



SJSU Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library & University Library Board Update to the Academic Senate

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Funding: Library Operating Expenditures





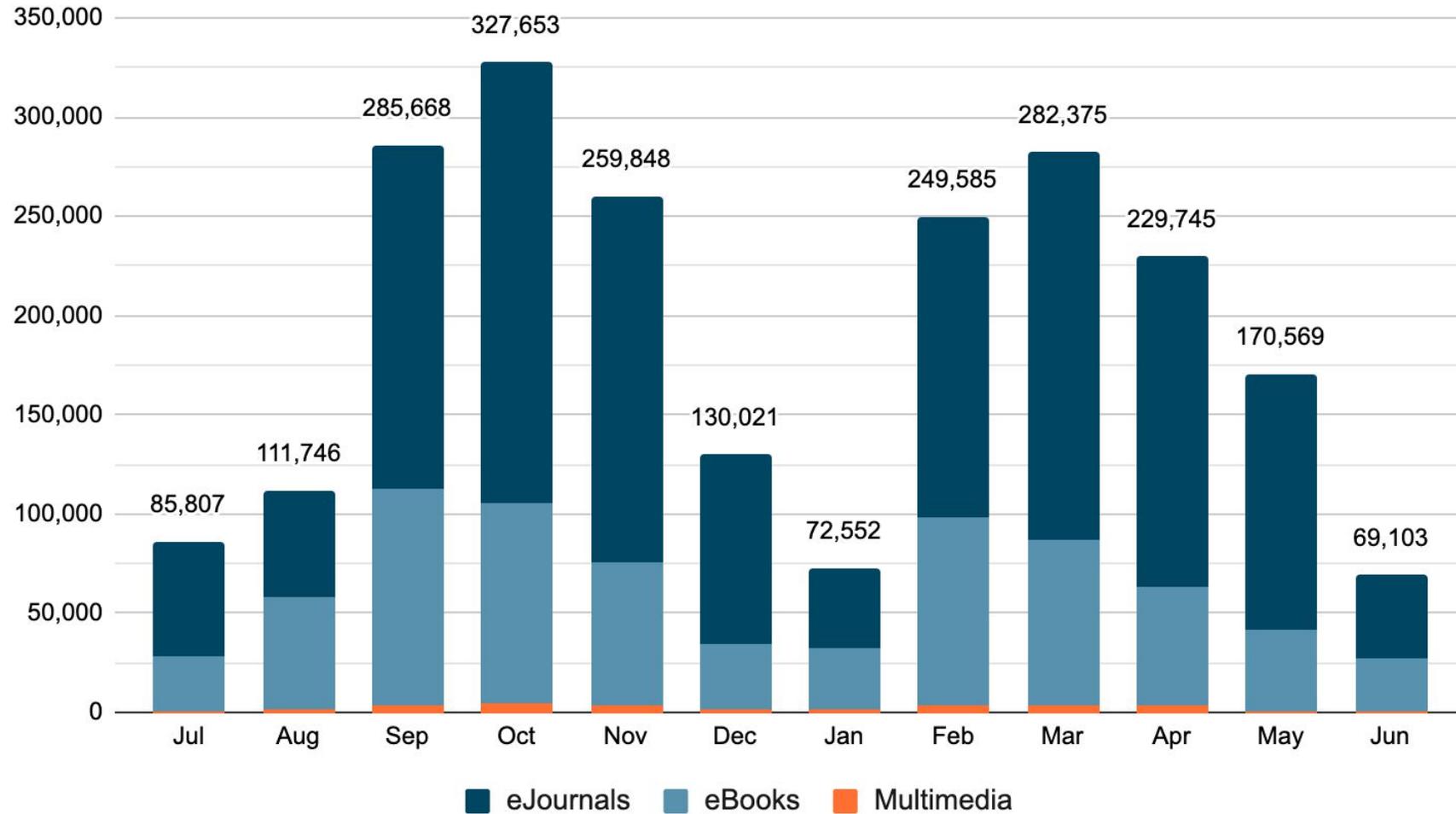
Acquisitions and Collections



Electronic Resource Usage, 2023-'24



Total: 2,274,672 views





New Acquisitions and Collections

- [Mercury News Historical Archive, 1986-2019](#) & [Current paper](#)- Study San Jose history, trends, issues, events, ads, companies and more online through full newspaper pages and full-text articles.
- [Sage Encyclopedia of Multicultural Counseling, Social Justice, & Advocacy](#) - Examines a wide range of concepts, ideologies, groups, and organizations through a diverse lens; incl. topics on multicultural counseling, social justice, advocacy, and experiences of diverse groups.
- [GeoBase](#) - Indexed research of international geoscience literature: Earth sciences, ecology, geology, geography, environmental sci., oceanography, alternative energy sources, and more.
- [Journal of Graphic Novels](#) - Publishes research on all aspects of the graphic novel, comic strip and comic book focusing primarily, but not exclusively, on the 20th and 21st centuries.
- [Trip Medical Database](#) - A clinical search engine linking to evidence-based content, such as clinical practice guidelines, systematic reviews, and primary studies.⁷



New Acquisitions and Collections

Two new specialized display collections:

- [SJSU Authors](#) - featuring works by SJSU faculty and staff (8th floor lobby)
- [Banned Books](#) - highlighting books that have been banned, censored due to content, removed from libraries, or have been challenged in an attempt to have them removed, based on the objections of a person or a group. (6th floor lobby)
 - Also, see the [Palace Project](#)



All Databases, Subscriptions and New Books

<https://libguides.sjsu.edu/az/databases>

and

<https://library.sjsu.edu/new-books>



Open Access Collections & Publishing

More publishers & vendors continue incorporating OA resources and [transformative agreements](#) into their offerings:

- [JSTOR Path to Open](#) - supports publishing of open access scholarly ebooks; includes peer-reviewed ebooks across the humanities & social sciences
- [Cambridge UP Journals](#) - APC-free Read & Publish license allowing corresponding authors' CUP articles to be published OA at no add'l cost
- [MIT Direct to Open](#) - Collective-supported access to OA scholarly ebooks
- [de Gruyter Ebooks & Journals](#) - Collection of scholarly ebooks & ejournals
- [Ebook OA Collection through Ebsco](#) - A growing collection of OA and DRM free ebooks from university presses and scholarly OA publishers.



