

learning resources center **ANNUAL REPORT**

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Harrison | Jackson | Perkinston

The Learning Resources Centers (LRC) at MGCCC are located at the Jackson County, Harrison County, and Perkinston campuses. Each LRC is comprised of the Library, the Learning Lab, and the Media Center (with the exception of Harrison County which no longer houses Media Services). The LRCs embrace the mission and vision of the college by focusing on MGCCC's four Institutional Commitments: Teaching & Learning, Student Experience, Engagement & Partnerships, and Institutional Excellence.

The LRCs strive to exemplify MGCCC's commitment to excellence through providing vital services to our faculty, staff, and students; engaging in community outreach and partnerships; promoting collaboration within the campuses and the college; and providing supporting technologies to both students and faculty.



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Summary

MGCCC Learning Resources Centers

Located at each campus location, MGCCC Learning Resources Centers are at the heart of the college experience. Offering resources to all faculty, staff, and students, the LRCs provide assistance across the curriculum, both online and in-person. The Assistant Deans of Learning Resources work collaboratively to select and provide helpful resources such as online journal databases, face-to-face tutoring, print and electronic books, science models, calculators, online tutoring, online library assistance, and a wide variety of other resources.

Working cooperatively with other community colleges across the state, the MGCCC LRCs are an active part of the MELO (Mississippi Electronic Libraries Online) consortium. MELO offers databases and services such as library chat and email reference to all members of the consortium. Interlibrary loan between members allows students and faculty access to a vast array of print resources across the state. In addition to MELO, the college is provided database resources through the state-funded Magnolia Project. This service gives all public educational facilities access to a large suite of databases (generally between 65 and 68 individual databases) that provide the bulk of the electronic resources available at the college.

Learning Lab and Library usage continues to increase at all campus locations, gradually climbing toward pre-Covid levels. Under the leadership of Dr. Jordan Sanderson, the LRCs began looking toward the future, envisioning an innovative conversion to a learning commons model. Learning commons are becoming increasingly prevalent throughout higher educational facilities and are utilized for project-based learning, collaborative study/learning areas, and self-directed learning. These types of areas are critical to student-centered learning environments. The Assistant Deans spent much of the year focusing on area renovations to the different facilities determining space and furniture needs. Each facility collaborated with students and faculty to determine what types of areas were desired and how best to alter existing space. These renovations are currently on hold pending funding by the campuses.

CARES and Foundation laptop computer loans continue to increase at all three facilities. Student utilization of this service became apparent, as all available laptops were checked out at each of the campuses. Replacement laptops will be required in the future to support this growing service.



MISSION STATEMENTS

library

The mission of the library at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is to provide instructional support services that reinforce the curriculum of the college. We accomplish this by providing a well trained staff, excellent resources, and accessible facilities. We encourage and assist students to use the resources of our libraries to meet their personal needs and educational goals.

learning lab

The mission of the Learning Lab at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is to provide instructional support services that reinforce the curriculum of the college, enhance the quality of the Teaching & Learning environment, and foster the educational endeavors of the students, staff, and faculty. The services and materials provided support the educational needs of our community as well as the vision and the mission of the college.

media services

The mission of the Media Services Department at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is to foster the educational endeavors of faculty, staff, and students. We accomplish this by providing high quality audiovisual equipment, a wide variety of current media materials for curriculum support of classroom instruction, and extensive video production for college use.



Harrison County

Daniel Baker – Assistant Dean*
Kerry Ladnier – Library Administrative Assistant
Kim Ellerson – Learning Lab Administrative Assistant*
Nicole Aranda-Taylor – Librarian
Shake Delozier – Librarian
Kaitlyn Norton Parker – Math Instructor
Taylor Bendell – Math Instructor
Jessica Freitas – Science Instructor
Ashley Tibbs – Writing Instructor

Jackson County

Barbara Lee – Assistant Dean*
Johanna Martin – Library Administrative Assistant
Genetris Byrd – Learning Lab Administrative Assistant
Gwendolyn Carter – Librarian
Timothy Koehn – Librarian
Kelsey Stewart – Math Instructor
Allison Turley – Math Instructor*
Rachael Woodard – Science Instructor
Ivan Philippoff – Writing Instructor
Chuck Flowers – Media Technician*

