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A PATH FOR OPPORTUNITIES,
EVERYWHERE YOU ARE**



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A MESSAGE FROM THE **LIBRARY DIRECTOR**



I am pleased to present the 2024–2025 Annual Report for the Lindenwood University Library. This report was designed by graphic design student intern Lauren Miesner, who was overseen by library staff member, Leah Rosenmiller. This report reflects the dedication and expertise of library staff, student employees, and interns, and highlights the Library’s essential role in supporting student learning and success. At the heart of this work is the Library’s mission: supporting students, faculty, and staff through quality resources, innovative programming, and a commitment to excellence in customer service.

The Library continues to serve as a central hub for learning and collaboration and as an active partner in student success. During the 2024–2025 academic year, librarians were embedded in 180 courses, with 77 of those partnerships providing dual support through both an embedded librarian and a writing consultant. These collaborations integrate research and writing guidance directly into the curriculum, strengthening critical thinking, academic confidence, and student achievement.

The Library also played a leadership role in preparing students for a rapidly evolving information and technology landscape. As generative AI and emerging technologies reshape how knowledge is created and shared, students have been taught to engage with information ethically, think critically, and use new tools responsibly. Support for student success extended beyond instruction to include access to essential technology. During the past year, the Library facilitated 658 laptop checkouts and 487 virtual reality headset checkouts, ensuring students have the tools needed to complete coursework, explore emerging technologies, and engage in innovative learning experiences.

For 2024-2025, experiential learning remained central to Library initiatives. Student employees and interns contributed meaningfully to daily operations and special projects while gaining valuable professional experience, reinforcing Lindenwood’s focus on career readiness and applied learning. Participation in initiatives such as the Student Event Committee, as well as interns contributions to library communications and marketing efforts, opportunities were provided for hands-on engagement and skill development. The ongoing contributions of student employees and interns have been invaluable, and deep appreciation is extended for the impact made across Library services.

Library staff’s continued commitment to assessment and continuous improvement allow us to remain responsive to the evolving needs of the academic community and take great pride in contributing to Lindenwood’s mission and in empowering students to discover ideas, translate learning into meaningful outcomes, and achieve goals. We look forward to sharing our accomplishments for 2024-2025 in this report.

Sincerely,

Liz MacDonald

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OVERVIEW: WHO WE ARE

Lindenwood Library serves as an academic and cultural hub, providing a one-stop-shop for students in their research careers at Lindenwood University. Library materials and resources are available for students, faculty, and staff to use. The library collection includes over 451,295 print volumes, eBooks, audio-visual materials and games. The library has numerous artifact collections and archival resources.

43,585 VISITORS



LARC



SUPPORT **BY THE NUMBERS**



32,247

RESEARCH GUIDE VIEWS



3,362

VIDEO TUTORIAL VIEWS



7,133

**VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON
QUESTIONS**



211

EMBED COURSES



69

IN-CLASS INSTRUCTIONS

“Librarians are the heart of universities and the soul of cultures in general! Thank you for your work helping students, protecting information access, and supporting faculty research. Thank you!!”

- Faculty Feedback



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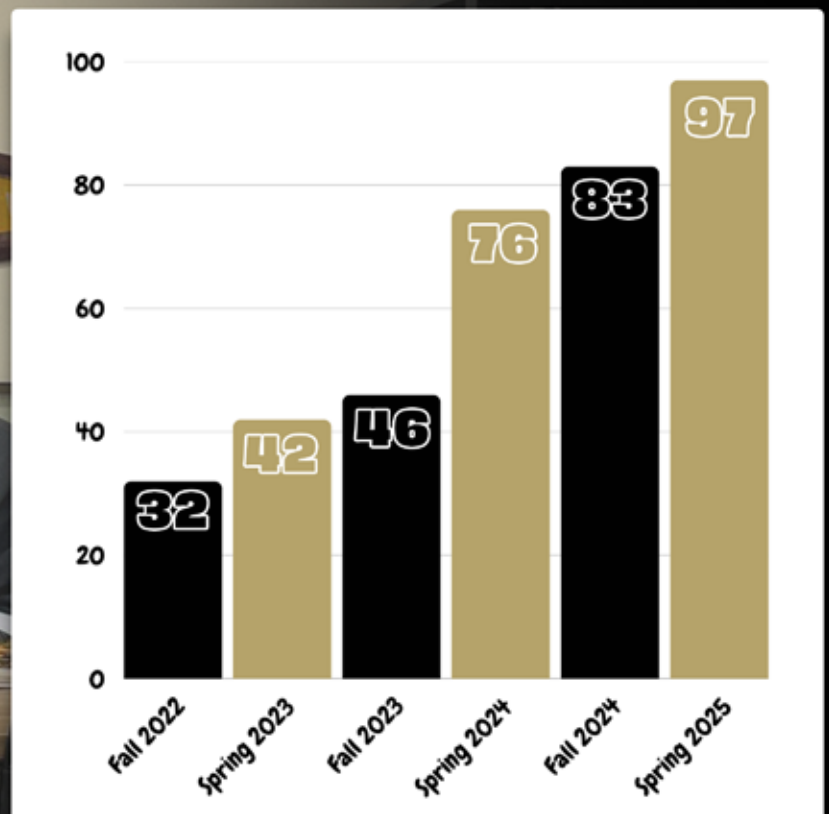
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EMBED PROGRAM