Open Access Publishing Opportunities

SJSU authors can retain copyright and publish at a free or discounted rate via:

- **NEW!** [OUP Journals](#) - a joint [UC/SCELC/CSU 4-year Transformative Agreement with Oxford University Press](#). The cost of publishing OA is covered under the terms of this agreement. Eligible corresponding authors do not have to pay an article publishing charge (APC).
- [MIT Press D2O \(Direct to Open\)](#) - Covers partial direct costs for the publication of high-quality works by SJSU authors
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* there are no caps to this agreements, which means that there are unlimited article processing charge (APC) waivers that can be approved



1. Textbooks available as eBooks in the Library

[Textbooks available as eBooks in the Library](#) is a cross-referenced list with the Spartan Bookstore.

2. Affordable Learning \$olutions

Affordable Learning \$olutions Student Savings	
FY 2023-2024	\$1,632,554
Grand Total (2012-2024)	\$5,713,634



Course Readings in Canvas



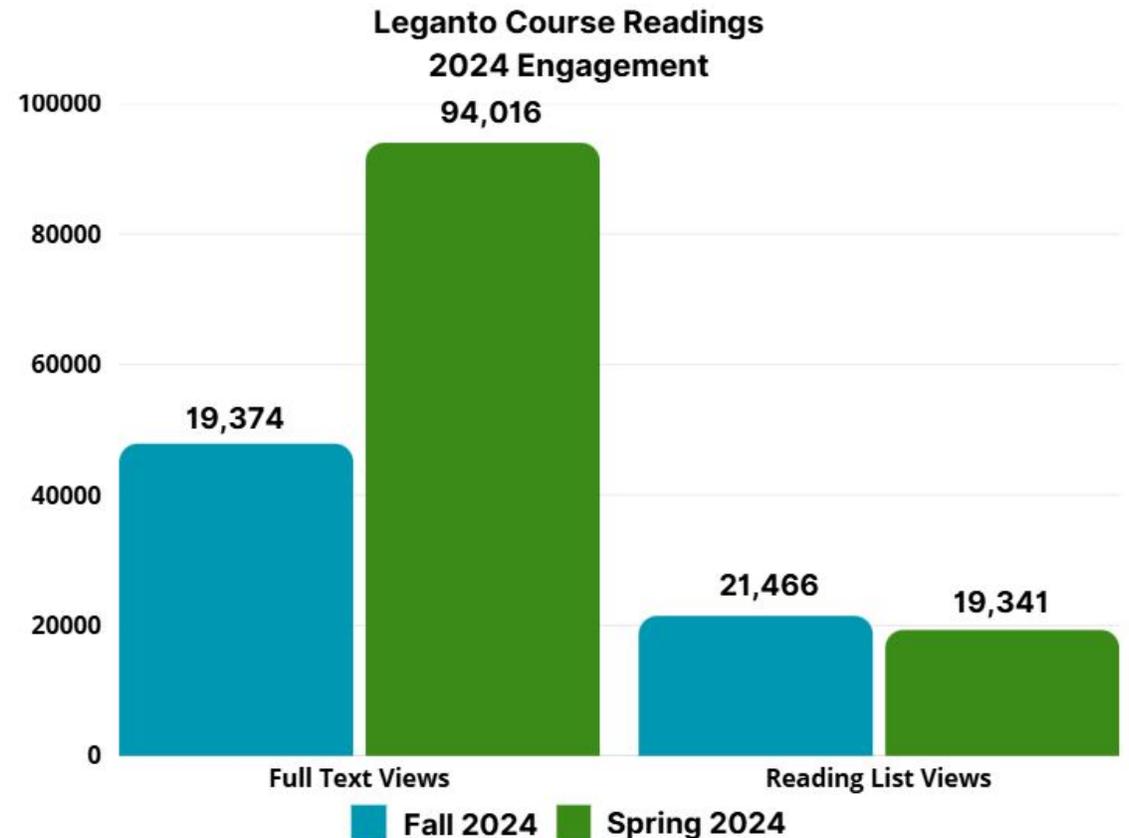
Library Course Materials (LCM) by Leganto

Spring 2024:

- 61 academic departments
- 552 courses
- 14,207 enrolled students

Fall 2024:

- 63 academic departments
- 611 courses
- 17,102 enrolled students





Staffing





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Positions hired:

- Event and Media Services Coordinator
- AI Librarian (Tenure-track)
- Science Librarian (Tenure-track)
- Community Service Officer (UPD; 2 positions)

Positions vacant and approved for recruitment:

- Associate Dean for Student & Faculty Engagement
- Digital & Data Literacy Librarian (Tenure-track)
- Special Collections Librarian (Tenure-track)
- Emerging Technology Lab Coordinator*
- Community Service Officer (UPD; 5 positions)

Positions vacant, not yet approved for recruitment

- Financial Analyst
- Assistant to the Associate Deans**

* Due to their importance, management of these services is currently assigned to existing staff on a temporary basis until the positions is filled.

