



Library Annual Report

July 2024 to June 2025

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A MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Dear Students, Faculty, and Colleagues of the NJIT Library



On July 1, 2024, I completed my eighth year as the University Librarian at NJIT. This milestone offered an opportunity to reflect on a year of meaningful

progress for the Library. FY2025 marked a period of momentum as we strengthened our role as a strategic partner in advancing the university's academic and research mission. As academic libraries continue to evolve into digital-first, user-centered institutions while responsibly managing print collections, this dual responsibility shaped much of our work at NJIT. Our progress would not have been possible without the dedication, creativity, and professionalism of the library staff, whose commitment to excellence continues to move our work forward. In response to rapid technological change, evolving teaching and research practices, and rising expectations for student success, the library adopted a proactive, forward-looking approach grounded in intentional investment and alignment with NJIT's long-term priorities as a public polytechnic research university.

A defining priority in FY2025 was the library's early and calculated engagement with artificial intelligence (AI). Recognizing AI's growing impact on research, teaching,

and information access, we launched the NJIT Library Artificial Intelligence Exploratory Task Force in Fall 2024. At a time when formal guidance was still emerging, this initiative equipped library staff with foundational knowledge of AI tools and frameworks, emphasized ethical and responsible use, and positioned the library at the forefront of AI-enabled scholarship and services. This early investment prepared staff to contribute meaningfully to campus-wide AI literacy efforts, such as supporting coordinated training for faculty and students, and participated in the development of AI micro-credentials and digital badge initiatives aligned with NJIT's academic vision.

The Library also advanced NJIT's leadership in open scholarship through expanded read & publish agreements with major academic publishers, including Elsevier, Springer Nature, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), and Cambridge University Press. These agreements reduce financial barriers for NJIT authors, increase the global visibility of faculty research, and support more sustainable publishing models. Complementing this work, the Faculty Publications Project in Digital Commons @ NJIT was launched to enhance the discoverability, preservation, and long-term impact of NJIT scholarship, reinforcing the library's

role as a steward of scholarly communication and a catalyst for equitable access to knowledge.

Assessment and evidence-based planning were central to our work in FY2025. The Library conducted its first Faculty and Staff Survey during Fall 2024, confirming strong satisfaction with electronic resources, research support, and interlibrary loan services while identifying opportunities to improve communication and discovery tools. These findings directly informed service enhancements and will continue to guide strategic planning as NJIT prepares for the next Middle States accreditation cycle.

Strategic investments in people, spaces, and infrastructure further strengthened the Library's capacity. The installation of a new Information Service Desk at the Van Houten Library improved service efficiency, accessibility, and space utilization, creating a brighter and more welcoming environment for students and staff. Major technology initiatives, including the full transition to OpenAthens authentication and the implementation of LibKey tools, significantly enhanced access, usability, and digital equity. At the Littman Architecture and Design Library, sustained visitation, increased circulation, robust instructional engagement, and cultural programming underscored the library's essential role within the Hillier College of Architecture and Design.

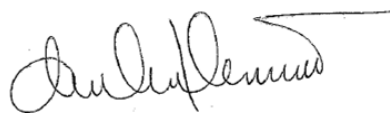
Throughout FY2025, the Library deepened partnerships across the university,

including collaborations with the Office of Graduate Studies (OGS), the Office of Research (OOR), Information Services and Technology, (IST) and the Faculty Senate (FS) through the Committee on Information Technology, Library, and Academic Resources (CITLAR). These partnerships reflect a shared commitment to access, affordability, research excellence, and student success, even as the Library prepares to navigate future fiscal constraints with transparency and accountability.