Perkinston

Vanessa Ritchie – Assistant Dean
Tiffany Smith – LRC Administrative Assistant
Shugana Williams – Librarian
Laura Savage – Librarian
Rhonda Paslay – Math Instructor
Jana Ball – Science Instructor
Michael McKinney – English Instructor
Amber Morisette – Computer Lab
Nick Fint – Media Technician

MEET OUR STAFF

New Staff

Samantha Mitchell – HC Assistant Dean
Dr. Terri Sasser – JC Assistant Dean
Candice Torrey – JC Math Instructor
Cory Hardy – JC Media Technician

*indicates a staff member who is no longer with the LRC

MGCCC LIBRARIES



The three library facilities, located at the Harrison, Jackson, and Perkinston campuses, work cooperatively to provide our students and faculty with the maximum number of resources possible. These resources include print books, more than 500,000 eBooks, newspapers, millions of full-text articles, streaming video, customized tutorials and subject guides, and videos that can be used to enhance online Canvas shells, orientations, classroom instruction, and embedded online services.





USAGE PER CAMPUS

Harrison County

headcount: 16,140
reference questions: 815

Jackson County

headcount: 7,858
reference questions: 65

Perkinston

headcount: 6,801
reference questions: 375

LibChat

LibChat is an embedded chat service that operates 24/7 with librarians worldwide. Questions go first to MELO consortium librarians, then to the academic consortium members if no MELO person is available. Librarians from the MELO consortium are required to staff the chat a certain number of hours during the week.



LibAnswers

Through the MELO consortium, MGCCC has access to the LibAnswers platform which allows for email reference, and LibChat as well as an extensive and searchable FAQ. Librarians at each facility are notified when there is a pending question in the ticketing system.

? 169 questions answered

LibGuides

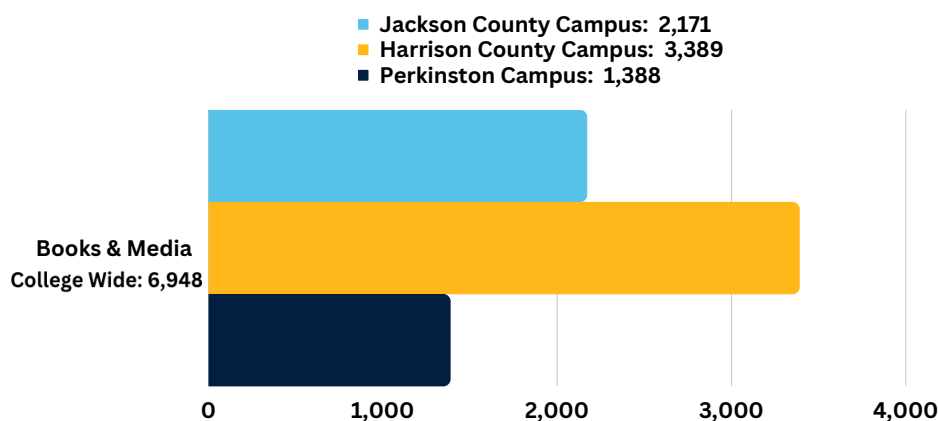
LibGuides is a content management system that allows college librarians to create course and subject-specific guides to aid students with their research. Canvas-compatible quizzes and other elements can be utilized to assist course instructors. More than 135 have been created for faculty and student use.

26,126 views

Print Circulation

The Libraries' print circulation fluctuates yearly. Print circulation has been declining for the past 10 years in most libraries due to online book and periodical usage.

Collection items that fall under the Print category include books, DVDs, audiobooks, and intercampus and interlibrary loans. Materials for these collections are added and removed on a regular basis based on the MGCCC Libraries' collection development policy as well as program accreditation requirements.



Laptop Circulation

The laptop checkout program has proven to be very successful and continues to be utilized heavily by students.