**Staff temporarily assigned to Financial Analyst position.



Library Services





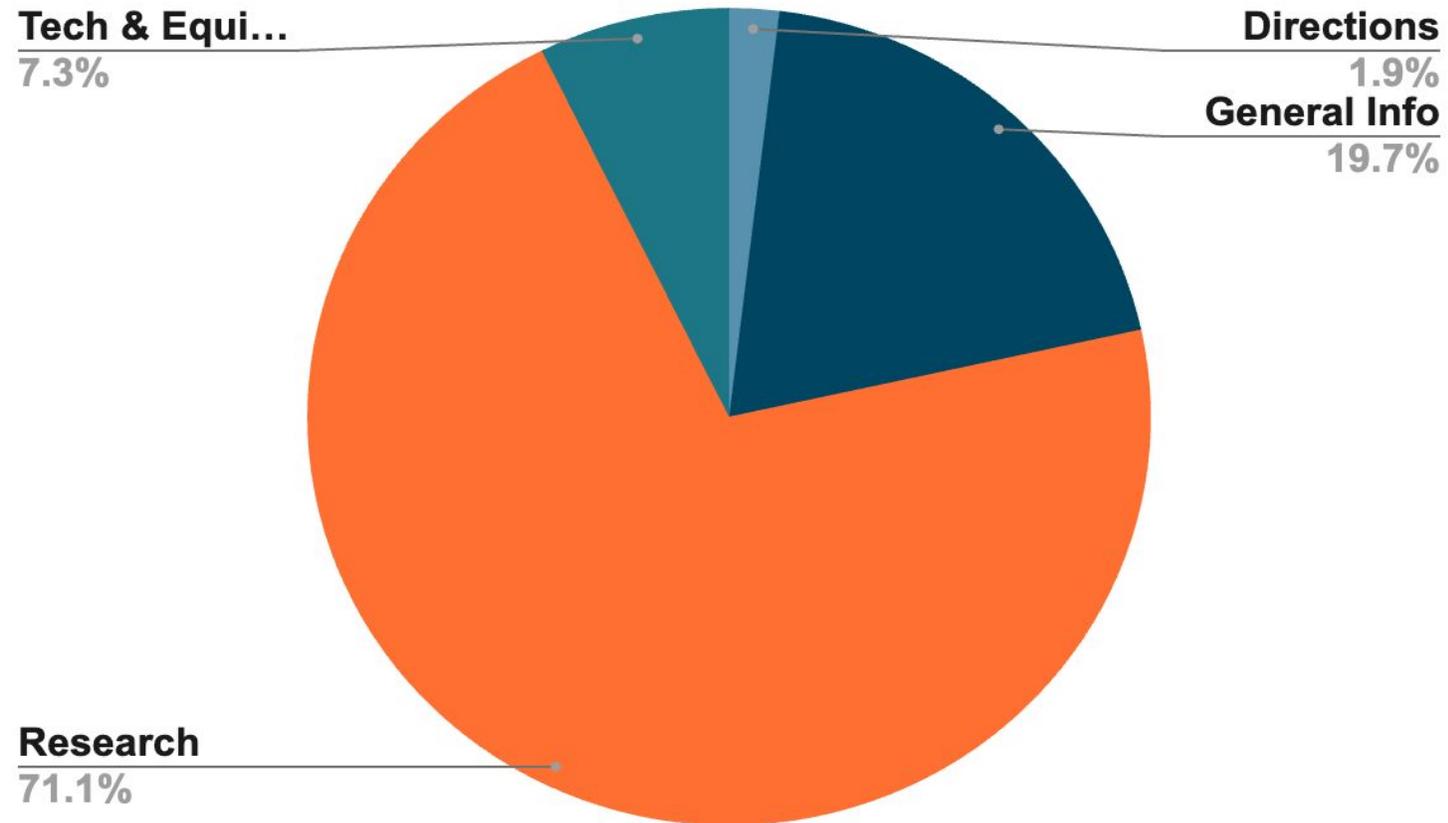
Library Services Highlights

- [Information literacy](#) instruction, reference, and research services are available in-person and online
- Digital literacy support for [Adobe](#), [Microsoft Office](#), [Qualtrics](#), and [SPSS](#) available in-person and online
- [Digital scholarship services](#) including digital collections and exhibits, digital humanities, and open access publishing are available
- [Technology loans](#) for students including laptops, hotspots, and calculators from Student Computing Services