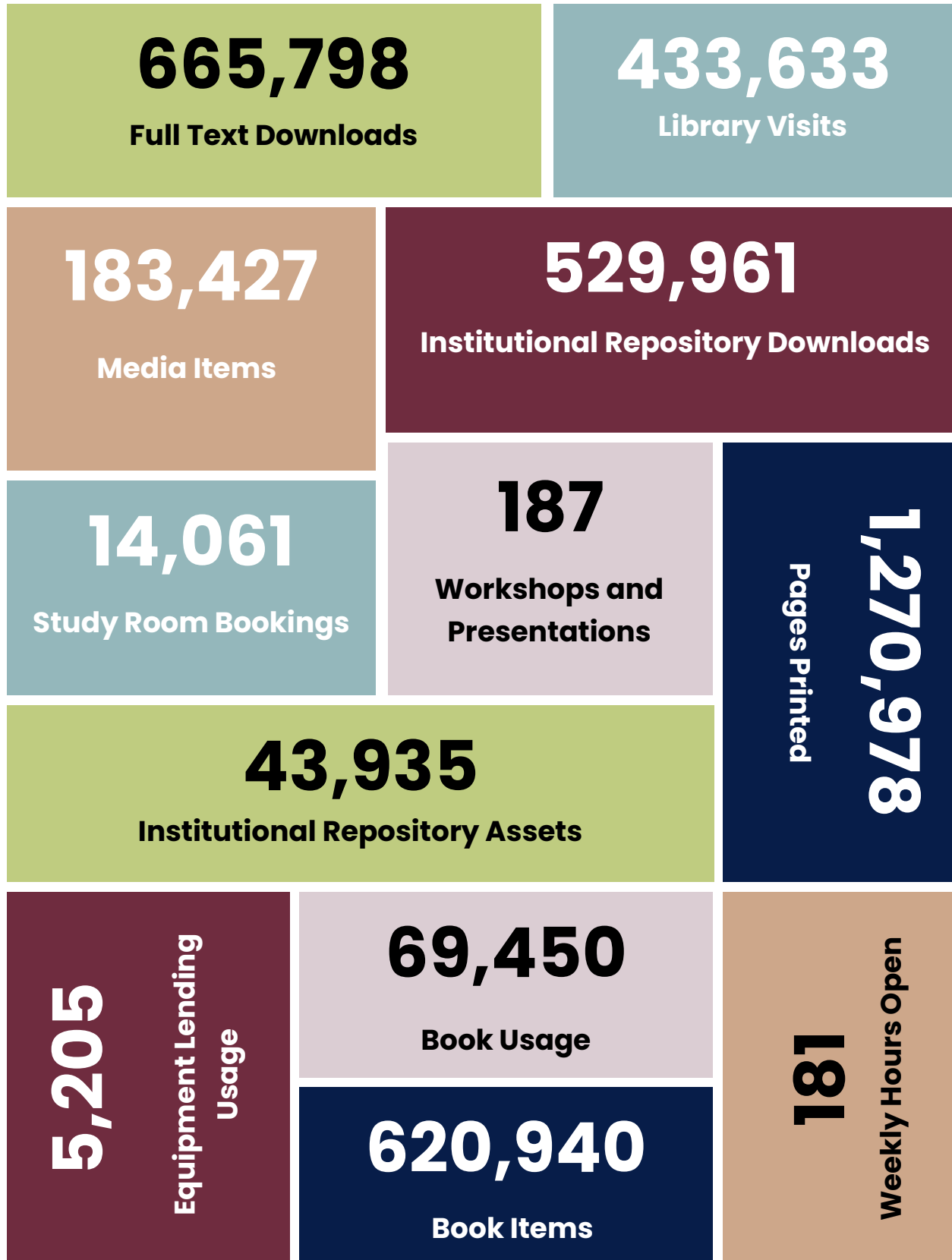
As we look ahead to FY2026 and beyond, the Library remains focused on scalable, future-ready, and sustainable strategies that align collections and services with academic and research needs, embed AI and digital literacy across the academic lifecycle, and use assessment data to guide responsible electronic resource investment. The progress achieved in FY2025 positions the NJIT Library not only as a service unit, but as a strategic institutional partner advancing the university's long-term academic aspirations amid ongoing change and complexity.