The Embed Program, launched in Fall 2018, is a collaboration between Library Services and the Lindenwood Writing Center. Librarians and Writing Consultants are integrated into research and writing intensive courses to work closely with faculty and provide students with support for assignments. The program ensures students receive sustained, tailored academic support throughout the semester and offers Lindenwood faculty added support as they deliver course content. The intent of the program is to enable students to meaningfully engage with course materials while also integrating support services to highlight the iterative nature of the research and writing process. Faculty determine the level of embed involvement, ranging from an initial introduction to fully integrated, scaffolded assignments that align information literacy with writing skill development. Librarians focus on research strategies, critical thinking, and source integration while writing consultants strengthen organization, tone, clarity, and flow.



EMBED COURSE TOTALS



FALL 2024 **EMBEDS**

83 Courses with an Embedded Librarian

49 Graduate Classes

34 Undergraduate Classes

18 Classes with Dual Support

1324 students reached

"Lindenwood is the first university that I've received such attentive/educated/professional academic assistance from via librarians and writing specialists. I never knew this was a resource before attending Lindenwood and I am eternally grateful!!!"

-Student Feedback

"I met with the Writing Consultant in the early stages of writing my paper, and she was supportive and helpful. I look forward to meeting with her again for future coursework."

-Student Feedback

College



Class with a Librarian



Undergraduate



Graduate

Writing Consultant



"The Librarian I worked with blew me away with his level of knowledge, insight, and helpfulness. He was incredibly helpful in helping refine my research topic and provided exceptional articles and tips on how to formulate my research. I am very impressed by his work and assistance!"

-Student Feedback

"It is an invaluable resource for our students to have access to a Librarian to assist us along the way."

-Faculty Feedback



SPRING 2025 EMBEDS

97 Courses with an Embedded Librarian

47 Graduate Classes

50 Undergraduate Classes

44 Classes with Dual Support

990 students reached in SP1

College



Class with a Librarian



Undergraduate



Graduate

Writing Consultant



I have really appreciated having a Librarian. I've worked with the Librarian a few times now and she is always very helpful and friendly. She also sends us email reminders of upcoming assignments and tools, which has also been quite helpful.

-Student Feedback

Huge Thank You for helping me with my paper and the overall class. I look forward to working with you again. :)

-Student Feedback

The course librarians were very helpful in making sure I got sources for my thesis paper and were able to pull a source from another university library for me to access as well.

-Student Feedback

It was a good experience for me, the librarian was super helpful. In our session we narrowed down my topic, and the Librarian suggested a few articles I used and help get me pointed in the right direction to find additional sources. I recommend continuing to have them as a class resource for this course.

-Student Feedback



SUMMER 2025 EMBEDS

Students appreciate having a dedicated go-to person for research help. This certainly improves the quality of research.
-Faculty Feedback

Working with the librarian was an integral part of this and all my courses that require a focused and fast search for peer reviewed material.
-Student Feedback

I feel the additional supports are essential in providing EdD students with momentum in the dissertation process.
-Faculty Feedback

31 Courses with an Embedded Librarian
17 Graduate Classes
14 Undergraduate Classes
15 Classes with Dual Support
596 students reached

College



Classification



Undergraduate Graduate
Writing Consultant



Library Services supported me in determining what methodologies would best fit my research paper. They also helped scan book pages for a text in the Lindenwood Library that I was unable to access online. VERY helpful!
-Student Feedback

