

FIU LAW LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT

2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR

LIBRARY SERVICES

Library Services are activities that support the research, instruction and information needs of FIU Law faculty, students, staff, and the broader FIU community. Patronage, whether in-person or virtually, are how the Library measures performance.

PERFORMANCE METRICS

In addition to quantitative metrics, the law library also provides three for-credit courses in legal research and technology, as well as managing the Faculty Publications display, which was purchased new and redone during 2017-2018.

Metric	2016-2017	2017-2018	Change
In Person & Virtual Patronage			
Visitors to FIU Law Library	341,504	513,837	+34%
Patron Interactions	3186	3359	+5%
Research Requests	355	390	+9%
Book and Article Delivery	113	132	+15%
Interlibrary Loan Requests	309	259	-19%
Circulation – Physical Materials	23,978	23,496	-2%
Outreach			
Programs/Presentations	31	43	+28%
Attendees	351	1195	+71%
Digital Patronage			
Guide Views	15238	8848	-42%
A-Z eResources	335	4316	+91%
FAQ Views	1310	3160	+141%
Lexis Digital Libraries	-	1897	

**Note on Guide Views v. A-Z eResources: mid-2016-2017 the A-Z eResources migrated from a Guide to a separate A-Z List portal.*

DIGITAL INITIATIVES

The Digital Initiatives Center manages the electronic and digital resources and initiatives of the law library. This includes patron support through virtual research and reference, electronic resource management and scholarly impact services.

- **Virtual & Digital Patronage:** *incorporated in Library Services*
- **Faculty Scholarship Services:** promotion and dissemination of law faculty scholarship through SSRN Legal Studies Research Paper Series, eCollections, and Selected Works.
- **Digital Collections:** digitization activities and electronic resources, *see Collections below for statistics.*

PERFORMANCE METRICS

Monthly Scholarly Impact Reports are distributed, below are annual statistics.

	2016-2017	2017-2018	% Change
eCollections & Selected Works			
Downloads	41,257	47,766	16%
Uploads	435	492	13%
SSRN			
Downloads	5605	5164	-8%
Uploads	20	26	30%

COLLECTIONS

There are three categories of law library collections:

- **Physical Collections:** books, serials, etc. on the shelf and procured for office copies, clinics, law review, and other FIU departments and stakeholders.
- **Electronic Resources/Databases:** books, serials, online databases, etc. available through the internet. Cross-over with Digital Initiatives services.
- **Special Collections:** the items of particular historical and/or legal research significance held by the law library such as the Caribbean Collection, Mario Diaz Cruz Library, Spak Wedgwood, and Elaine Bloom Library.

PERFORMANCE METRICS

Collections describe the physical and digital items provided by the Law Library for patron use. This service is quantitatively measured through these indicators:

Metric	2016-2017	2017-2018	Increase
eBooks	52,211	52,565	
Databases	44	49	
Print Books	43,353	43,505	
Images Produced	7968	10,571	33%

***Images Produced = Wedgwood:** photographs of ceramic wares and metadata assignment, <http://ecollections.law.fiu.edu/spak-wedgwood-collection/>; **Laws of Jamaica:** digitization of laws from 1845-1967 and metadata creation, <http://ecollections.law.fiu.edu/jamaica/index.html>.

NEW ERESOURCES

The Law Library acquired the following new digital resources in 2017-2018:

- 1) HeinOnline/Edgar Online Package
 - Journal of Human Rights and Environment
 - Queen Mary Journal of Intellectual Property
 - Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law
 - Cambridge International Law Journal
 - Renmin Chinese International Law Review
 - Interactive Entertainment Law Review (one year only)
- 2) Juris Arbitration Law
- 3) Multinational Sources Compared
- 4) Max Planck Encyclopaedia of Comparative Constitutional Law
- 5) ALLStar Benchmarking
- 6) Procertas

COURSES

Three courses taught by adjunct law librarians:

Summer 2017 – Advanced Electronic Legal Research, LAW6798

Fall 2017 – Advanced Legal Research, LAW 6798

Spring 2018 – Advanced Legal Research, LAW 6798, Foreign and International Legal Research, LAW 6824, and Law Practice Technology, LAW6823

Summer 2018 – Advanced Legal Research, LAW6798 and Law Practice Technology, LAW6823

BUDGET

The Law Library lost a staff member line in 2017-2018 which was initially going to be converted into a law librarian position, but was then reallocated for other College needs; \$22,895.72 increase below is due to increased salary rates for merit and fringe increase (FIU subsidized), Collections budget remain flat.

Allocated	Load 2017-18	Forecast 2018-19
Librarian Salaries	\$345,101	\$357,513
Library Specialists and Office Manager	\$247,486	\$221,835
F.B.	\$229,055	\$221,320
Adjunct Law Librarians	\$52,200	\$52,200
Adjunct F.B.	\$1,498	\$1,498
Temporary/Students	\$63,265	\$63,265
OT Temporary	\$4,212	\$4,212
Operating Expenses	\$72,750	\$72,750
OCO- Library Books	\$701,093	\$701,093
JM	\$21,000	\$21,000
	\$1,737,659.00	\$1,830,940.15

TECH FEE AWARDS

Although sought, no tech fees were awarded to the Law Library in 2017-2018.

PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE FUNDED PROJECTS

The law library advocated for the following to benefit the FIU Law community through State-allocated Performance Excellence Funds: \$213,241.02

1. **Faculty Display Cases:** \$8,407.86 Fully Funded. New modern cases for second floor to promote faculty works. Content curated by Law Library.
2. **Blended Learning Classroom:** \$201,589.78 project total = \$171,538.11 from Performance Funds + \$30,051.67 left over from Tech Fee 17-433, Fully Funded. New 16 seat blended learning classroom in RDB 3050, formerly the newspaper reading room in the Law Library; collaboration with Law Administration.
3. **Adjunct Law Librarian – Cataloging:** \$13,000 Fully Funded. Services of cataloging law librarian to capture otherwise undiscoverable Spanish and foreign language legal materials. Resulted in 264 Spanish records.
4. **Procertas LTA:** \$19,500 total = \$14,000 from Performance Funds + \$5,000 from Law Library Collections, Fully Funded. Three-year access to the Procertas LTA, assessing and instructing student skills in Word, Excel, and Adobe for legal practice. Currently used in Law Practice Technology and Law Review.
5. **Digital Display:** \$6,295.05 Fully Funded. Digital display to promote Law Library resources, events and faculty scholarship; replaced former faculty publications displays.
6. **Oral Historian:** \$3,000.00 Fully Funded. Services of FIU History Department faculty to take the oral history of Elaine Bloom, part of curating the Elaine Bloom Library.
7. **Research and Instruction Law Librarian:** funding initially approved and then denied due to lack of recurrence.

OTHER GRANTS & FACILITIES

Latin American and Caribbean Center. \$5,000.00 through Title 7 Grant. These funds are used to purchase a shared physical library of materials focusing on Latin American and Caribbean law.

FIU Facilities Management. Unknown Amount. Carpeting and painting of second floor of Law Library, on scheduled rotation for physical space renewal through FIU Building Management.