UK Libraries: relevant today, poised for the future

What does today’s modern research library look like at the University of Kentucky? The iconic William T. Young Library continues as our most visual representation of the modern library. It hums and whirs with the traffic and activity of students, faculty, librarians, and users from across the Commonwealth engaged in teaching, learning, and research. But the research library of the 21st century is increasingly virtual. Individuals across the campus and around the world utilize our libraries through the information resources we offer electronically. These range from the ubiquitous (today’s news online) to the truly unique (a photograph of Kentucky Governor Ruby Laffoon handing a gavel to suffragette Laura Clay as Temporary Chairman of the Kentucky Convention to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, or an oral history interview with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. conducted by Kentucky writer and U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Penn Warren).

Beyond our collections, the Libraries’ public programs throughout the year enhance the campus’s intellectual environment. Programs range from hosting distinguished speakers across the disciplines, to instructing students in how to locate and evaluate information. A key role of librarians is teaching students to achieve information literacy and to critically navigate the universe of sources and data that will make them successful college graduates with lifelong learning skills.

This report highlights just a few of the accomplishments and achievements of UK Libraries from 2004 through 2006.

We look to the future with great anticipation as UK Libraries plays a vital role at the University of Kentucky and beyond.

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Dean of Libraries
William T. Young Endowed Chair

Over 2 million people visit our campus library facilities each year.
Do you think of a library as just a place to go check out a good book? Well, are you in for a surprise! Today’s academic libraries act as part meeting place, part display gallery, and part lecture hall. They are a place where the broadening of the mind and the exchange of ideas is fostered at every turn. Today’s libraries are full of life; they’re the place to be; they’re the cultural, social, and intellectual magnet of the university. The following pages provide a glimpse into just some of the thought-provoking events that have occurred at UK Libraries.

November 2005 marked the inaugural event for UK Libraries’ Distinguished Author Lecture Series. David Halberstam, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author, spoke to a packed house at Memorial Hall on the topic of “America and the World: New Challenges in a Time of Uncertainty.” Halberstam commented on the Vietnam War, the current conflict in Iraq, and the current state of public education.

With the support of our sponsors and individual donors, UK Libraries will continue to bring award-winning, thought-provoking authors to the Bluegrass region.

This lecture series is just one of the ways that UK Libraries helps to enhance the intellectual life of Lexington, Kentucky, and the students, faculty, and staff of the UK campus.

"Our goal was to engage our students and our community. We wanted a speaker who would pique people’s interest - someone who would get people talking and open up conversations and dialogue." - Carol Diedrichs, dean of UK Libraries

"Kudos to the Library staff for initiating this series. These are the kind of events that we need at the University and in Lexington to raise the intellectual level of our community." - William S. Cohen, Ph.D., associate professor of biology
On May 5, 2006, a standing-room-only crowd of more than 300 heard Nobel Prize-winning Irish poet Seamus Heaney read from his works in the Great Hall of UK’s Margaret I. King Building. “I am very conscious of the privilege of being in this place,” Heaney said at one point. “You have so many honored and distinguished writers. It was worth coming for.”

His listeners included such Kentucky literary notables as Wendell Berry, Bobbie Ann Mason, Gurney Norman, Nikky Finney, Kim Edwards, Maurice Manning, and Erik Reece. UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. and many UK faculty were there, as were students from Berea, Centre, and Georgetown colleges and Eastern Kentucky University.

In conjunction with Heaney’s visit, the Libraries’ Special Collections and Digital Programs Division mounted an exhibition of the work of four Irish Nobel Laureates — W.B. Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, and Seamus Heaney. The Heaney titles were on loan from Jonathan Allison, UK professor of English.

A two-day symposium on 19th-century British literature was held during November 2004 in the Niles Gallery of the Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library and Learning Center. In addition to the spirited discussions had by conference attendees, the highlight of the symposium was an exhibition featuring publications and letters of the period drawn from the collection of native Lexingtonian James G. Nelson.

UK Libraries’ Special Collections and Digital Programs Division compiled all the material and mounted the exhibition.