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LAPTOP CHECKOUTS

Harrison County - 2,612

Jackson County - 813

Perkinson - 415

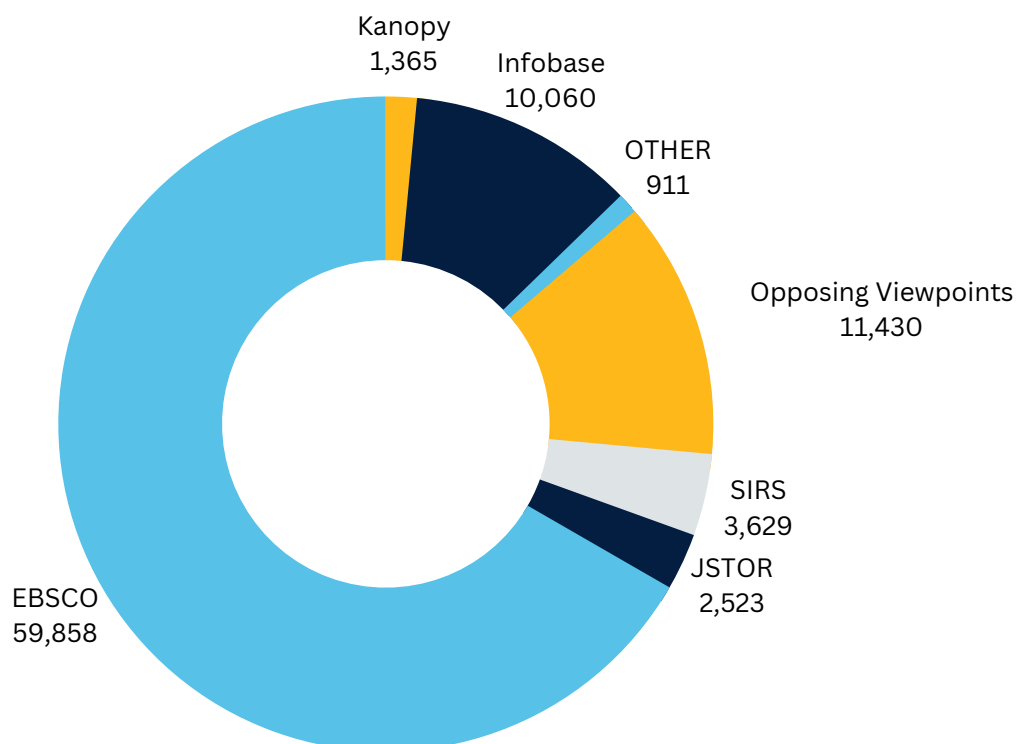
Electronic Circulation

Library patrons have access to more than 500,000 ebooks via the Libby app (formerly OverDrive), which expands the reach of MGCCC libraries and increases accessibility.

986 ebooks **907** audiobooks

There are more than 70 databases available for research at the college. The most frequently utilized databases are provided by EBSCO via the Magnolia Project.

**database
usage:** **89,776**

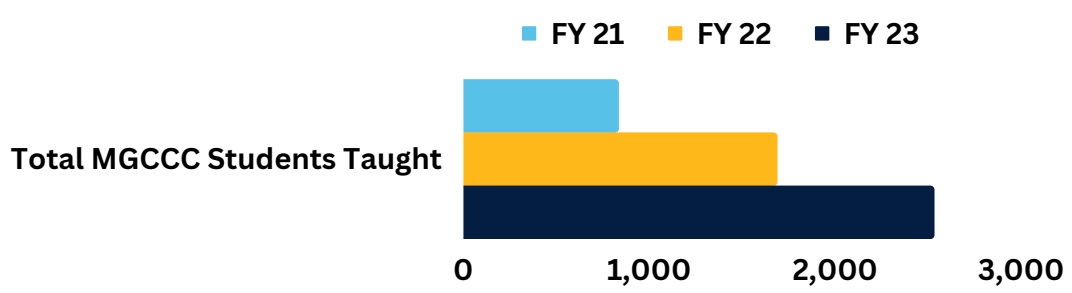


Library Orientation Sessions

Library instruction for students is vital to increasing their understanding of library resources and the research process. Many students have little understanding of what constitutes a valid research resource, so teaching students how to critically evaluate books, articles, and websites for accuracy and relevance is an important step on their path to learning critical thinking.

