Library Company
- "A Hidden Gem. Treasures From the Textile & Costume Collection" Toronto Friends of the Visual Art
- "Women Makers & Designers: Inside the Textile & Costume Collection" Thomas Jefferson University Alumni

Exhibits

- Tools of the Trade. Women & Textiles in the 19th Century. April 2022. The Library Company. Curated by Jade Papa and student Emily Radomski.
- Slipping Into Something More Comfortable. January - April 2022. Hayward Hall. Thomas Jefferson University - East Falls. Curated by Jade Papa
- Behind the Seams. September - December 2021. Hayward Hall. Thomas Jefferson University - East Falls. Curated by Jade Papa
- Embellished Bags. Curated by student Gabrielle Ramos
- Tying Into Self-Expression: Ties from the Textile & Costume Collection. Curated by student Mekhi Granby
- Hosiery Color Cards and Socks. Curated by Ann Wilson
- Flirting with Fashion. Curated by student Michaela Day

New Initiatives & Highlights

- ▶ A new online collection, Point Papers, was added to Gutman Library's JSTOR website, with nearly 400 hand-sketched and painted textile designs.
- ▶ The Design Center and Textile & Costume Collection received four mentions and highlights within Jefferson's The Nexus and Jefferson Innovator Magazine, showcasing the collection to new audiences and detailing ways to visit and experience the Center.

Audio Visuals, Graphics, Photography, and Videography

As Jefferson returned to pre-pandemic ways of work, the Academic Commons' Media Services team resumed supporting our community with more design, video, and photography projects, and assisting with audio-visual needs for the classroom and events. The team is happy to be back helping Jeffersonians document and communicate their research and programs to the larger community.



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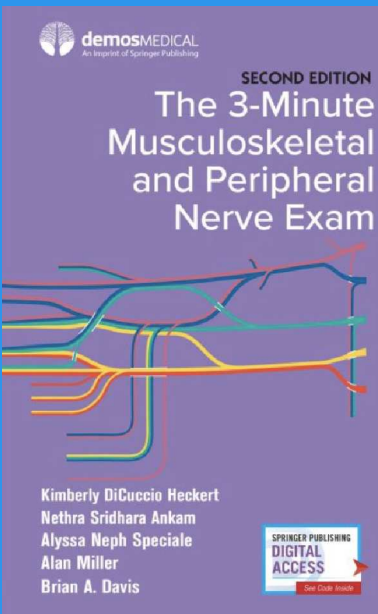
5% increase in AV projects & 4% increase in graphics projects (compared to 2019-2020 data)

12,523 AV projects

509 photography projects

260 graphics projects

33 videography projects



A Team Effort: The 3-Minute Musculoskeletal and Peripheral Nerve Exam

Talk about teamwork! The Media Services team collaborated on a unique project for Jefferson's Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation department.

The 3-Minute Musculoskeletal and Peripheral Nerve Exam eBook includes videos, photographs, and illustrations (including the cover art) - all created by the Academic Commons Photography, Videography, and Graphic Design team members!

Staff Highlights

Presentations

- Larissa Gordon presented a lightning talk, “Increasing ORCID Adoption Among Faculty: One Library’s Story,” at the Medical Library Association Liberty Conference
- Beth Ten Have co-presented, “Fast Facts Fighting COVID,” at the Medical Library Association Liberty Chapter Conference
- Jade Papa presented, "Women Makers & Designers," at the Jefferson Office of Alumni Relations International Women's Day celebration (Visit the Textile and Costume Collection section for a complete list of Jade's presentations)

Publications

- Abby Adamczyk published the article "[Structured Abstracts for Conference Submissions](#)" in Hypothesis
- Gary Kaplan co-published the article "[Highlighting gaps in spinal cord injury research in activity-based interventions for the upper extremity: A scoping review](#)" in NeuroRehabilitation
- Pam Walter co-published the article "[Faculty writing: A collaborative approach to producing manuscripts](#)" in Wiley

Awards

- Abby Adamczyk received the Outstanding Contribution By a Member award at the Medical Library Association Liberty Chapter Conference

Staff Additions

- Victoria Bonelli, Access Services Assistant, Paul J Gutman Library
- Simone Clunie, Cataloging and Collection Management Librarian, Paul J Gutman Library
- Liz Declan, Scholarly Writing Specialist, Office for Professional Writing, Publishing, and Communication
- Megan Donnelly, Student Success and Outreach Librarian, Paul J Gutman Library
- Abby Kahler, Learning Resources Technician, Scott Memorial Library
- Anita Lai, Digital Archivist, Scott Memorial Library
- Beth Ten Have, Director of Operations, Scott Memorial Library