

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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MGCCC Learning Resources Centers

Located at each campus, 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.

The LRCs have begun 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 previous 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. Moving forward, we will continue to update facilities to meet student and faculty needs.



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

Hali Black – Assistant Dean

Vacant – LRC Administrative Assistant

Kerry Ladnier – Library Administrative Assistant

Nicole Aranda-Taylor – Librarian

Shake Delozier – Librarian

Taylor Bendell – Math Instructor

Nirmohi Charbe – Math Instructor

Jessica Freitas – Science Instructor

Ashley Tibbs – Writing Instructor

Jackson County

Terri Cothorn – Assistant Dean

Vacant – Library Administrative Assistant

Karen Tran – LRC Administrative Assistant

Gwendolyn Carter – Librarian

Georgene Danjanic – Librarian

Kelsey Stewart – Math Instructor

Rachel Prather – Math Instructor

Rachael Woodard – Science Instructor

Ivan Philippoff – Writing Instructor

Cory Hardy – Media Technician

Perkinston

Shugana Williams – Assistant Dean

Vacant – LRC Administrative Assistant

Vacant – Librarian

Laura Savage – Librarian

Vacant – Math Instructor

Jana Ball – Science Instructor

Michael McKinney – English Instructor

Amber Morissette – Computer Lab

Nick Fint – Media Technician

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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.



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.

? 91 questions answered

LibGuides

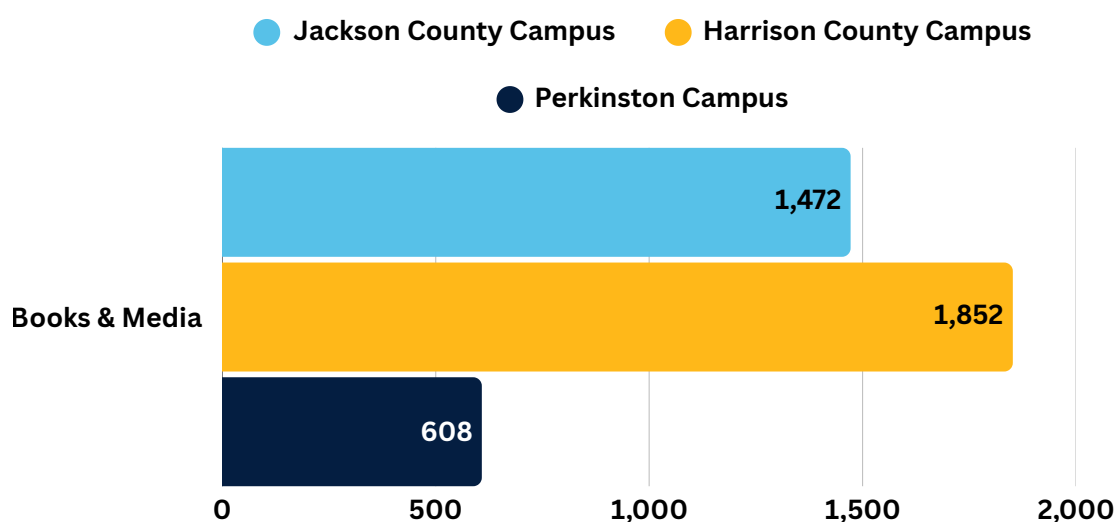
LibGuides is a content management system that allows college librarians to create course and subject-specific guides to aid students with their research. Canvas-compatible quizzes and other elements can be utilized to assist course instructors. More than 135 have been created for faculty and student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

22,651 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 regularly per 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.

FY25

LAPTOP CHECKOUTS

Harrison County - 1,921
Jackson County - 682
Perkinston - 262

Electronic Circulation

Library patrons have access to more than 500,000 ebooks and audio books via the Libby app (formerly OverDrive), which expands the reach of MGCCC libraries and increases accessibility. In FY25, Libby expanded their resources to include magazines which have already been very popular with our users.