The Librarians have been extremely helpful in every class I've been in. They are excellent at finding sources that I can't locate, and they are great at helping me fine-tune my research topic.
-Student Feedback



MEDIA AND GAMING LAB

Located in LARC 245, the Library's Media and Gaming Lab (MGL) offers a place for students to bring their visions into focus. The Lab is equipped with software and technology to enable students to succeed in a wide range of technological endeavors, honing skills and knowledge from their coursework into the tools of success beyond the classroom

WHAT TO DO IN THE MGL:



▶ Video Game Consoles & Equipment



▶ Board Game & Tabletop Games



▶ Virtual Reality Headsets & Support



▶ iPad with ProCreate & Wacom tablets



▶ RPG & DnD materials & spaces



▶ Podcasting Booth



MGL USAGE:

1,966 Visitors

487 VR Headset Checkouts

394 Video & Board Game Checkouts

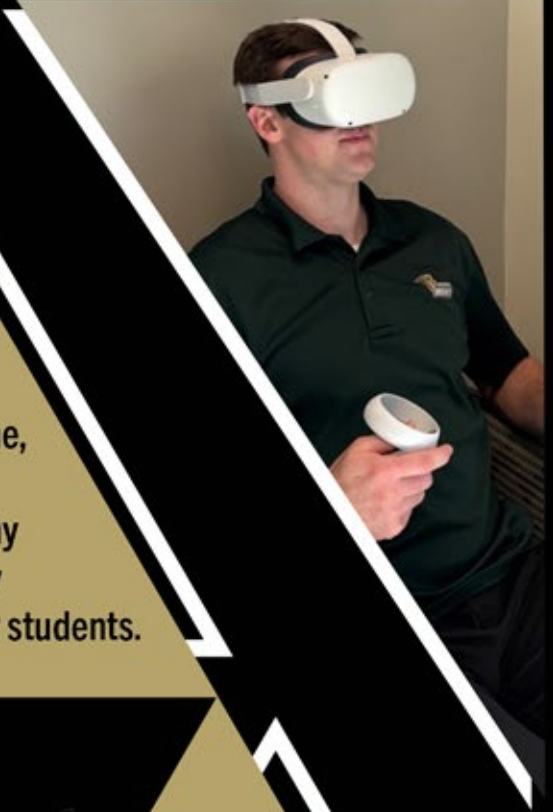


VIRTUAL REALITY IN THE MGL



THE LIBRARY COLLABORATES

with academic programs including Art History, Paramedicine, Earth Sciences, Athletics, and Geography to create virtual reality experiences and course work for students.



THE LIBRARY HOSTS

virtual reality workshops for Instructional Designers and Professional Advisors to integrate VR technologies into their workflow.



THE LIBRARY SHARES

virtual reality experiences with the community every year at GIS day, giving high school students and companies the chance to travel the world without leaving Lindenwood's campus.



MARY E. AMBLER ARCHIVES



The primary goal of the Mary E. Ambler Archives is to be a tool that Lindenwood faculty, staff, and students will find useful in the research of institutional and regional topics. The archives seeks to centralize access to all university publications, scholarship, minutes, and reports relating to the university. The archives provides resources to researchers through Lindenwood's Digital Commons, the university's institutional repository.

COLLECTIONS



George and Mary Sibley Papers: The biggest compilation of original papers and transcripts from George and Mary Sibley including diaries, correspondence, and transcripts of other holdings around the country.



The Sporting News Collection: includes the Spink Family papers, baseball statistics compiled by Leonard Gettleson, approximately 20,000 clippings files on players from baseball, football, basketball, and hockey; and approximately 10,000 books on sports topics.



University Catalog Collection: a healthy collection of course catalogs of colleges and universities around the United States from approx. 1850-1940s.