Reference Transactions - 2024



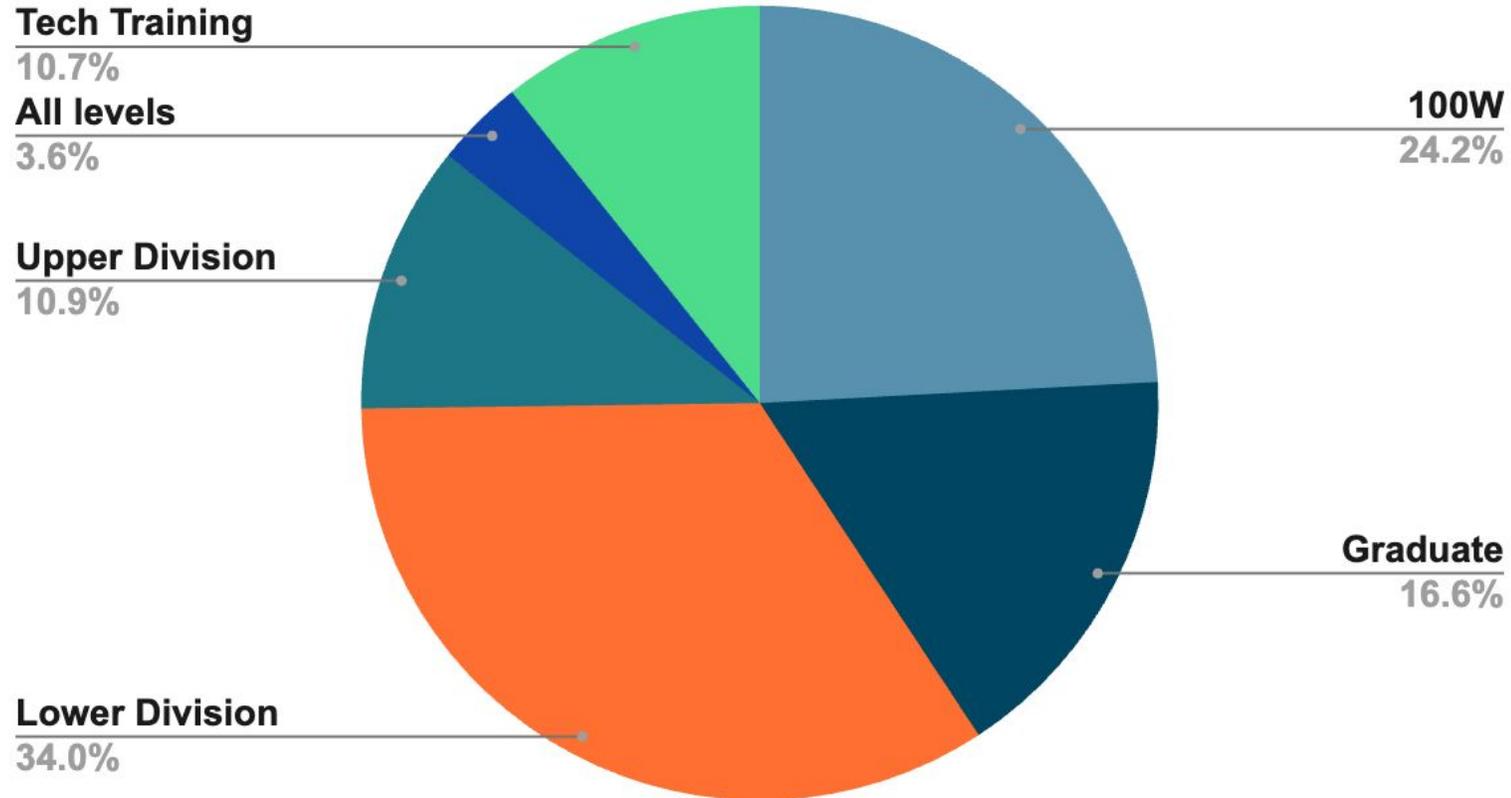
Total transactions = 6813



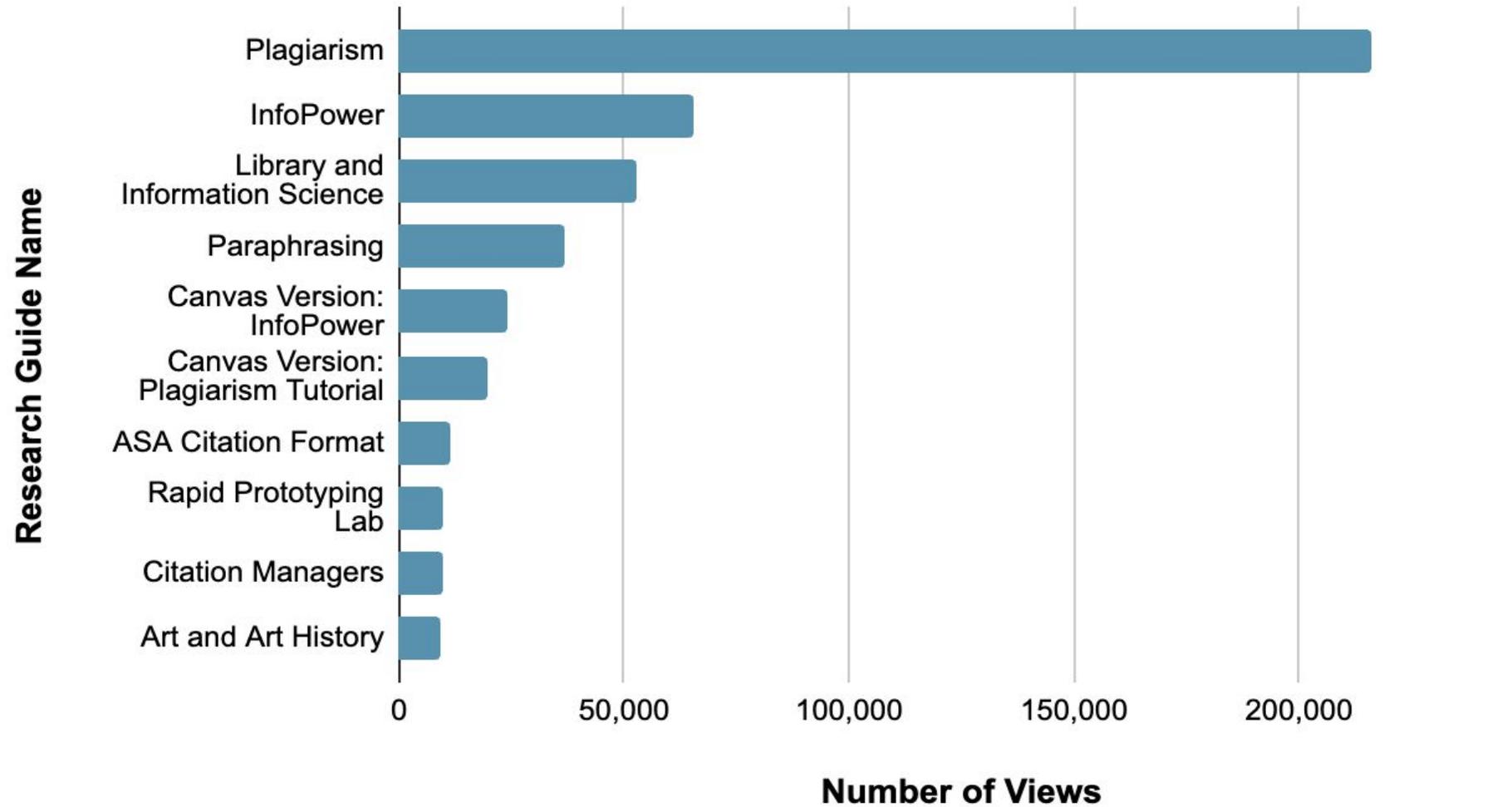


Information Literacy & Tech Training - 2024

Total = 15,470 students

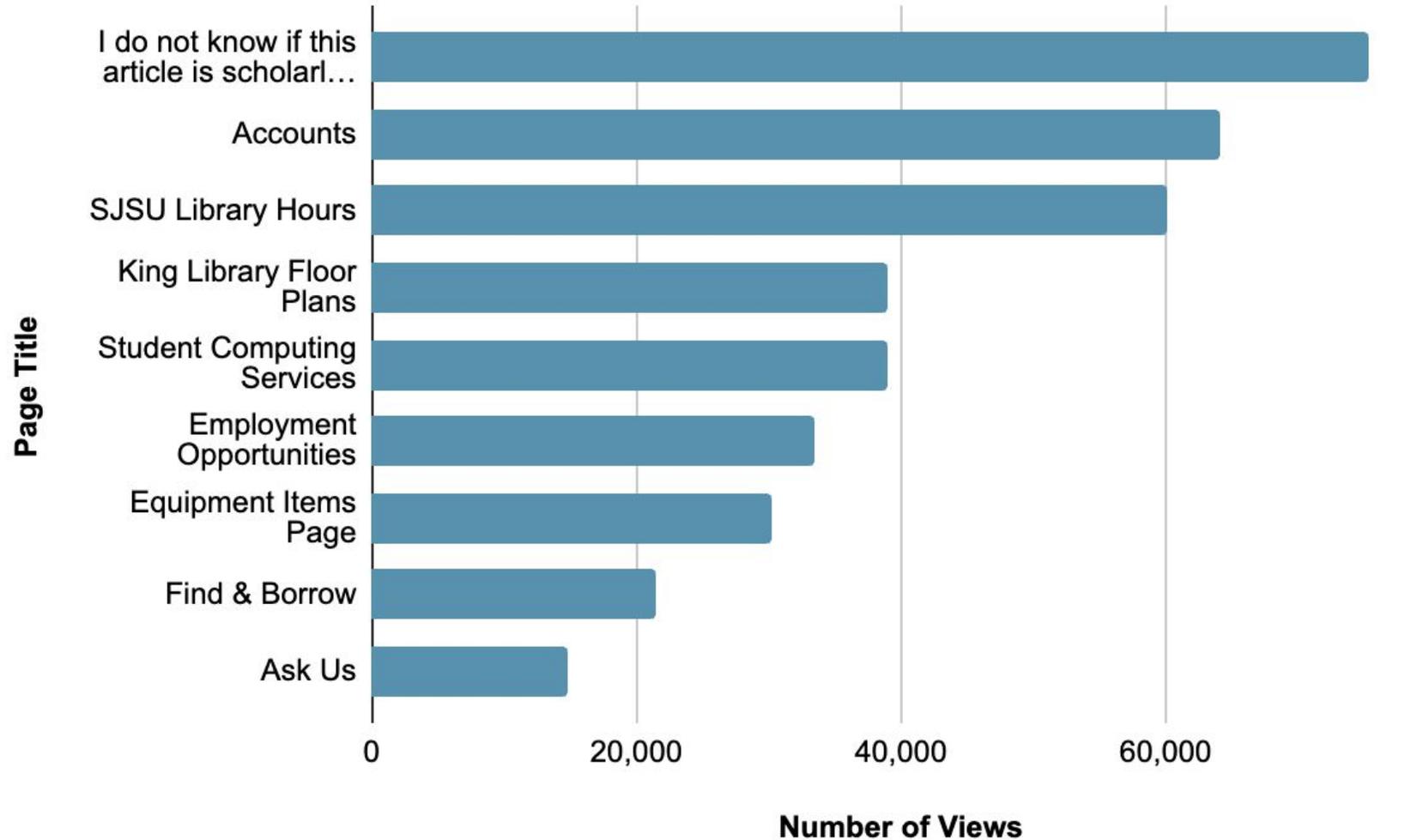


Top Research Guides - 2024



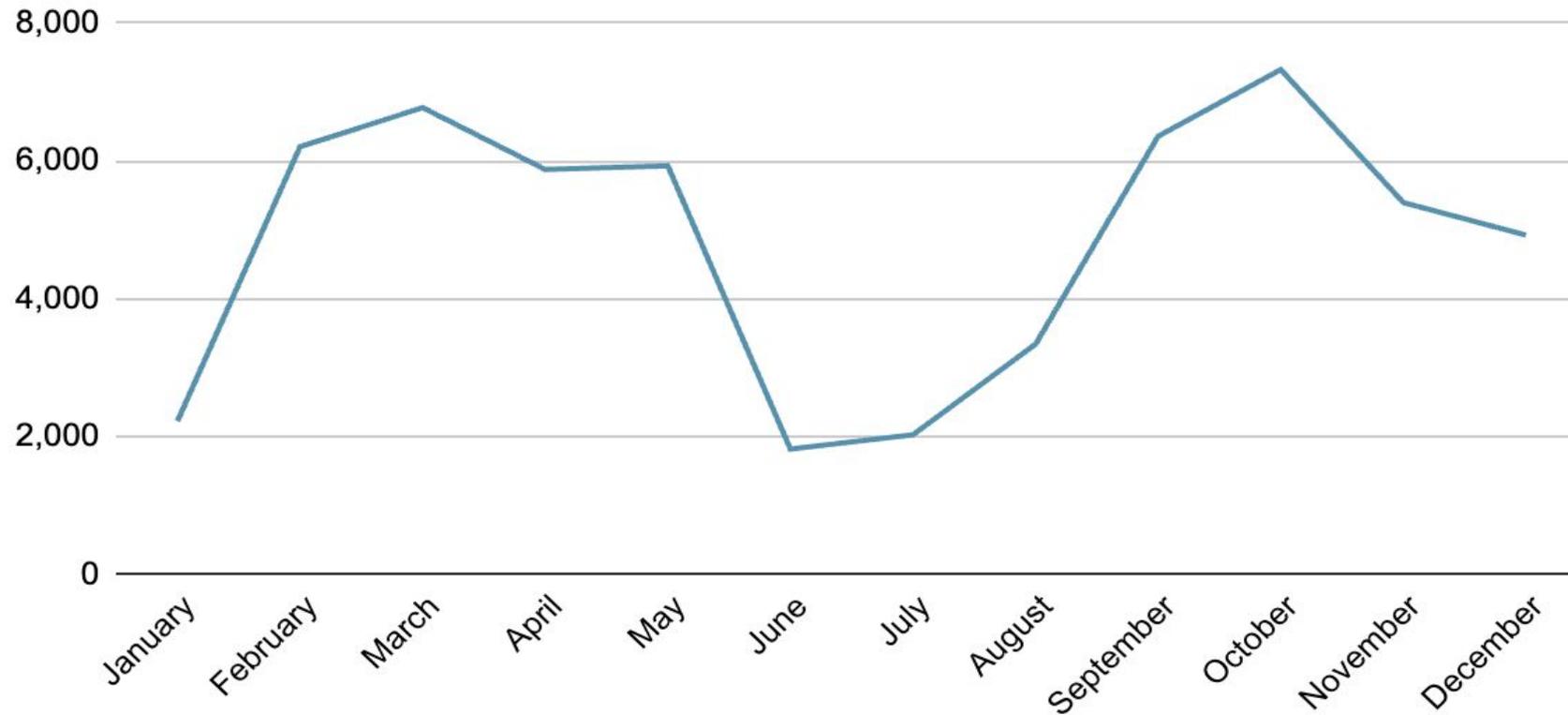
All Research Guides can be accessed here: <https://libguides.sjsu.edu/>

Top Library Web Pages - 2024



Study Room Reservations - 2024

Total reservations = 58,203



Bookings by Month (33 Study Rooms)

To make a booking visit <https://booking.sjlibrary.org/reserve/king>