1,178

ebooks

1,525

audiobooks

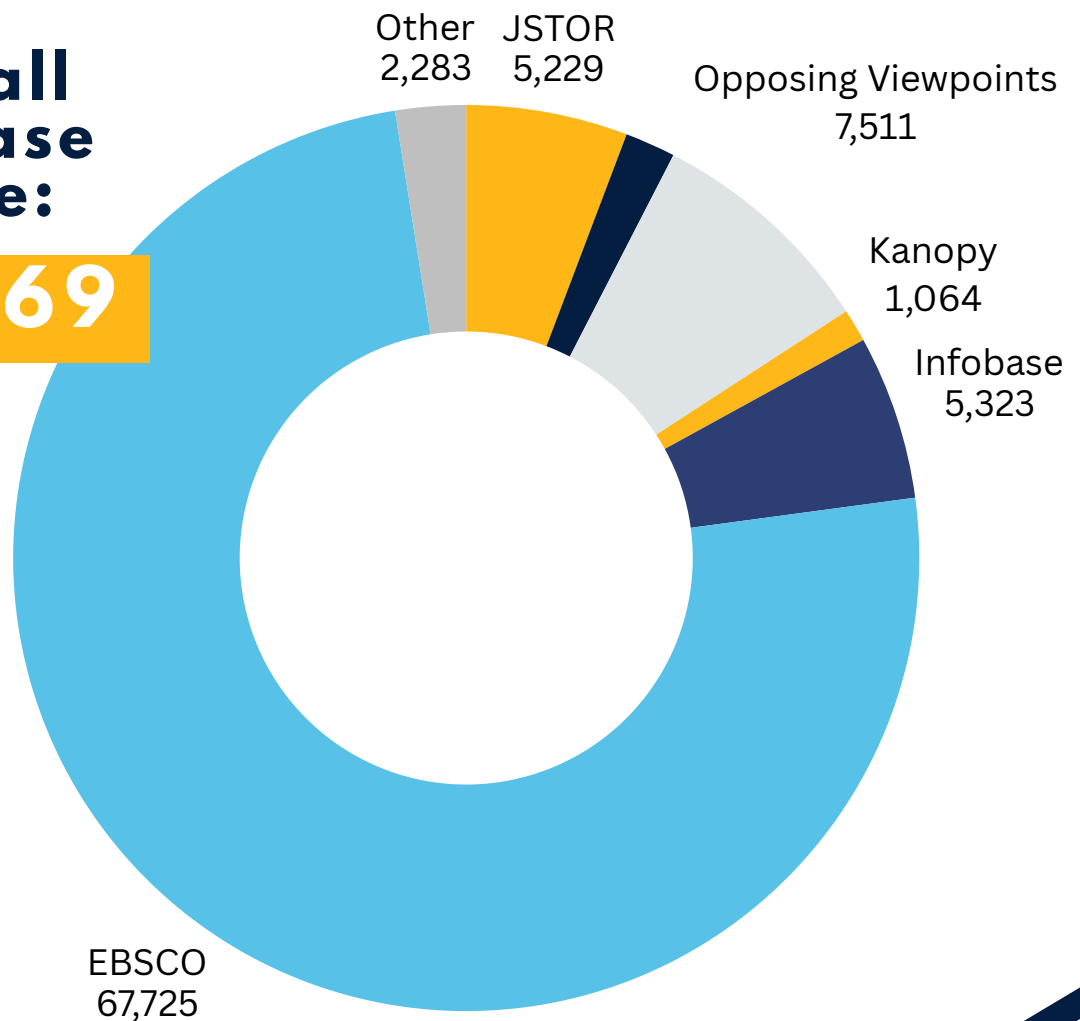
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magazines

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.

**Overall
database
usage:**

90,769



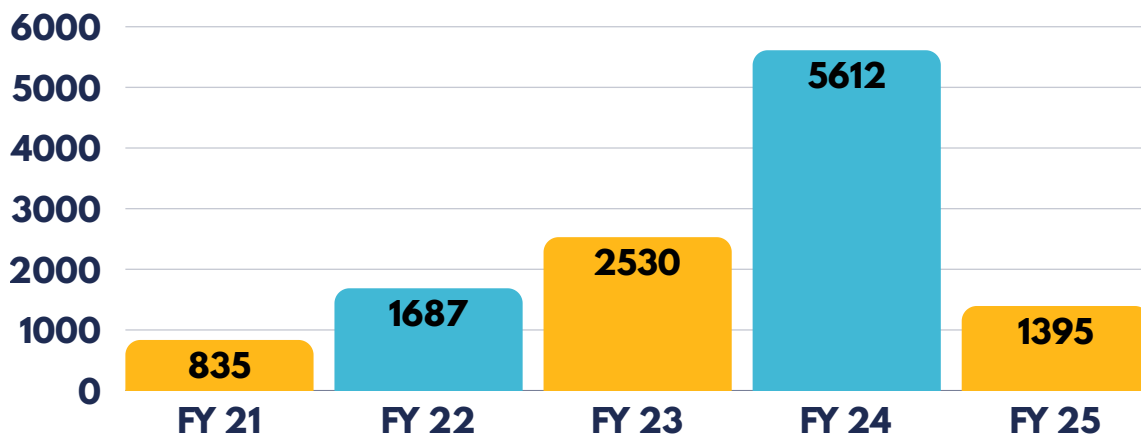
CIRCULATION

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 LIBRARY INSTRUCTION FY COMPARISON



