

FIU LAW LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT

2021-2022 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.

Library Services	Collection Services	Digital Initiatives & Scholarly Communication	Special Collections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research & Reference • Instruction • Guides & FAQ • Outreach • Affordability Counts • Fulfillment (circulation & inter-library loan) • Patron Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials Acquisition • Collection Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web-based and Digital Resources • Scholarly Impact • Reputation and Ranking Initiatives • Publishing • Digital Curation and Metadata Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management and Preservation • Access • Unique Collections

PERFORMANCE METRICS

This table is a quantitative analysis of services provided to patrons. Year-to-year change reflects the changing needs of our patrons and informs future operations and collection development decisions.

Notable decreases in face-to-face services and increases in virtual transactions, highlighted blue, reflect the changing needs of patrons due to Coronavirus pandemic remote operations.

Metric	2020-2021	2021-2022	Change
Gate Count	18,779	263,938	1305%
Total Patron Transactions*	15,351	28,864	+88%
Desk Reference	179	61	-65%
Reference	632	804	+27%
Tickets	762	865	+14%
Book and Article Delivery	29	27	-6%
Interlibrary Loan Requests	336	404	+20%
Guide Views	5,834	3,604	-38%
FAQ Views	7,321	7,674	+4.8%
Circulation – Physical Materials	260	15,425	+60%
Circulation – Electronic Materials**	27,589	38,190	+38%
Outreach***			
Programs and Presentations	51	54	+6%
Attendees		1194	

Metric	2020-2021	2021-2022	Change
eResources			
A-Z eResources	5,819	5,428	-6%
Homepage Views	1,324	1,034	-21%
Proview		3,394	
Wolters Kluwer		10,604	
West Academic	8,745	20,478	+134%
Lexis Digital Libraries	2,464	3,714	+51%
Twitter			

*Total Patron Interactions reflects the number of individual interactions patrons had with librarians and staff. Sums in-person and virtual research and reference statistics, document delivery, and ILL.

**Circulation of Electronic Materials combine the statistics of our eResources.

***Programs and Presentations include all library-lead programs, workshops, lectures, and other presentations.

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:** maintenance of guides and ticketing system. *These statistics are reported under Library Services.*
- **Faculty Scholarship and Publications Services:** promotion and dissemination of law faculty scholarship through SSRN Legal Studies Research Paper Series, eCollections, Selected Works, HeinOnline ScholarCheck, Google Scholar, ORCID, and scholarship feeds.
- **Digital Collections:** digitization activities and electronic resources. *Electronic resource statistics are reported under Library Services and Collections.*

PERFORMANCE METRICS

This table includes the annual report statistics for downloads and uploads into eCollections including Selected Works, and downloads and uploads statistics in SSRN.

	2020-2021	2021-2022	% Change
eCollections & Selected Works			
Downloads	89,766	103,580	+15
Uploads	271	125	-54
SSRN			
Downloads	5,657	7,085	+25
Uploads	38	25	-42

FIU Law Library is a member of the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC), <https://dloc.com/>, a cooperative project of FIU and other institutions to provide open access to the laws of the Caribbean. This table illustrates usage statistics for all FIU Law Library items contributions to dLOC.

DLOC Metric	2020-2021	2021-2022	% Change
Item Views	76,757	28,916	-62

FIU Law Library instituted an agreement with Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC) in 2021-2022 to digitize physical Special Collections. This agreement provides that LLMC will provide images of our collections at no-cost and dark archival storage of our Special Collections. In 2021-2022 we supplied Laws of Jamaica in force June 1953.

LLMC	2020-2021
Items Digitized	7,372

COLLECTIONS

There are four categories of law library collections:

- **Physical Materials:** books, serials, etc. on the shelf and acquired in physical format.
- **Electronic Resources:** databases, ebooks, serials, etc. available through the internet. *Cross-over with Digital Initiatives services.*
- **Databases:** refers to number of databases that the library subscribes to.
- **Special Collections:** Physical historical and/or legal research significance held by the law library such as the Caribbean Collection, Mario Diaz Cruz Library, Spak Wedgwood, Elaine Bloom Library, FIU College of Law Archives, and the Krieger Memorial 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	2020-2021	2021-2022
Electronic Resources		344
eBook Titles	68,719	55,171
eResource Portfolios		480
eResource Collections		
Total Electronic Collections*	276	
Open Access(A-Z)	87	104
Licensed	189	
Physical Materials	26,905	
1 st FL General Collection		8,799
Archives		600
Faculty Research Library		1,924
General Collection		73,699
Grand Reading Room 3 rd Fl.		5,013

Hardware Reserves Desk 1 st Fl.		182
Law Clinics - 1 st Fl.		504
Mario Diaz-Cruz Cuban Collection – 3 rd Fl.		4,988
Media Collection, - Reserve Desk 1 st Fl.		1,084
Microforms Area - 1 st Fl.		872
		26,591
Periodicals - 3 rd Fl.		
Reserve Desk - 1 st Fl.		1,880
Unassigned Location		27
Law Library Total		126,553
New one-time physical		183
New subscription physical		
Monographs Total		48,823
New one-time electronic/ebook		94
eCollections Total		8,435
New Upload		271
SSRN Total		520
New Upload		25
Images Produced**	32	84

*Updated methodology for counting electronic collections for 2020-2021 based on actual holdings after acquiring MARC and loading into ILS and LibApps systems.