The symposium and exhibition were sponsored by the UK Office of the Provost, UK Libraries, the UK Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as the Office of the Executive Vice President for Research.

Forum on American Intelligence Activities sponsored by UK Libraries.

Former Vice President Walter P. Mondale, former U.S. Sen. Walter “Dee” Huddleston of Kentucky, and Frederick A.O. Schwartz Jr., chief counsel to the Church Committee, presented a program at UK’s Memorial Hall on September 21, 2006, entitled “Who’s Watching the Spies? Intelligence Activities and the Rights of Americans.”

The three discussed the committee’s work, its historical impact, and how it pertains to today’s society. Nearly 700 people attended this historic forum that was also recorded for broadcast later on CSPAN. Tracy Campbell, UK professor of history and co-director of UK Libraries’ Wendell H. Ford Public Policy Research Center, moderated the panel discussion.

During the nearly 90-minute forum, Vice President Mondale emphasized, “We have a big stake in guaranteeing our constitutional system of laws. We lose something when we take lightly our idea of the constitutional and legal rights of the people.”

The Church Committee began its work in 1975, chaired by Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, after a New York Times reporter revealed that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was destabilizing foreign governments and conducting illegal intelligence operations against U.S. citizens. The 11-member committee was given nine months, and a staff of 150, to investigate the nation’s intelligence agencies and their activities. The committee’s report verified the need for surveillance of the intelligence community, resulting in the creation of the Senate’s permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

“I’d like people to see in total context the intelligence operations and what they do, which I consider to be very important,” said Senator Huddleston, whose public papers from his 12-year senatorial career are part of UK Libraries’ collection.

The evening was presented by UK Libraries’ Ford Public Policy Research Center and co-sponsored by the School of Journalism and Telecommunications’ First Amendment Center.
Doctors in the Family Practice, Internal Medicine, and Pediatrics departments at UK Chandler Medical Center have another weapon in their fight against disease -- the database-wielding, knowledge-synthesizing librarians from the Medical Center Library. These Clinical Medical Librarians are a part of the clinical team, attending “morning report” and “walking rounds” with the doctors, residents, and medical students. Continued involvement during the course of a patient’s care allows the librarians to gather “just-in-time information” that helps with clinical decision making for patients. Information really is good medicine.

Imagine a place where students are introduced to a world of information, then taught how to captain their own ships of discovery, not only in support of their current coursework, but also as a skill they will use for the rest of their lives. Imagine a place where just-published medical information is synthesized and retrieved at the moment of need to help treat a sick patient. Imagine a place where the local, day-to-day issues affecting people across the Commonwealth are preserved and catalogued for future study. What is this magical place? This is UK Libraries.
Researchers, rejoice! No longer do you need to trek back and forth across campus from library to library to collect the materials you need. Book Express has come to your rescue. Faculty, staff, and graduate students can now request that any book from any campus library be delivered to any other campus library. Library resources are more accessible than ever.

Imagine this: a clinician opens up a hand-held computer, navigates through a few screens, and instantly is presented with the latest research on the condition of a patient they have just visited. Is it magic? No, it’s a new service supported by the Medical Center Library (MCL).

With the increased availability of wireless connectivity and improved hand-held technology, library resources are remotely accessible to medical clinicians at the point of need. To help users make the most of this new method for information access, the MCL created a series of classes that provide instruction on the use of these hand-held devices for users at all levels.

Journals and books and Web sites, oh my! The amount of information available these days can be overwhelming. As a way to orient students to UK Libraries’ vast resources, our Interdisciplinary Information Literacy Department has created the FINDIT! online tutorial. After completion of FINDIT!, a student is prepared to explore and research the online world, having mastered effective search, selection, and information-evaluation skills. The researchers of the future are learning valuable skills today at UK Libraries.

Hand-held devices allow "anywhere access" to information

Book express delivers to you

Online tutorial helps students navigate information resources
After a brief hiatus, UK Libraries resumed the microfilming of Kentucky newspapers in July 2005 with the opening of the Preservation Reformatting Center (PRC). The PRC currently maintains the state’s largest and most comprehensive collection of Kentucky newspapers, receiving 175 current newspapers daily. Each of these publications must be inventoried, cataloged, and microfilmed.