1,313,561

visitors to the library =

75 sold out concerts at the SAP Center



Exhibits @ SJSU King Library

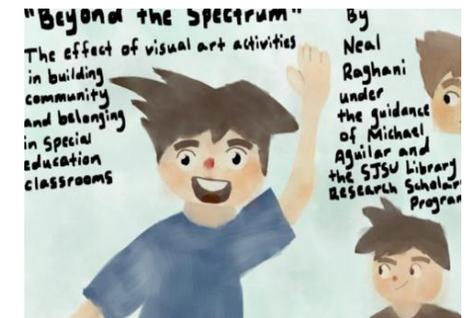
Great Minds: The Visiting Scholar Experience at SJSU

On display till April 30 (Special Collections & Archives, 5th floor)



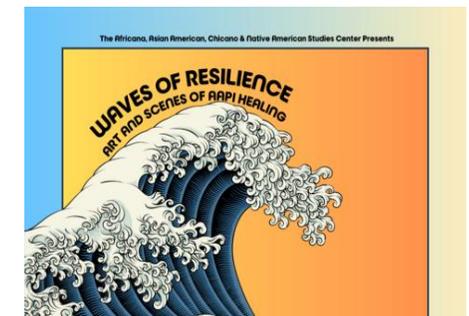
Beyond the Spectrum Exhibit

On display till April 27 (DiNapoli Exhibit Gallery, 2nd Floor)



Waves of Resilience: Art and Scenes of AAPI Healing

On display till May 25 (AAACNA Studies Center, 5th Floor)





Events @ SJSU King Library

Somos Xicanas: Reading & Panel Discussion

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 1:30 - 3 p.m. | [Register Here](#)

Open Mic Reception: Waves of Resilience

Sunday, April 27, 2025, 2 - 4 p.m. | [Learn More](#)

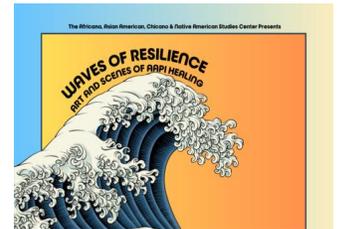
Author, Artist, and Inventor Celebration

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 2:30 - 5 p.m. | [Register Here](#)

Black Maternal Health Week 2025: The Power of Unconditional Love in Practice

Community Baby Shower | Sunday, April 13, 2025, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | [Learn More](#)