I welcome your feedback and engagement as we continue to advance the Library's and NJIT's mission.

Please feel free to reach out to me at ahoang@njit.edu.



KEY METRICS



KEY MILESTONES AND IMPACTS

Expanding Library Access : Library Introduces New Borrowing Privileges

In pursuit of our mission of enhancing patron access, the NJIT Library expanded borrowing privileges for all users, increasing both the number of items each user can check out as well as how long they can borrow them for.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Exploring AI's Impact: Library Launches Exploratory Task Force

The NJIT Library launched the AI Exploratory Task Force in Fall 2024 to lead AI-enabled scholarship and services through training, demonstrations, and AI Literacy Frameworks.

OCTOBER 2024

Strengthening Faculty Engagement: First Library Faculty Survey Launched

The Fall 2024 Faculty and Staff Survey confirmed strong satisfaction with resources and services but identified key improvement areas: communication and catalog usability. NJIT Library will prioritize clearer outreach and enhanced discovery tools to maximize faculty and staff engagement before the next survey in Spring 2026.

OCTOBER 2024

Advancing Open Access: Three Read and Publish Agreement Secured

NJIT signed transformative or "read-and-publish" agreements with three new publishers (ACM, Elsevier, and Cambridge University Press), allowing NJIT-affiliated authors to publish their articles open access at no or reduced cost to them.

SPRING 2025

Van Houten Library Opens New Information Service Desk

In June 2025, NJIT Library replaced the old circulation desk with a modern, efficient design that improves service, increases space for students, and creates a brighter, more welcoming space for community engagement.

May 2025

Van Houten Library Launches Redesigned Website

The NJIT Library redesigned the Van Houten Library website to deliver a more accessible, user-centered experience, taking guidance from usability testing and feedback to streamline navigation, improve service discoverability, and advance digital equity.

JUNE 2025

AI @ THE LIBRARY

NJIT Library Artificial Intelligence Exploratory Task Force _____

Recognizing the transformative impact of artificial intelligence on higher education, the NJIT Library took a proactive step in Fall 2024 by launching the Library AI Exploratory Task Force. This strategic initiative was designed to prepare library staff for the growing integration of AI tools in academic research and library services.

Led by the Library and coordinated by Annie Chatterjee, the Task Force launched at a time when AI tools were rapidly emerging and formal guidance was limited. It delivered a series of in-service training sessions: *What We Know About AI*, *More on AI Tools*, and *Existing AI Tools in the Library*, and presented a well-received demonstration during a librarians' meeting. By addressing this gap early, the NJIT Library positioned itself at the forefront of AI-enabled scholarship and innovation, laying a strong foundation for future AI literacy, access, and services within the library and across campus.



The initiative introduced [AI Literacy Frameworks](#) tied to NJIT's new microcredential program, ensuring the Library remains a leader in AI-driven academic support. Building on this momentum and on Dr. Chatterjee's work with NJIT's Learning and Development Initiative on the Digital Citizenship Certificate, the next step is to launch coordinated AI sessions for staff, students, and faculty, focusing on research, ethical use, and academic support, as well as to develop a digital badge series aligned with the university-wide initiative.

OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING AND TRANSFORMATIVE AGREEMENTS

Advancing Open Access through Strategic Library Leadership



The NJIT Library continues to play a pivotal role in advancing open access (OA) publishing and supporting equitable access to research. This year, the Library expanded its impact through Read & Publish (R&P) agreements (commonly known as transformative agreements) with major publishers, including Springer Nature, ACM, Elsevier, Oxford University Press, and Cambridge University Press, enabling NJIT authors to publish in eligible journals without paying individual article processing charges (APCs). These R&P agreements reduce financial barriers for researchers and reflect the Library's strategic commitment to sustainability in scholarly communication.