Today, the master negative repository totals over 25,000 microfilm reels of historic Kentucky newspapers. These documents provide researchers unique information on the history and development of the state, as well as insight into local public policy, health care, economic development, environmental issues, education, transportation, and a host of other subjects that impact the quality of life in the Commonwealth.

UK Libraries is proud to play such a vital role in preserving this day-to-day record of Kentucky life.
The only thing one can count on in life, and in libraries, is that things will change. Academic and research needs will change; availability of scholarly resources will change; the economic resources to acquire necessary collections will change. Change is something that UK Libraries strives to embrace. To that end, we have reviewed, updated, and added subscriptions to many scholarly journals in an effort to provide the best possible resources to the University community. Over the past several years, this vigilance has allowed us to not only increase the breadth and depth of access to full-text electronic journals, but also to add new databases which support specialized areas of study such as “Latin American Women Writers,” “Black Thought & Culture,” and “Early English Books Online.”

UK Libraries has also been fortunate over the past several years to acquire some amazing collections to augment our wide variety of primary source materials. Read on to learn more about just a few of the collection resources available at UK Libraries.

“What I love about EEBO is that it’s such an easy way for students to engage in primary-source research. The database streamlines the research process, so they can have more time for reading and integrating their findings into their own writing.” - Joyce MacDonald, Ph.D., associate professor of English

“From the dawn of printing in the 16th century, up through 1700, Early English Books Online (EEBO) provides digital access to nearly every book printed in England or her colonies, as well as every English-language book printed anywhere in the world — almost 100,000 texts. With the click of a mouse, researchers of English literature, history, religion, philosophy, music, mathematics, science, and other disciplines can access these historic documents right from their desktops.”

“I was surprised and delighted to find that many of the reports (needed for research), some dating back to the 1920’s and 1930’s, are in our own University of Kentucky library. It is wonderful to have those resources. I feel such a sense of gratitude to the librarians of the past who have made these reports a part of our library holdings.” - Nettie Adams, associate curator, UK Museum of Anthropology, speaking about the richness of the collections at UK Libraries.
Libraries is pleased to announce the donation of the John C. Wyatt Lexington Herald-Leader (LHL) photographic collection, consisting of an estimated 1.8 million unique photographic negatives spanning the years 1939-1990. This gift was provided by the Herald-Leader and its parent organization.

The LHL collection is the most extensive single collection of still, photographic images documenting Lexington’s 20th century history. These images highlight the day-to-day activities of Kentuckians, following the changing urban landscape of Lexington; the agricultural, tobacco and horse racing industries; as well as key national events such as World War II and Vietnam.

The collection will be available to the general public for educational, academic and research purposes. Significant work has already been completed to preserve, describe, and catalog the images, made possible by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

“This is a tremendous opportunity to preserve a vital portion of the visual history of Central Kentucky.”

- Deirdre Scaggs
  Collection Project Manager

Photos, from left to right: Afternoon traffic jam on North Limestone Street between Short and Second Streets (August 16, 1951), Sen. John F. Kennedy, Democratic Presidential nominee, as he traveled through Lexington (October 8, 1960), Miss Margaret Ingalls, Syracuse, N.Y., first woman graduate at the University of Kentucky College of Engineering, talking with Betty Peters and Marie Hamper, who received Bachelor of Science degrees in engineering at commencement August 29, 1947, Girls prepare for track meet at Douglas Park, June R. Brown (right) and James Taylor (center), Looking on are George Johnson (developing), Left to right, Alice Garrison, Bonnie Johnson, Mary Price and Arcadia McDowell (July 26, 1953).
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“Having perused all of the documents and watched all of the videos in the Tuska Collection, I can attest that this collection is a valuable resource for all those interested in art history or art education. Some of the videos are especially valuable for instruction in creating ceramics, bronzes, and other art forms. Tuska was not only a master craftsman, but also an avid teacher.”

