Message from the Associate Dean of Library Services

The calendar year 2011 was significant in terms of growth and online resources. Over 60,000 people walked into the Library this year. Since 2009, Library services have grown 32%! From FY10-FY11 services grew 15%. New this year are over 20,000 academic ebooks. These ebooks have proved to be very popular and allow students to have access to high quality books for their projects anytime 24/7.

32% OVERALL PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE PAST 3 YEARS

The results of this year’s Library Survey demonstrate Library staff provided high quality service during this busy year. During this time of growth at the College, the Library has stayed true to our mission. We are pleased to share our annual report with you. As Library services continue to grow, so does the need for additional resources to maintain high quality services for our students. This will be a major focus next year as will exploring additional online resources and services.

What patrons have to say about us…

“The Library is a wonderful place with great staff.”

“I enjoy going there to do my homework.”
Staff News

Librarians  The Library staff consists of three full time professional staff members (MEA). All three librarians hold Master’s degrees in Library Science or Library and Information Science from graduate programs accredited by the American Library Association. Janet Blood is the Associate Dean of Library Services, Dian Stratton is the Public Service Librarian, and Kara Kennison is the Associate Librarian of Circulation and Technical Services.

Student Employees  In addition to the professional staff the Library employs student employees for 40 hours a week during the academic year. This is a decrease in 10 hours a week from FY10. The Library trains and supervises the student employees in performing circulation desk activities, and shelving materials.

Professional Development  The professional staff participated in the following professional development this year: College Forums, Art Exhibit Receptions, HSLIC annual meeting, Minerva Circulation meetings, Minerva Cataloging meetings, Sexual Harassment Training, Maine InfoNet Conference, OCLC training, Maine Library Association conference, Health Database training, Environmental Database training, Minerva Users meetings, and Maine Cat Access + Delivery.

Committee Involvement  The professional staff participated in the following committees this year: Minerva Executive Committee, HSLIC Scholarship Committee, EMCC College Senate, Strategic Planning Committee, EMCC Percent for Art Committee, EMCC Department Chair meetings, EMCC Technology Committee, Active Minds, and EMCC Health & Safety Committee.
The Friends group continues to support the Library with various fundraisers. The tenth Books2Event was held in the Library this year. The focus this year was the “friend raiser” aspect of this event and the positive reaction of those who attended showed this was a very successful “friend raiser”! 23 entries were entered. A lot of folks who attended the event had never seen the Library before and were very impressed with the Library.

**WHAT’S NEW**

- 600 new books on shelves
- 20,000 academic Ebrary ebooks
- Online Resources tutorial
- Started 2nd year of 3-year weeding project to update entire collection
- Reorganizing archives
- Provided research lab for ECE class
- 5 new art exhibits
- 2 poetry readings during National Poetry Month
- New displays throughout the year
- Updated online Subject Guides
- New EMCC Library bookmark
- IT help phones next to computers
- Library Virtual Tour

**Art at the Library** in the John Rohman Art Gallery

*Richard Kapral*

*Hazel Mitchell*

*Kris Sader*

*John LeBlanc*

*Anne Spencer*
Mission Statement

The mission of the Eastern Maine Community College Library shall reflect and support the mission of the College. This responsibility to support instruction programs, students, staff and administrators is five-fold:

- To collect and organize appropriate library materials, in a variety of formats.
- To establish and maintain services for optimal access to local and remote print and electronic resources.
- To provide information literacy services with the objective of promoting lifelong success in the efficient access, critical evaluation, and use of information to achieve a desired purpose.
- To deliver quality reference services to EMCC patrons in a timely manner.
- To maintain a system of reserve materials from instructors.

The Library supports the curriculum of the College as well as the information needs of its students, faculty, and staff, emphasizing practical, up-to-date materials. The Library also has a small fiction collection for recreational reading. Participation in library networks and consortia is maintained in order to provide access to resources not available at EMCC. In addition, the Library is a sub depository for selected, technical government documents. These are received periodically from the Bangor Public Library. Finally, the Library serves an archival function by collecting historic materials related to the development and history of the College.