Information literacy skills are an important component of education and business, and learning to locate and utilize accurate and current information is a necessary life skill in the information age.

COLLEGE-WIDE INSTRUCTION FY COMPARISON



FY23 INSTRUCTION PER CAMPUS

- Harrison County – 55 sessions, 1,143 students
- Jackson County – 44 sessions, 681 students
- Perkinston – 34 sessions, 706 students

LIBRARY BUDGETS

Harrison County

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Office Supplies	2,623.44	2,623.44
Periodicals/Subscriptions	35,158.32	35,158.32
Travel	0.00	0.00
Library Books	4,131.09	3,977.88
Repairs/Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Rental Charges	6,282.00	6,282.00
Minor Equipment	10,641.09	9,853.68
Computer Technology Equipment	3,680.36	3,680.36
Library Films	667.68	667.26

Jackson County

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Postage/Freight	651.00	55.86
Software Acquisition	149.00	00.00
Office Supplies	2,789.00	1,798.13
Other Materials/Supplies	1,000.00	0.00
Periodicals/Subscriptions	8,468.63	8,468.63
Library E-Periodicals/Subscriptions	13,018.25	9,603.04
Library E-Books	12,000.00	9,488.86
Food for Persons	50.00	0.00
Travel	187.00	0.00
Library Books	29,542.88	24,272.38
Audio Books - Library	660.12	660.12

Perkinston

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Postage/Freight	350.00	0.00
Repairs/Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Service Contracts - Equipment	15.00	0.00
Office Supplies	2,070.00	1,381.00
Periodicals/Subscriptions	13,542.00	13,529.39
Food for Persons	40.00	0.00
Food - Campus Events	0.00	29.82
Minor Equipment	1,726.00	1,134.15
Travel	700.00	0.00
Travel IS Other Travel Costs	0.00	50.00
Computer/Technology Equipment	18,612.00	18,580.22
Library Books	4,350.00	4,177.25



The MGCCC Learning Labs are the primary tutoring and instructional resource available to our students on the three campuses. With the removal of COVID lab restrictions, Learning Lab attendance is once again increasing steadily.

The Learning Labs offer a wide variety of tutoring and instructional resources to aid students in need of academic assistance. Full-time and adjunct instructors tutor students in core areas of the curriculum such as Mathematics, Science, English, computer apps, Spanish, and Accounting.

Lab resources include models, individual and collaborative study spaces, microscopes, VR and AR equipment, workshops, orientations, manuals, worksheets, and rooms where students can practice and record speeches.

Online resources include video tutorials, math instructional databases (PrepStep), online tutoring via WebEx or Zoom, and links to many additional resources via Canvas or the Learning Lab website.

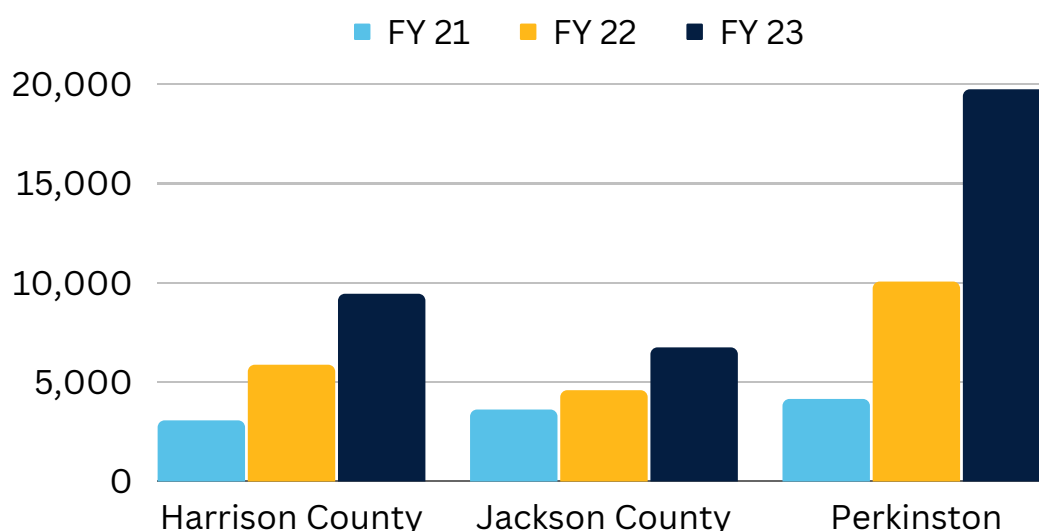
Classroom and Learning Lab instructors work collaboratively to determine skill areas for targeted instruction; Lab instructors then design lessons and workshops to assist students in these areas. The relationship between classroom and lab instructors is vital to addressing student needs.