FY 25 LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

Harrison County – 36 sessions, 817 students
Jackson County – 17 sessions, 260 students
Perkinston – 20 sessions, 318 students

LIBRARY BUDGETS

Harrison County

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Repairs/Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Rental Charges	339.08	0.00
Fees - Contractual Service	3,000.00	3,000.00
Software as a Service	21,770.00	18,682.50
Educational Supplies	1,613.73	1,613.73
Periodicals/Subscriptions	21,506.57	21,480.37
Food for Persons	100.00	0.00
Food-Campus Events	0.00	93.14
Travel	0.00	0.00
Library Books	1,566.45	1,264.43
Library Films	0.00	0.00

Jackson County

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Postage/Freight	0.00	0.00
Software Acquisition	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	2,146.91	2,146.91
Other Materials/Supplies	0.00	0.00
Periodicals/Subscriptions	7,801.49	7,801.49
Library E-Periodicals/Subscriptions	11,918.83	11,918.83
Library E-Books	6,192.46	5,757.78
Food for Persons	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Furniture Educational	20,760.35	20,617.95
Library Books	6,583.55	6,259.14
Audio Books - Library	0.00	0.00

Perkinston

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Repairs/Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Service Contracts - Equipment	15.00	15.00
Office Supplies	960.15	960.15
Periodicals/Subscriptions	14,711.90	14,711.90
Food for Persons	40.00	37.66
Minor Equipment	1,329.20	1,329.20
Travel	0.00	0.00
Library Books	3,494.38	3,494.38



The MGCCC Learning Labs are the primary tutoring and instructional resource available to our students on the three campuses. The Learning Labs offer a wide variety of educational 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.

Learning 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.

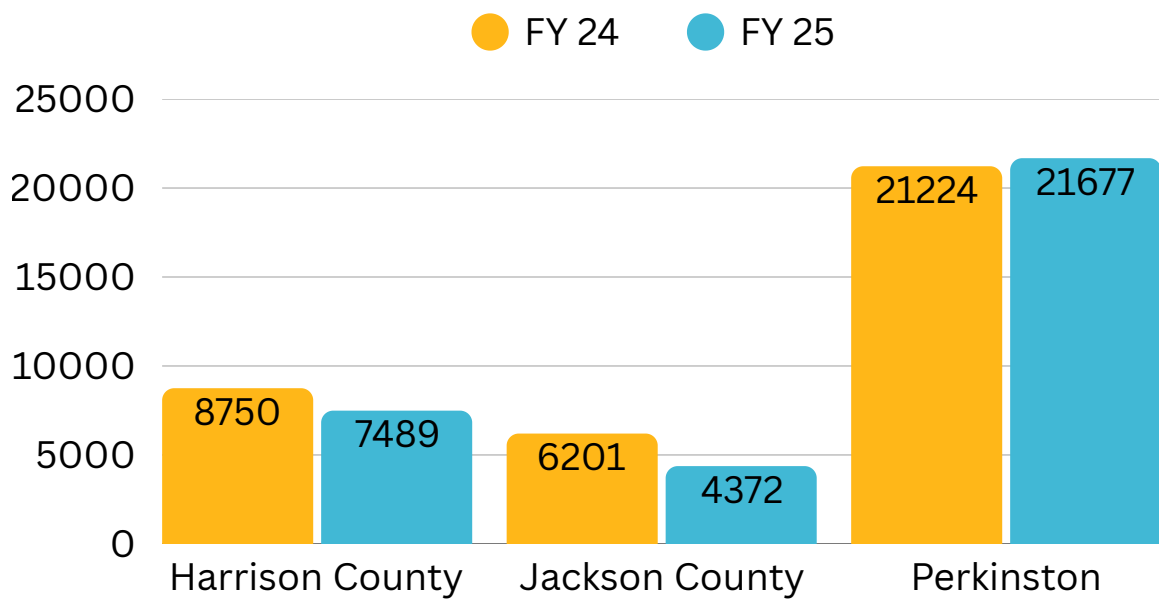
Online resources include video tutorials, math instructional databases (PrepStep), online tutoring via WebEx or Zoom, and links to many additional resources via Canvas or the Learning Lab website.

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

The fiscal year 25 demonstrated an increase in student usage of our Learning Labs. Overall, the Learning Labs had almost **40,000** student visits across the three campuses in 2024-25.



The Learning Labs continue to use Accudemia tracking software which 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.