- David F. Burg, author and Tuska biographer
Thanks to the generosity of countless individuals and groups, UK Libraries has built a solid foundation of physical, financial, and human resources. From this secure place, we continue to actively focus on acquiring additional funding, which translates into new collections and services, as well as facility upgrades. As we solidify our position among the top research libraries, we support UK’s dream of becoming a Top 20 public research university. The following pages provide an overview of this exciting area.
Founded in 1973, the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, part of UK Libraries, is internationally recognized for its outstanding collection of over 6,500 oral history interviews on such topics as politics and public policy, Appalachia, military history, medical history, agriculture, and education reform.

On the evening of Oct. 8, 2004, Governor Fletcher and first lady, as well as the Governor Louie B. Nunn Foundation hosted a reception at the Governor’s Mansion in Frankfort to continue Governor Nunn’s work of raising an endowment for the UK Oral History Research Center and to honor his life and career. In the presence of over 100 guests, Steve Nunn, president of the Louie B. Nunn Foundation, and Jennie Lou Nunn Penn, vice president of the foundation, presented a check in the amount of $50,000 to Lee T. Todd Jr., president of the University of Kentucky, as a contribution to the Oral History Research Center Endowment. An additional $13,000 was later added to the Nunn Foundation’s contribution. The entire $63,000 was matched by Research Challenge Trust Funds.

In 2005 the Kentucky General Assembly allocated $500,000 to the UK Center for Oral History in honor of former Governor Louie B. Nunn. The half-million-dollar allocation is being matched by Research Challenge Trust Funds, bringing the oral history endowment to $1.3 million. In 2005 the UK Board of Trustees officially named the center for Governor Nunn.

UK dream of achieving status as a Top 20 public research university by 2020 challenges the Libraries to provide services and resources that will enhance the education of our students, and the research and teaching of our faculty, as well as enrich the residents of our Commonwealth. UK recognized that its Top 20 goal would not be achieved with public funding alone, and in September 2020 launched its first capital campaign with a goal of $600 million. In October 2004, having surpassed its goal at $618 million, UK announced phase II of the campaign with a new goal of $1 billion by December 2007. Only 12 other public universities have carried out $1 billion campaigns.

Private individuals, corporations, and foundations are investing in UK Libraries. In phase I of UK’s capital campaign, the Libraries raised $63,128,359, exceeding its $50 million goal by 26 percent. By June 30, 2006, the Libraries had raised $7,891,675 of its $10 million phase II goal, increasing its campaign total to $71,020,034. To make your own investment in UK Libraries, contact:

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Lexington, KY 40506-0456
Phone: (859) 257-0500, ext. 2159
The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) awarded the UK Medical Center Library $10,000 to initiate a Health Information Outreach program to members of the Hispanic community in three Eastern Kentucky counties. The program rallied together Hispanic community leaders, local churches, and Spanish-English medical interpreters in an attempt to promote bilingual health-information Web sites and to provide training on how to access them. Throughout the course of the project, UK medical librarians were able to provide three sets of computer equipment and train 75 people on computer basics, the Internet, and how to utilize reliable health-information Web sites. These people can, in turn, act as resources for the greater Hispanic community.

The UK Medical Center Library received a Consumer Health Initiative Subcontract award for $39,946 from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) to execute a collaborative project between UK Libraries and Hospice of the Bluegrass. The project raised awareness of and provided access to the many reliable, free information resources on suicide intervention, treatment, and education.

Activities included training, with Hospice of the Bluegrass providing no-cost CEUs for social workers, nurses, and professional counselors; a project Web site that contained an extensive collection of indexed print and electronic reference material; a “Suicide Text Set” consisting of a basic set of printed materials on suicide provided to each of the four UK Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) and to the eight Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Centers included in the AHEC service area; exhibits; and library support for follow-up reference-related questions.

The variety of project activities provided a forum to reach almost 1,100 people in the Central and Eastern Kentucky areas.
UK Libraries is dedicated to providing an environment that enables those we serve to most effectively do their work, whether it’s modifying shelving to accommodate additional materials, providing new service points at convenient campus locations, or beautifying the look and feel of our facilities.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “The most useful man in the most useful world, so long as only commodity was served, would remain unsatisfied. But, as fast as he sees beauty, life acquires a very high value.”