Implementation of these initiatives has been led by Open Access and Scholarly Communications Librarian Annie Chatterjee under the guidance of University Librarian Ann Hoang. Their collaborative leadership ensures that NJIT's publishing support is both forward-thinking and faculty-centered. Detailed information on eligible journals and author resources is maintained through the Library's dedicated [Open Access Publishing Research Guide](#).

In parallel, the Library continues to enhance the visibility of NJIT scholarship through the Faculty Publications Project. Spearheaded by Dr. Chatterjee, this project systematically migrates faculty-authored publications from Scopus into Digital Commons @ NJIT, the university's institutional repository, improving discoverability and long-term preservation.



The Library also leads outreach and education efforts throughout the year, including targeted programming during Open Access Week, including workshops and webinars on copyright, author rights, and open publishing provide faculty and graduate students with essential guidance for navigating today's complex publishing environment.

FALL 2024 FACULTY AND STAFF SURVEY

Faculty Survey Provides Positive Feedback and Areas to Grow

In fall 2024, NJIT Library conducted its inaugural Faculty and Staff survey. Surveys were distributed to 2,343 NJIT faculty and staff and 468 responded, resulting in a 20% response rate. Of the respondents, 165 were faculty or adjuncts and 303 were staff.

The survey assessed satisfaction with library resources and services. For resources, electronic resources received the highest satisfaction, with 65% of respondents reporting being extremely or very satisfied, and 24% moderately satisfied. Print resources received 60% extremely or very satisfied and 30% moderately satisfied. These numbers were comparable but slightly lower than similar responses in the fall 2023 Student Survey.

In terms of services, interlibrary loan (ILL) was highly rated, with 84% extremely or very satisfied. Finding research information also received strong approval, with 85% extremely or very satisfied.

Teaching support services were similarly well-regarded, with 81% extremely or very satisfied.

Open-ended comments highlighted several themes: staff, resources, services, spaces, and communication. Happily, the Library staff was regarded as an unqualified strength. Strengths in resources included the

"breadth of online databases and ease of remote access," but others requested improvements to the *"electronic catalog search"*.

Communication was an area for improvement, with one responder wanting the Library to *"Better communicate all of the wonderful services you provide."* NJIT Library will conduct its next Faculty and Staff Survey in spring 2026.

Faculty Survey → Strategic Improvements

1 Improve Catalog Access

Catalog usability enhanced through LibKey Nomad integration—Spring 2025



2 Improve Website

Website redesigned and refreshed—Summer 2025



3 Strengthen Research Communication

External faculty newsletter launched—September 2025



INFORMATION SERVICE DESK RENOVATION

In May 2025, the Van Houten Library’s old circulation desk was removed to make way for a modern, more efficient design. New power and data connections were installed to align with the position of the new desk, and the surrounding carpeting was replaced to freshen the space. The new desk was installed in June, offers a streamlined layout that better serves both patrons and staff.

These changes complemented earlier work that was completed in June 2024 in which a wall was erected between the Information Service Desk and the staff workstation areas. In total, the updated configuration freed up additional seating space for students, eliminated unused sections of the former service desk, and opened up nearby shelving for new casual book displays. The result is a brighter, more welcoming area that enhances customer service and community engagement.



Students line up at the old circulation desk during Fall 2024 finals week for free coffee and tea to fuel their studies.

