

Some Statistics for Fiscal Year 2008-09 Turpin Library, Dallas Theological Seminary

Library users executed 82,549 database searches and downloaded 24,947 articles. Both are all time highs. Students are hungry for online resources.

Total circulation (initial loans plus renewals) of books and other non-online resources dropped to 87,694. Despite the decline this year, the overall long term trend is flat. Students are still highly dependent on paper books.

52% of all loans were in the field of biblical studies; 23% in systematic and historical theology; 21% in pastoral ministries, Christian education or world missions; and 4% other. This is similar to previous years. It shows a bible-centered curriculum, and a bible-centered interest on the part of students.

Taking into account all the books and articles actually borrowed, downloaded, or used in the building, students used over six million dollars worth of information this year. The library is a sharing mechanism that gives students a great return on their tuition.

During the year we “rented” online access to over 7,000 peer-reviewed scholarly journals plus thousands of magazines. We also purchased (subscribed to) 813 periodicals, of which 161 were available online. We own 1,132 online journal backruns.

We added about 6,000 physical (i.e., non-online) items to the collection this year. However, we discarded so many items (particularly obsolete formats like slides and open reel audio recordings), that the net collection size actually declined this year.

	7/1/2008	Added in FY	DFEC in FY	7/1/2009
Print volumes	214,796	3,948	-424	218,320
Microforms	59,166	67	-4	59,229
Other	29,301	1,906	-5,742	25,465
Meaningless Total	303,263	5,921	-6,170	303,014

- 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.

During the year, the building was open for service 3646 hours, and the front door photocell counted an average of 615 visits per day the library was open. (A visit is a round trip.) Large numbers of students continue to visit the building even though they can use library electronic resources from home.

User satisfaction on the graduating student survey remains high (93% satisfied with Turpin library in 2008).