Reproductive Justice Celebration | Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. | [Learn More](#)





Grants and Awards





Grant and Award Activity

Ongoing projects:

- **NEH Challenge Grant**
 - Building a [Digital Humanities Center](#) (DHC) in SJSU King Library in partnership with College of Humanities and Arts.
- [BIPOC Become Librarians Project](#)
 - Mentorship and internship program that will introduce undergraduate students who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) to careers in Library and Information Science



Grant and Award Activity

- [All of Us](#) Researcher Academy Institutional Champion Award
 - All of Us Data Training and Engagement for SJSU Librarians
- [Affordable Learning Solutions Grant](#)
 - To support faculty in finding lower cost options to current textbooks
- [Landscape of AI across California Universities and Community Colleges](#)
 - Survey and website analysis of AI initiatives across higher education institutions in California
- [Library Excellence in Access and Diversity \(LEAD\) Award](#)
 - Honors academic libraries' programs and initiatives that encourage and support inclusive excellence and belonging across their campus



SJSU King Library 2024-2025 Highlights





Some Highlights from 2024-2025

- Hired the first [AI Librarian Sharesly Rodriguez](#)
 - Conducting a survey of [AI across CA HEIs](#)
- Published our [first Annual Report](#)
- Launched the [South Asians in Silicon Valley](#) project
- [Castellano Family Collection](#) is now permanently hosted
- [Digital Humanities Center](#) (DHC) Renovation (almost) complete
 - NEH match achieved (but...)



Digital Humanities Center



Opened Fall 2024!

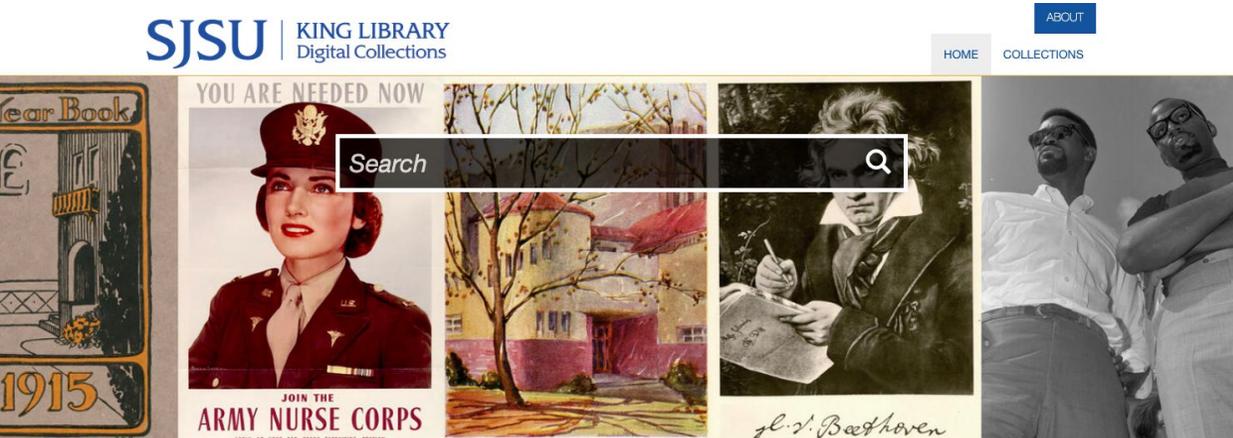
- Over 100 events in the space in AY25
- 18 in-person and virtual workshops on open source tools for digital scholarship





Digital Scholarship Services

- [SJSU ScholarWorks](#) - Sharing SJSU scholarship, theses, and journals
 - 1,129,675 downloads in 2024
- [SJSU Digital Collections](#) - Sharing SJSU's special collections
 - 576,565 object views in 2024



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Browse Research and Scholarship



AAACNA Collections
SJSU Library's Africana, Asian American, Chicano, & Native American (AAACNA) Studies Center

Beethoven Collections
A collection of items from the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies.

OTE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE NOV. 6TH
A collection of rare and unique materials held by San José State

Steinbeck Collections
A collection of items from the Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies.



SJSU Digital Exhibits

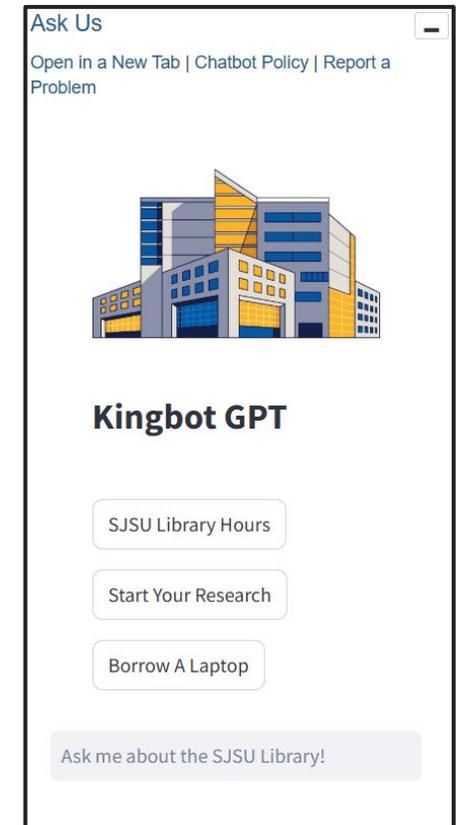
- <https://exhibits.sjsu.edu/>
- New service launched in Spring 2024
- Supports digital scholarship and digital humanities projects, including both RSCA and pedagogical projects

