

Library Program Learning Outcome Spring 2012

Program Learning Objective: The Library will contribute to student success by providing course materials to students (textbooks, databases, DVDs, etc.) to ensure equity of access to required materials.

Textbook Survey Spring 2012

The Textbook Survey was conducted the second through the fourth week of the Spring 2012 semester. Approximately 75 students filled out the survey. Key findings include:

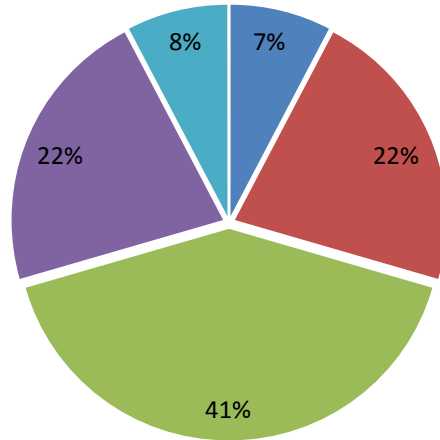
- 41% of textbooks checked out cost between \$101-\$150, 22% cost \$151-\$200, and 8% cost more than \$200. In other words, 71% of the textbooks checked out cost \$100 or more.
- 68% of students responded that they would not be able to take the course without free textbooks available in the Library
- 60% of students didn't buy the textbook because they couldn't afford it; 33% couldn't afford it now but planned to buy the textbook later in the semester.
- Students from departments across campus use textbooks in the Library, including basic skills, transfer courses, career and technical, and University Center courses. The highest number of check outs came from GE courses such as English, History, Spanish, Math, Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology.
- Students heard about textbook reserves from instructors (39%), library tours or orientations (28%), and friends and classmates (18%).

There is a great demand for this service. Students would like more copies and longer check out times. The Textbook Reserve Collection does not currently have a stable funding source. It is funded periodically by a generous donor. The Library will approach Associated Students of Cañada College and our donor about providing annual matching grant of \$5,000 each (\$10,000 total) to enable the Library to maintain a current Textbook Reserve Collection to equal access and student success.

Survey Results

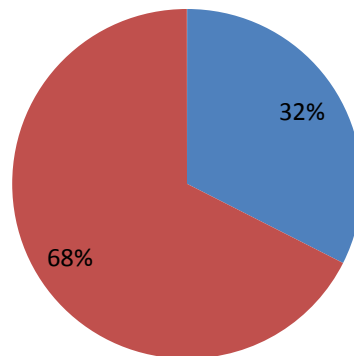
Average Cost of Textbooks Checked Out

■ \$1-\$50 ■ \$51-\$100 ■ \$101-\$150 ■ \$151-\$200 ■ \$200+



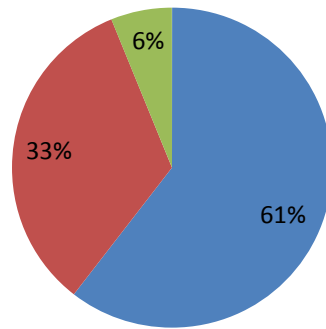
Could you still take the course if textbooks weren't available in the library?

■ Yes ■ No



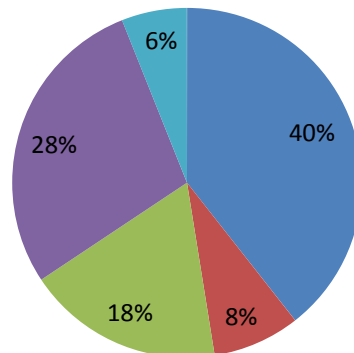
I didn't buy the textbook because...

- Can't afford it
- Can't afford it now but plan to buy it sometime this semester
- Not sure I'll stay in the course



How did you hear about textbooks in the library?

- Instructor
- Counselor
- Friend or classmate
- Library tour or orientation
- Bookstore



Other Responses

Online	Library staff	Searched in Google
Experience at another college	Library catalog	Library website

Textbooks checked out by survey respondents

Department	Times Checked Out
English	8 (6 English transfer and 2 Basic Skills English)
History	6
Spanish	6
Math	6
Anthropology	5
Biology	5
Chemistry	4
Psychology	4
ESL	4
Interior Design	4
Political Science	3
Legal	3
Medical Assisting	3
Accounting	3
Business	3
CBOT	2
Communication Studies	2
Oceanography	2
Art & Art History	2
Astronomy, ECE, Engineering, Human Services, Philosophy, Radiologic Technology, Sociology	1 time each

Summary of student Comments (distilled to key themes)

Thank you, great job	Longer checkout time, more day rentals
Textbooks are a great help to students	More copies of books
A very efficient system	Shorter wait time to renew textbooks
Friendly staff	Have latest edition for class
Without textbooks I could NEVER pass my class	More engineering textbooks; more accounting, business, and CBOT textbooks; more business law
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