Medical Center Library Entrance Updated

Visitors to the UK Chandler Medical Center are taking note of the newly renovated entrance to the Medical Center Library. The improved lighting, signage, and access for the physically challenged have teamed up to increase awareness and use of the facility.

New Library Service Point Opens on Campus

Library Link, in room 128 Patterson Office Tower, is the newest addition to the UK Libraries’ family. From the convenience of central campus, this satellite location provides reference assistance for UK students, faculty, and staff, particularly in the humanities and social sciences.

New Reading Room in Special Collections

Users of the Special Collections Library have a reason to celebrate! The Library’s Breckinridge Room has recently undergone a sophisticated transformation. Antique wooden bookcases encircle the room, illuminated by light streaming through the massive windows. The center of the room is dotted with comfortable work tables, each equipped with a set of focused task lighting. This library gem seamlessly combines old and new to provide a pleasant work environment for researchers, as well as an added level of security for the Library’s priceless collections.

Law Library Gets a Face-lift

The Alvin E. Evans Law Library, located in the College of Law, was upgraded to enhance the environment for its patrons. A new security system, along with updated study and research tables, were all added during the remodeling. In addition, a compact shelving system was installed to house the growing collection.
UK Libraries has multiple facilities located throughout campus to meet the diverse needs of those we serve.

1. W.T. Young Library (Main Library)
   - Phone: (859) 257-0260
   - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/WTYL

2. Hunter M. Adams College of Design Library
   - Phone: (859) 257-4305
   - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/Design

3. Agricultural Information Center
   - N24 Agricultural Science Building North
   - Phone: (859) 257-2759
   - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/AIC

4. Chemistry/Physics Library
   - 15 Chemistry-Physics Bldg.
   - Phone: (859) 257-5554
   - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/CPlib

5. Education Library
   - 203 Dickey Hall
   - Phone: (859) 257-7977
   - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/ede

6. Alyn E. Evans Law Library
   - College of Law
   - Phone: (859) 257-1679
   - Web page: www.uky.edu/Law/Library

7. Geological Sciences Library and Map Collection
   - 413 King Building
   - Phone: (859) 257-3130
   - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/GSML

8. Transportation Center Library
   - 176 Raymond Building
   - Phone: (859) 257-2155
   - Web page: www.uky.edu/library

9. Library Link
   - 120 Patterson Office Tower
   - Phone: (859) 257-8351
   - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/Link

10. Little Fine Arts Library and Learning Center
    - Phone: (859) 257-2909
    - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/BFAth

11. Mathematical Sciences Library
    - Old, O.P. French Office Tower
    - Phone: (859) 257-6363
    - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/Math

12. Medical Center Library
    -clinical AV Library & Patient Health Information Library
    - 1st Floor, Chandler Medical Center
    - Phone: (859) 323-8500
    - Phone: (859) 323-8500 (AV Library)
    - Phone: (859) 323-7808 (Patient Health Information Library)
    - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/MCL

13. John A. Morris Library At Gluck Equine Research Center
    - Gluck Equine Research Center
    - Phone: (859) 257-4757 ext. 81147
    - Web page: www.ca.uky.edu/library/gluck equineresearchcenter

14. Shawer Engineering Library
    - 905 Anderson Tower
    - Phone: (859) 257-2965
    - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/ed/ie/measure

15. Special Collections & Digital Programs
    - 1st Floor, King Building
    - Phone: (859) 257-9641
    - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/SCDP

16. John A. Morris Library At Gluck Equine Research Center
    - Gluck Equine Research Center
    - Phone: (859) 257-2965
    - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/ed/ie/measure

17. Library Special Collections
    - 1st Floor, King Building
    - Phone: (859) 257-9641
    - Web page: www.uky.edu/Libraries/SCDP
Behind every successful organization is a group of hard-working, dedicated individuals. It really is all about the people. Here at UK Libraries we’ve got some of the best, and we strive to keep them here by fostering a supportive, respectful, and diverse work environment that utilizes and develops the talents of everyone. Nowhere was this more true than with our recent organizational restructuring. The input of everyone was needed to truly repurpose our organization, better positioning us to meet the challenges of the 21st century. In addition to fashioning a new organization, UK Libraries has continued to recognize individuals at all levels for the important contributions they make to the Libraries’ success each and every day. Read on to get a glimpse into our annual faculty and staff award programs, as well as learn a bit about our restructured organization.