Classroom faculty are encouraged to direct struggling students to the Learning Lab for additional support. Interdepartmental cooperation enables all faculty to encourage student success, assist with retention and completion, and address specific student needs.

Learning Lab Attendance

Lab attendance in fiscal year 22 was slightly more than 20,000 student visits. The 2022-2023 fiscal year demonstrated a marked increase, with more than 35,800 student visits across the three campuses.

79%
increase



For fiscal year 23, new tracking software was installed in the Learning Labs at all campus locations. This tracking software allows the college to capture information on what the students are doing in the labs. The software records the amount of time spent, which area the student needs assistance with, and which class the student is taking.

Learning Lab Orientations & Workshops

Learning Lab instructors provide orientation sessions and workshops in cooperation with classroom faculty. These sessions may take place in the lab or in the classroom.

Orientation sessions allow students to gain familiarity with both the Learning Lab staff and the facilities, increasing the likelihood that students will return to utilize the services and resources.

Workshops are designed to target specific skill areas identified by faculty to ensure student needs are being met both inside and outside of the traditional classroom.

FY23 LAB INSTRUCTION HARRISON COUNTY

133 sessions **1,850** students

FY23 LAB INSTRUCTION JACKSON COUNTY

127 sessions **2,273** students

FY23 LAB INSTRUCTION PERKINSTON

123 sessions **2,738** students

LEARNING LAB BUDGETS

Harrison County

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Educational Supplies	1,342.91	1,342.91

Jackson County

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Software Acquisition	1,905.00	0.00
Educational Supplies	2,538.00	2,158.55
Building / Maintenance Supplies	475.00	0.00
Travel	84.00	0.00

Perkinston

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Software Acquisition	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	911.00	712.19
Minor Equipment	1,075.00	0.00

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MEDIA CENTERS

Media Centers are located at the Jackson County and Perkinson Campuses. These facilities provide equipment and services that meet the needs of faculty, Student Services, Teaching & Learning, and Student Activities for events, sporting activities, and festivals. Media technicians are available at sporting events, PTK induction, board meetings, concerts, drama productions, Festival of Lights, Trunk or Treat, Candlelight the Coast, Idol Night, and convocations. Any event requiring sound, video, camera, or computer equipment is covered by the Media Center.

Classroom media needs such as projectors, screens, and sound equipment are maintained and replaced by our media technicians. Researching and recommending new equipment and software for classroom usage is a very important role for these centers. The iMPAC at the Harrison County campus provides for all media needs.



MEDIA CENTER BUDGETS

Jackson County

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Postage / Freight	468.00	15.97
Office Supplies	2,234.00	1,432.72
Minor Equipment	4,109.00	2,169.50
Library Films	985.12	980.55

Perkinston

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Postage / Freight	362.00	0.00
Office Supplies	2,406.00	2,357.78
Minor Equipment	4,509.00	4288.26
Library Films	0.00	0.00

SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS

Special Allocations money comes from a Central Office fund that is used to purchase items specifically for student use. The funds are used to purchase several databases, with the remainder divided among the three campus Learning Resources Centers.

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