LINDENWOOD DIGITAL COMMONS

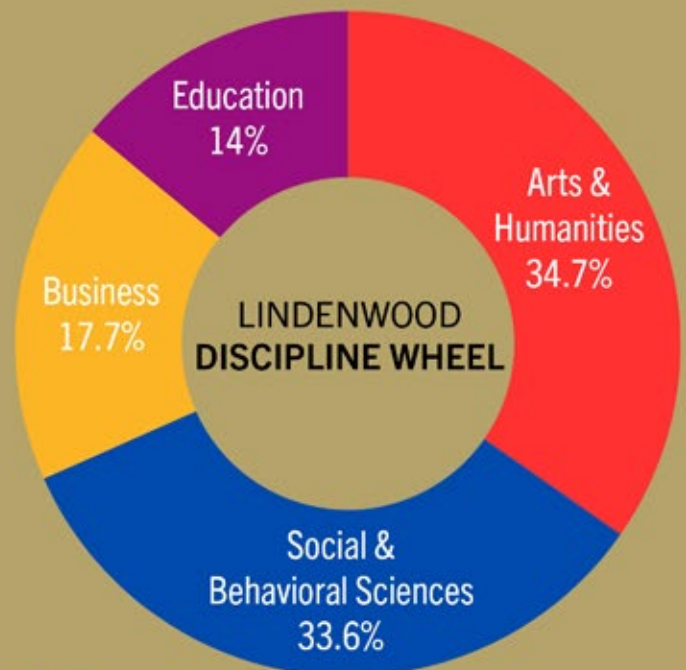
1.9 MILLION
DOWNLOADS

217 COUNTRIES/
REGIONS

Digital Commons at Lindenwood University launched in May 2021, the institutional repository has grown to feature over 18,400 pieces of content including theses, dissertations, faculty and student research, historic documents, photos, podcasts, journals and eBooks.

Digital Commons spotlights the innovative contributions of Lindenwood University's faculty and staff to the field of artificial intelligence. Including 145 articles that uniquely add to the scholarship related to AI.

With downloads from more than 11,700 institutions across 217 countries and regions, Digital Commons highlights the global impact of Lindenwood's scholarship and historic collections. Digital Commons continues to grow, offering open access to knowledge and preserving the university's rich history and academic legacy.



LIBRARY EVENTS

40 TOTAL
EVENTS

1,180 EVENT
ATTENDEES

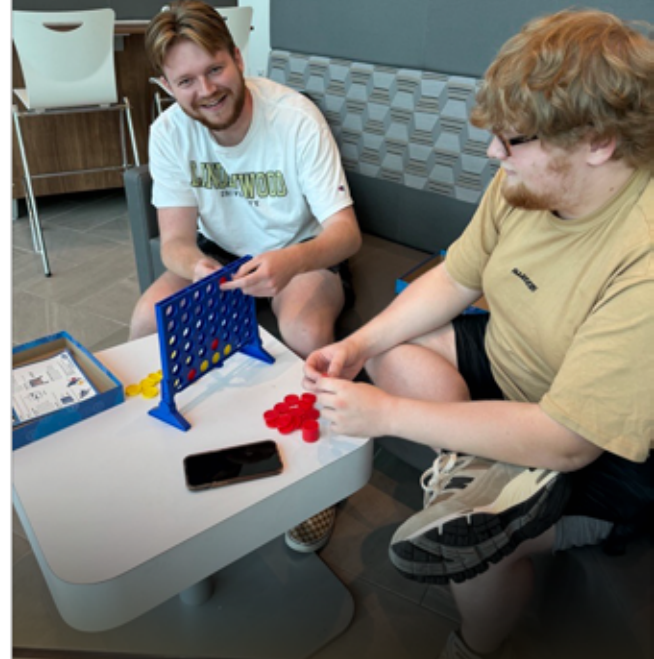
The Library hosts a wide variety of events including educational offerings, gaming nights, resource orientations, holiday celebrations and events that emphasize our collaborative partnerships with campus support

Documentary Nights Games in the Grove
Bingo Night MarioKart Tournaments
Banned Books Panel LARC after Dark
Game Awards Watch Party Cocoa & Cram
Wrap-it-up Lions Haunted Hallway
Open RPG Night Unplug & Unwind
Library Resource Tabling

STUDENT EVENT COMMITTEE

The Library established the Student Event Committee in 2023 which focuses on students planning engaging events for their student peers. The Student Event Committee gives students planning and leadership skills that are transferrable to the workplace. The library staff provides essential operational support specifically managing brand compliance and navigating institutional process. Events are chosen based on the committee's ideas, student feedback, and cooperative partnerships.

The Student Event Committee has planned and overseen 20 events in the last two school years. All of these event's center around a variety of interests of Lindenwood students focusing on social aspects, emotional and mental health, and campus connection.



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