The screenshot shows the SJSU Digital Exhibits website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SJSU King Library logo, a search bar, and links for 'HOME' and 'SIGN IN'. Below the navigation bar is a banner image of a building facade with arches. The main heading is 'SJSU Digital Exhibits'. The content area features a grid of 16 exhibit thumbnails, each with a title and a representative image. The exhibits include: 'Aequia Institute Photograph Collection', 'Alcario and Carmen Castellano Family Collections', 'Before Silicon Valley', 'Betita Martínez: A Memorial Exhibit', 'Black Spartans (1907-1948)', 'The Burleigh Family: An Anti-Racist Abolitionist Legacy', 'Dias of Silicon Valley Speak: An Oral History', 'Early Electronic Journals', 'Flores Mexicanas Pageant', 'Forever Cruising: Cultura de Lowriders', 'Recollections: King Library Public Art Collections', 'Student Experiences Before Two Major Historical Crises', 'South Asians in Silicon Valley', 'Survival Mode: SJSU Responds to Historic Crises', 'The Unionist Unruffed: Connecticut's First Abolitionist Newspaper', and '1984'. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Interested in building your own exhibit?' with a link to request a new site and a 'NEXT PAGE' button.

AI: KingbotGPT



- Activates after staffed reference hours via proactive chat widget.
- Our newest version utilizes Generative AI using Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG).
- Launched in October 2024, replacing the original Kingbot.
- Handles FAQs from users on circulation, building information, basic reference, databases, floor plans while providing links to helpful resources, research guides, and tutorials.



[KingbotGPT](#)



AI: Primo Research Assistant (PRA)

A beta generative AI tool from ExLibris that responds to natural language questions by identifying five relevant documents per query.

Key Features

- Summary of top 5 retrieved sources
- Direct links to sources
- Suggested related questions

Status

- An AI Evaluation Task Force is currently evaluating PRA.
- Test environment is available for internal testing only (not yet public)
- Feedback actively collected from library employees and ULB
- Evaluation rubric developed using case studies

Meet Primo Research Assistant

🔍 **impact of social media on children's mental health** ← Semantic search, natural language query

Searching for relevant resources
Generating overview for 5 most relevant sources

📄 **Overview** ← Overview of top ranked 5 sources

Social media has a significant impact on children's mental health, with various studies highlighting both positive and negative aspects. The use of social media among adolescents with eating disorders can exacerbate their condition, as platforms often promote harmful content related to body image and weight. This unsupervised sharing of content can trigger individuals already struggling with eating disorders, emphasizing the need for safer online environments. Additionally, social media can influence parents' anxiety and depression, which in turn can affect their children's mental health. Factors such as behavioral intention to use social media, enjoyment, trust, ease of use, usefulness, and social influences play a role in this relationship. On the positive side, social media can provide a sense of belonging and facilitate help-seeking behaviors among youth struggling with mental health issues. However, current content moderation practices on social media platforms may hinder these positive impacts by censoring mental health-related content. This censorship can lead to the isolation of at-risk youth and limit access to valuable resources and support networks.

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Sources ← Top ranked 5 sources

1 EBOOK Social Media and Mental Health Edwards, Claire 2018	2 JOURNAL ARTICLE Social media use among adolescents with eating disorders: a double-edged sword Nawaz, Faisal A et al. 2024	3 JOURNAL ARTICLE Synthesizing perspectives: Crafting an interdisciplinary view of social media's impact on young people's mental health Nage, Antara et al. 2024	4 JOURNAL ARTICLE Factors Affecting the Use of Social Networks and Its Effect on Anxiety and Depression among Parents and Their Children: Predictors Using ML, SEM and Extended TAM Khwaldeh, Sufan et al. 2022	5 JOURNAL ARTICLE Debate: Social media content moderation may do more harm than good for youth mental health Robillard, Julie M. et al. 2024
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Related research questions ← Suggested questions

- ? effects of social media usage on children's mental health
- ? strategies to mitigate the negative impact of social media on children's mental health
- ? relationship between social media use and anxiety in children
- ? role of parents in monitoring and managing children's social media usage for mental health

View more results from your library search



Challenges

- Faculty/staff recruitment and retention
- Increased inflation in acquisitions costs and lack of funding for new collection areas
- Funding for library maintenance, renovation and redesigns (to meet the evolving needs of hybrid learning and our diverse community of scholars)
- Developing services to meet emerging areas of scholarship, such as Artificial Intelligence
- Budget reductions for 2025-2026; future of IMLS in question; CSU budget challenges across libraries



LibQual Library Survey

SJSU KING LIBRARY SURVEY

Help us write the next chapter of your
library experience.

Your opinion matters!

Survey open from April 7 to May 2, 2025

WIN A \$250 GIFT CARD

SUBMIT THE SURVEY!



https://bit.ly/SJSULib_Survey



An Update from ULB



ULB Updates



- 298 Capstone Projects
 - Gauge interest in using [ScholarWorks](#) to create a repository of theses, capstone projects, and independent studies created as part of 298-level courses across our campus.
 - Using ScholarWorks, ULB's intent is to assist faculty and students alike in streamlining the 298 research process.
- Primo Research Assistant (AI):
 - The ULB provided valuable usability feedback of the AI product, and shared this assessment with the library faculty members.

ULB Open Positions for 2025-2026



- **Please consider joining the ULB or nominate colleagues.**
- There will be 9 [vacancies at the end of this academic year](#) (as several members will term out this semester):
 - Library Faculty (T/TT)
 - Science
 - Health and Human Sciences
 - Humanities and the Arts
 - Social Sciences
 - Library Staff Member
 - Associated Students President or designee
 - Undergraduate Student
 - Graduate Student



Questions? Comments?

We look forward to
hearing from you.

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