

Some Statistics for Fiscal Year 2007-08 Turpin Library, Dallas Theological Seminary

The library spent \$269,893 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. We discarded a large number of items, particularly obsolete formats (e.g. slides, open reel audio recordings) so the collection actually shrunk this year.

	7/1/2007	Added in FY	DFEC in FY	7/1/2008
Print volumes	212,352	4,351	-1,907	214,796
Microforms	58,255	912	-1	59,166
Other	33,028	1,874	-5,601	29,301
Meaningless Total	303,635	7,137	-7,509	303,263

- 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 circulation¹ (loans + renewals) held steady at 95,422. 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 half (49% this year) of all loans were in the field of biblical studies.

Users of BIBLOS executed 244,261 successful queries (successful meaning records were retrieved).

60% of BIBLOS and library website usage was by people off campus. 1,390 people logged in to EZProxy 9,714 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 17,419 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 2,555 journal issues not included in the previous numbers. Use of online resources continues to grow.

The front door photocell counted an average of 672 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.

¹ 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.