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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS/SERVICES

I. FY97-99 Expenditures for Books and Journals [including electronic databases]: all URI academic departments are provided with a yearly allocation for books. The following provides recent expenditures for your department [along with departments covering related subject areas]:

Dept.	FY97 Books	FY97 Jrnls	FY97 Total	FY98 Books	FY98 Jrnls	FY98 Total	FY99 Books	FY99 Jrnls	FY99 Total
Lib. Total	418522	1588691	2007213	416802	1405294	1822096	391203	1520471	1911674
LSC	3989	13336	17325	2034	12841	14875	6547	13046	19593
ZZR	28246	174768	203014	10352	150601	160953	26027	165985	192012
MGS	0	3843	3843	357	4422	4779	36	4217	4253
MGT	6771	6098	12869	2446	7013	9459	521	3111	3632
CSC	257	8908	9165	891	8562	9453	1153	9029	10181

Note: above does not include $27,000 p.a. in subject endowments for management and information science materials.

II. View of Book Collections by Selective Subjects (LC): the following provides a broad look at the scope of URI's book collection, recent activity in adding to the collection, the scope of that activity in relation to the whole and in relation to other medium size academic libraries[AMIGOS CACD], and the latest circulation statistics:

Subject	Total Items as of 6/99	% of Total Items Held	Books Added 95/99	% of Items Added	Circ. Stats FY99	% of Total Circ.	Books Added 1983-1993	Avg. Added Peer Group
Hist.of Bks	1271	0.155	8	0.028	67	0.105	11	10
Writing	415	0.051	5	0.018	29	0.045	72	71
Printing	2281	0.278	96	0.337	115	0.180	289	223
Copyright	151	0.018	9	0.032	35	0.055	31	21

Library sci.	10384	1.267	391	1.369	696	1.091	1861	859
Biblio.,Gen	1670	0.204	50	0.175	51	0.080	292	173
Info.resourc	NA	NA	NA	NA	16	0/056	NA	NA

III. Scholarly Books published FY97-FY99: the following provides a look at the numbers of book titles supplied to academic libraries in FY97-FY99:

Subject	1996/97	1996/97	1997/98	1997/98	1998/99	1998/99
	# of titles*	$ of titles*	# of titles	$ of titles	# of titles	$ of titles
Libr, sci. & bibliog.	337	$18,045	389	$23,506	413	$22,071
Inform. resources	20	$734	24	$791	34	$1,448

* does not include university presses

IV. Selective Journal Holdings: SSCI provides rankings of scholarly journals based on a number of categories. The following is the ranking published in *Journal Citation Reports* for 1998, by impact factor:

Subject	# of titles	URI holdings	URI holdings of top ten	URI holdings of 11-20
Information & Library Science	54	33	7	5
Business	51	42	9	9
Communication	38	23	4	9
Public admin.	24	13	6	4
Social sci., interdisciplin.	60	27	7	4

While the University Library has undergone a series of cuts in its journal subscriptions during the past ten years, the journal collection in support of the GSLIS curriculum has remained steady. We have all of the major English language library science journals, and many of the

minor ones. This collection is supplemented by a full array of US and state government publications, professional and scientific journals in related subject areas, and growing access to electronic texts through, at present, Bell & Howell. We spend approximately $250,000 p.a. to supply online and electronic access to many standard indexing and abstracting media as well.

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