FY25 LAB INSTRUCTION HARRISON COUNTY

89 sessions **1,173** students

FY25 LAB INSTRUCTION JACKSON COUNTY

63 sessions **2,037** students

FY25 LAB INSTRUCTION PERKINSTON

85 sessions **2,182** students

LEARNING LAB BUDGETS

Harrison County

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Educational Supplies	377.00	377.00

Jackson County

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Software Acquisition	0.00	0.00
Educational Supplies	1,017.32	1017.32
Building / Maintenance Supplies	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00

Perkinston

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Office Supplies	4,668.00	4,663.11
Minor Equipment	6,724.00	6,599.54
Computer/Technology Equipment	899.00	899.00
Library Films	0.00	0.00

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MEDIA CENTERS

Media Centers at the Jackson County and Perkinson campuses provide audiovisual equipment and technical support for faculty, Student Services, Teaching & Learning, and campus events.

Media technicians support activities such as sporting events, PTK inductions, board meetings, concerts, plays, and college celebrations including Festival of Lights, Trunk or Treat, Candlelight the Coast, Idol Night, and convocations. Any event requiring sound, video, or computer equipment is coordinated through the Media Centers.

Media technicians maintain and replace classroom technology such as projectors, screens, and sound equipment, while also researching and recommending new tools and software to support instruction. At the Harrison County campus, the iMPAC provides all media services and classroom support.



MEDIA CENTER BUDGETS

Jackson County

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Postage / Freight	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	1,541.07	1,541.07
Minor Equipment	3,718.52	3,718.52
Library Films	0.00	0.00

Perkinston

	Adjusted Budget (\$)	YTD Activity (\$)
Software Acquisitions	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	499.00	499.00
Minor Equipment	307.00	307.00

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.

SHARED EXPENSES

Database/Subscription	Price
ProQuest LLC	\$9,778.85
Cengage Learning	\$10,051.02
Quality Matters	\$2,545.00
Total	\$22,374.87

SPENDING SUMMARY

Campus	Spending
Shared Expenses	\$22,374.87
Harrison County	\$8,737.80
Jackson County	\$3,800.50
Perkinston	\$2,314.32
Total	\$37,227.49

PURCHASE DETAILS

Item	Quantity	Price Per Item	Price
Flower Whiteboard Activity Table	2	513.88	1027.76
MooreCo Moore Power Tower, AC Outlet, USB Charge, 13.5' Power Cable	3	243.58	730.68
Ghost Grid/Whiteboard	2	262.67	525.34
Magnetic Mobile Whiteboard	2	145.99	291.98
Dimmable Tube Vintage Bulbs 40 Watts	8	13.57	108.56
Multipurpose Label Tape	1	12.99	12.99
Thermal Labels	1	8.99	8.52*
Desk Organizers	4	14.59	58.36
Label Maker Machine	1	42.99	42.99
Pen Organizer	4	18.99	75.96
Scientific Spine Model	1	69.20	69.20
LED Outdoor String Lights	4	35.99	131.96*
C Shaped End Table Set	1	47.99	47.99
LED Outdoor String Lights	2	35.99	65.98 *
Bean Bag Chair	2	69.69	132.42*
Bean Bag Chair	2	69.69	132.41
Bean Bag Chair	1	69.69	66.20
Lamp	4	67.80	271.20
Optiplex All-in-One 7420 35W XCTO	1	725.46	725.46
AI Language Translator Earbuds, XP7 AI Headphones 3-in-1 Translation Earbuds	9	39.99	359.91
AI Language Translator Earbuds, XP7 AI Headphones 3-in-1 Translation Earbuds	2	39.99	79.98
Soundproof Room divider	3	382.99	1,148.97
R-PHBTH-LIG, Phone Booth, Light HT-D	1	8,157.60	8,157.60
Katera 4 Leg Armless Cafe Stool w/Glides, 30" Height	1	580.20	580.20
TOTAL			14,852.62



The upcoming year represents a pivotal period of growth and alignment for the Learning Resource Center as it moves forward under new leadership. With the appointment of three Assistant Deans of Learning Resources across our campuses, the LRC is positioned to strengthen collaboration, streamline processes, and establish a unified vision for student-centered academic support. This new leadership model will provide enhanced coordination across campuses, promote shared best practices, and ensure operational consistency in service delivery.

A key priority in the coming year will be the development and implementation of standardized service models and procedures to ensure consistent, equitable access to resources both in-person and online. This alignment will enhance the student experience while improving communication, efficiency, and measurable outcomes.

Looking ahead, the Learning Resource Center will play an active role in the development of Centers for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETLs), further expanding its impact beyond traditional academic support. Through strategic partnerships with faculty, academic leadership, and student success initiatives, the LRC will contribute to professional learning, innovative andragogy, and integrated teaching and learning support. These efforts will position the LRC as a collaborative hub for instructional innovation, faculty development, and student success.

With a renewed leadership structure, a commitment to consistent service delivery, and a forward-thinking role in advancing teaching and learning, the Learning Resource Center is well-positioned to support institutional goals and empower the college community in the year ahead.