**Scanning physical materials was impossible during much of 2020-2021 due to COVID-19 remote operations.

NEW ERESOURCE COLLECTIONS

These new electronic resources were acquired in 2021-2022:

1. Jus Mundi (Brill NV)
2. Air and Space Law (HeinOnline)

NEW BOOKS

The following books were acquired in 2021-2022:

- 108 ebooks
- 183 physical books

COURSES & PRESENTATIONS

Courses taught by law librarians:

- Advanced Legal Research LAW 6798

- Law Practice Technology LAW 6823
- Modern Law Practice HON 1228

Workshop instruction by law librarians (Spring 2022):

- The Research Process
- Effective Search Strategies
- Docket Searching
- Finding Relevant Authority (LSV Session)
- Practice Materials on Lexis
- Wellness Resources for Law Students

Instructional presentations (in-class lectures, etc.) were presented by law librarians in 2021-2022:

- *Seminar on International and Comparative Freedom of the Press*, Spring 2022, Guest Lecturer. Outline of legal research resources developed for the seminar and presentation identifying international law, non-governmental and foreign resources by Professor Marisol Florén-Romero.
- *Advanced Legal Research*, Spring 2022, Guest lecturer. Researching Foreign and International Law, Professor Marisol Florén-Romero.
- *Advanced Legal Research*, Summer 2021, Guest lecturer. Researching Foreign and International Law, Professor Marisol Florén-Romero.
- *Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2022*, Professor Margaret Correoso coach, Invited Lecturer. Researching public international law issues on the topic of the Compromise: Diplomatic Immunity and Cybersecurity, Professor Marisol Florén-Romero.
- *Moot Madrid 2022*, Professor Gilberto Guerrero-Rocca and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Global Engagement, Professor of Law Manuel Gomez, coaches, Invited Lecturer. Researching international commercial arbitration, Professor Marisol Florén-Romero.
- Vis Moot: Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot 2022, researching international commercial arbitration issues.
- Researching public international law, the process and procedure of the International Law Commission.
- Source Collection & Citation Checking, Spring 2022, Law Review Membership Program
- Legal Research for Externs, Externship Course, Fall 2021, Dean Michelle Mason
- Legal Research for Externs, Externship Course, Spring 2022, Dean Michelle Mason
- Research Appointments, Individual Instructions, Spring 2022, Three Student Appointments

BUDGET

The Law Library’s budget was loaded with an increase in operational and collections budget for 2021-2022 to respond to inflation and anticipated additional travel expenses for a new law librarian hire. Librarian and Staff salaries and fringe were automatically loaded at a lower amount due to open positions.

Allocated	Load 2020-2021	Load 2021-2022
Librarian Salaries	\$492,249	\$366,557.00
Librarian Fringe		\$132,437.04
Library Specialists and Office Manager	\$340,508	\$228,085.00
Staff Fringe Benefits	\$238,115	\$127,271.43

Allocated	Load 2020-2021	Load 2021-2022
Adjunct Law Librarians	\$54,142	\$52,200.00
Adjunct Fringe		\$2,239.38
Temporary/Students	\$70,781	\$73,242.52
Temporary/Student Fringe		\$2,241.08
Operating Expenses	\$72,750	\$73,242.52
Collections	\$742,065	\$782,027.38
Total	\$2,010,610	\$1,852,410.84

TECH FEE AWARDS

The following Tech Fees were applied for by and awarded to the Law Library, totaling **\$161,989.55**.

1. 21-045 – Tech Lending@ the Library Continuation 2021 Law Library Portion: \$11,439.55
2. 21-041 – Race and Social Injustice Primary Sources (Gale Primary Resources FIU wide): (year one of three) \$140,550.00
3. 21-036 Closed Captioning Initiative – Closed captioning existing and future College of Law videos hosted in MediaWeb and via eCollections Institutional Repository. \$10,000.00 budget approved with modifications.

OTHER GRANTS

Latin American and Caribbean Center. The Law Library received **\$7,316.00** through Title 6 Grant for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Over fifty (50) legal titles on Latin American and Caribbean Law were added to the collection.