

## Some Statistics for Fiscal Year 2006-07 Turpin Library, Dallas Theological Seminary

The library spent \$259,394 for content (books, journals, AV media, subscriptions to databases, etc.) About one third of all items added to the collection were in the field of biblical studies, and one third were in the field of historical or systematic theology. The collection grew as follows.

	7/1/2006	Added in FY	DFEC in FY	7/1/2007
Print volumes	208,046	4,416	-110	212,352
Microforms	58,186	68	1	58,255
Other	32,056	1,012	-40	33,028
Meaningless Total	298,288	5,496	-149	303,635

- DFEC = discarded(-) or found(+) or error corrected(+ or -)
- Technically this is a count of library owned materials listed in BIBLOS. Some items owned by the library are not listed in BIBLOS. For example, most archival holdings are not counted. Electronic resources like ATLAS which are “rented” by the library are not counted.

Total external circulation<sup>1</sup> (loans + renewals) held steady at 96,147. So far we have seen little evidence of long term decline in use of books in favor of electronic resources. As in the past, about 50% of all loans were in the field of biblical studies.

Users of BIBLOS executed over 289,098 successful queries (successful meaning records were retrieved).

51.7% of BIBLOS and library website usage was by people off campus. 1,314 people logged in to EZProxy 8,271 times from a location off campus in order to access databases. Students are using library resources from every location and at every time of the day, even when the library is closed.

Library users downloaded 10,032 articles/documents from EBSCO or FirstSearch. No count is available for ATLAS articles downloaded via EBSCO, but this represents thousands more. However, we do know that DTS graduates, who have a unique login to ATLAS (not via EBSCO), downloaded 4,805 journal issues not included in the previous numbers. Use of online resources continues to grow.

The front door photocell counted an average of 724 visits per day the library was open. (A visit is a round trip, not a single click of the photocell.) Large numbers of students continue to visit the building even though they can use library electronic resources from home.

Contact the library director if you would like additional information about some specific aspect of library operations.

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<sup>1</sup> Many materials are used in the building without being borrowed or checked-out. A two week study in Feb 2006 and again in Feb 2007 showed in-house use equaled check-outs. So actual use of materials is twice what circulation statistics indicate. This has consistently been the ratio in other in-house use studies.