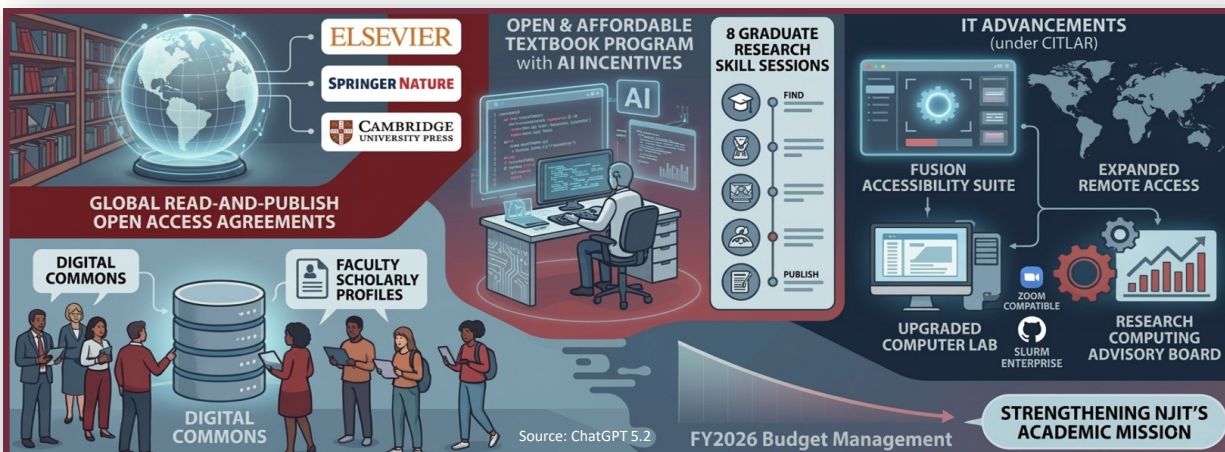


The new Information Service Desk, with an accessible lower desk, more outlets to reflect the technological needs of a modern library, and a library-branded wall to make the front desk more inviting.

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, LIBRARY AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES (CITLAR)

The Committee on Information Technology, Library and Academic Resources (CITLAR), a standing committee of the Faculty Senate co-chaired by Associate CIO for Advanced Research Computing Alex Pacheco and University Librarian Ann Hoang, made substantial progress during FY2025. The committee, which includes faculty representatives from all 18 academic departments along with students and administrative members, will adjust its meeting schedule from Thursday to Wednesday for AY2026 to better support faculty teaching commitments while advancing key initiatives.

The Library negotiated read-and-publish open access publishing agreements with various vendors, expanded borrowing privileges for all faculty, staff, and students, and launched the Faculty Publications initiative in Digital Commons. The revived Open and Affordable Textbook Program now includes incentives for AI integration and the new graduate student workshop series offers eight research skill sessions annually. As the library prepares for a budget reduction in FY2026, it demonstrates the importance of faculty participation in CITLAR's work supporting NJIT's academic mission.



The Information Services and Technology division implemented several advancements under CITLAR's guidance, including the Fusion accessibility software suite, expanded remote access to specialized software, and upgraded computer labs with Zoom-compatible technology. The transition to GitHub Enterprise and the creation of the Research Computing Advisory Board strengthened the alignment of research infrastructure with institutional priorities.

RESEARCH, ENGAGEMENT, AND ACCESS DEPARTMENT UPDATES

AI and Information Literacy Instruction

Over the course of the year, the NJIT Library's Research and Instruction Librarians began intentionally integrating artificial intelligence into their information literacy programming, enriching sessions and workshops for the NJIT community.

In the spring semester, Zoë Mooneyhan delivered a guest lecture for IS 350 on AI Ethics in Academic Research in which she leveraged Google Gemini to develop the lecture's core content, paying special attention to the relationship between AI and information literacy. Students participated in an open discussion where they identified ethical considerations of AI use in academic research as well as potential consequences. Michelle Kudelka also consulted AI tools to assist in the lesson planning process and



better understand how her students engage with them. During a literature review session for the McNair Scholars, she made sure to highlight how they could use AI when parsing through difficult material, but also clarifying the assistants' limitations.

