

Some Statistics for Fiscal Year 2009-10 Turpin Library, Dallas Theological Seminary

Faculty and students executed 106,084 database searches and downloaded 28,540 articles. Both are all time highs. In addition, DTS grads searched 8,150 times and downloaded 3,945 articles. Library clients are hungry for online resources.

Total circulation (initial loans plus renewals) of books and other non-online resources dropped to 85,802. Recent declines appear to be a combination of slightly reduced Dallas campus enrollment and increasing use of online resources. In any event, students are still highly dependent on paper books. 51% 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 5% other. This is very similar to previous years. It shows a bible-centered curriculum, and a bible-centered interest on the part of students.

101,627 pages were photocopied, and 202,006 pages were scanned. Most of these were probably excerpts from books and journals. Scans are free. Increased scans correspond to a decline in both photocopies and book circulation.

During the year we “rented” online access to over 8,000 peer-reviewed scholarly journals plus many thousands of magazines. We also purchased (subscribed to) 777 periodical titles, of which 185 were available online. We own 1,358 online journal backruns, including 185 current titles.

We added a large number of ebooks to the collection this year; some duplicated microfiche which were discarded. We no longer collect microforms.

	7/1/2009	Added in FY	DFEC in FY	7/1/2010
Print volumes	218,320	4,482	257	223,059
Microforms	59,229	1	-2,128	57,102
Other physical pieces	12,339	334	-285	12,388
Ebooks/ejournals	13,126	7,124	-3	20,247
Meaningless Total	303,014	11,941	-2,159	312,796

- DFEC = discarded(-) or found(+) or error corrected(+ or -)

During the year, the building was open for service 3529 hours, and the front door photocell counted an average of 565 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.

The computer lab reported 8,476 logins and 229,883 pages were printed.

93% of graduating students reported they were satisfied with Turpin Library facilities and services, same as last year. However, there is strong evidence students are less than fully satisfied with extension campus library arrangements.