January 2005 marked a new beginning for UK Libraries when we restructured our organization after an intensive year of study and planning. This holistic change was designed to centralize work and create synergies across our distributed library facilities, all with an eye toward improving the library experience for those we serve. Since the implementation, we have continued to monitor our new structure, making small changes as necessary. This is just one more way that UK Libraries is committed to supporting both our employees and the Top 20 Business plan.
Promotion & tenure provide a reason to celebrate

Each year as a part of an extensive University review process, a fine group of library faculty earn promotion and tenure. We recognize the accomplishments of these individuals each summer with a celebration of their achievement. Different years have brought different themes for our events, but the common element is the time taken to pause and celebrate the significant accomplishments of these fine librarians.

Below you’ll see the names of those faculty whom we have honored, along with some pictures from our recent events.

Congratulations to our recently promoted & tenured faculty members.

Faculty Librarian Promotions, 2004
Stacey Greenwell
Beth Kraemer
Valerie Perry
Kelly Vickery
Erig Weig
Laura Whayne

Faculty Librarian Promotions, 2005
Lisa Carter
Nancy Lewis
Marsha Seaman
Lesley Wolfgang-Jackson
Jo Staggs-Neel

Faculty Librarian Promotions, 2006
Mary Congleton
Ann Fath
Kerri Scannell
Jo Staggs-Neel

DidYouKnow?

Nearly 50,000 hits are recorded on some portion of UK Libraries’ Web site each and every day.

Students are learning the skills necessary to perform in-depth research. Each day, over 8,000 research queries are performed in one of our nearly 330 electronic databases.

There are many reasons for students to come to our libraries, but retrieving a journal article doesn’t have to be one of them. Every day, all across campus, over 6,000 full-text electronic journal articles are accessed. Want to retrieve that article about neurological substrates while sipping a cup of coffee, sitting in your PJs? Go ahead, that’s why we’ve provided electronic databases. (Okay, that’s not the only reason, but when it’s cold and snowy outside, it probably ranks right up there!)

Each day over 5,000 searches are performed in InfoKat, our online library catalog system, accessible from any Internet-capable computer on or off campus.

Library materials are flying off the shelves. Each day, 1,041 items are checked out or renewed.

Our Information Literacy librarians instruct more than 11,000 people per year in how to best access information across the Library’s vast resources.

Via our Interlibrary Loan service, more than 24,000 items per year are borrowed from other libraries’ collections to support the teaching and research needs of those we serve. In turn, UK Libraries lends over 28,000 items to other users at libraries around the world.
The modern research library of the 21st century is big business, and UK Libraries is no exception.

It takes a budget of nearly $20 million to support the teaching, learning, and research needs of a diverse faculty and student body. Did you know that we have over 3 million volumes in our collection? Or that we answer over 60,000 reference questions a year? Read on to get a picture of some of the statistics we use to measure our success. You'll also notice a ranking that compares UK Libraries to other library facilities at state research institutions. These are our benchmarks. A Top 20 library is a necessity for a Top 20 university. We are well on our way.

**UK Libraries statistical summary fiscal year 2005-2006**


Breakdown of funding between library endowment and University general funds

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**Services**

| Items checked out and renewed | 326,533 |
| Reference questions answered | 11,932 |
| Instructional sessions held | 28,402 |
| Number of students reached | 24,392 |

**Interlibrary Loan (ILL)**

| Lend to other libraries | 28,402 |
| Borrowed from other libraries | 24,392 |

**Benchmark Institutions, Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Ranking**

**Stats**

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