Additionally, the librarians hosted interactive Lunch 'n' Learn sessions focused on exploring library databases featuring AI tools. Led by Jill

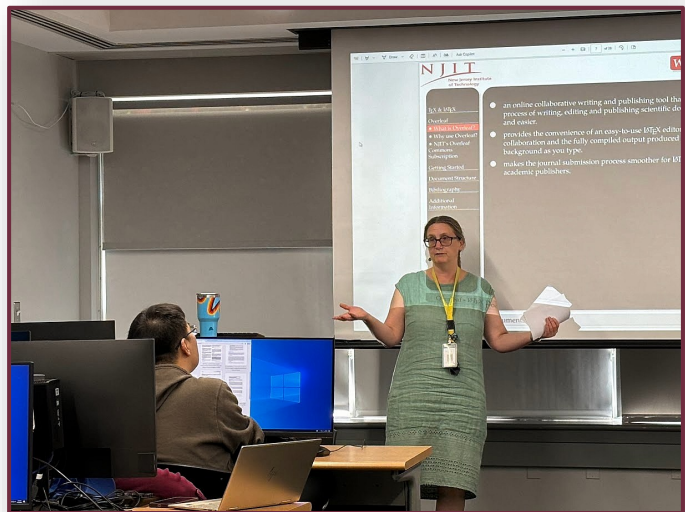
Lagerstrom and Bob Vietrogoski, one session trialing the Scopus AI Research Assistant allowed attendees to engage directly with a heretofore unavailable tool. Attendees demonstrated high engagement, expressing excitement to learn about the tools and actively discussing their potential applications in their academic and professional practices.

These initiatives underscore the Library's commitment to equipping students and faculty with the skills and critical understanding needed to navigate the evolving landscape of information, particularly concerning AI.

Graduate Studies Office Workshops Partnership

Jill Lagerstrom collaborated with Ester Flaim, Assistant Director of the Graduate Studies Office, to develop new library workshops aligned with important milestones along the path to the PhD. NJIT PhD students are not new to library research, but the NJIT Library is new to them. Librarians developed a “getting to know you workshop,” where students met their subject liaison librarian, learned about NJIT’s many support services such as interlibrary loan and research consultations from the “Top Ten Things You Should Know about NJIT Library”. The workshop ended with a tour to familiarize them with the Van Houten Library’s physical assets such as print collections, librarian offices, and study spaces.

Other workshops set students on the path to success by introducing them to citation management tools such as Zotero and EndNote. Moreover, they stress the importance of knowing and understanding disciplinary citation styles. Making these styles work with Overleaf, NJIT’s LaTeX editor of choice, is another important strategy for getting off on the right foot at the beginning of creating such a challenging technical document as a thesis, dissertation, or journal publication. To provide students with critical information at the time they need it, these workshops were provided in conjunction with the PhD First Review Workshops.



No PhD dissertation can be done without a literature review, so Jill Lagerstrom gave the workshop “Lit Reviews 3 Ways.” This workshop goes beyond the traditional literature review approach of just using keywords alone by incorporating the strategies of exploring funding and citation information and using GenAI to develop search strings. With these strategies, students can more effectively and efficiently complete this essential part of their thesis.

Visit the [Graduate Student Success Research Guide](#) to learn more about NJIT Library’s support for graduate student success.

Outreach Highlights



During FY2026, the Van Houten Library prioritized events that centered on student success, library resources, and supporting other student services offices and student organization events.

The Library participated in the Fall Involvement Fair and had a wonderful time getting to know students by passing out librarian zines and bookmarks. Librarians also participated the Homecoming Carnival where they quizzed students and their families on their literary knowledge to win prizes.

This was the second year NJIT Librarians participating in Open Access Week, and one of our highlights of the week was an informational panel held for faculty about transformative agreements and open access publishing. The Library held its first International Love Data week event, and enjoyed exploring the theme of “Whose Data is it Anyway?” with students in librarian-led events such as “RStudio Basics,” which were so popular that students asked for a follow-up event this upcoming year.



One of the yearly highlights is participating in the Anime Club’s Anime Con by bringing the Library’s Manga collection for students and community members to read throughout the day, and giving away special edition Anime Con library buttons and bookmarks. The Anime Club pulled off its largest event yet with higher attendance, even bringing in out-of-state attendees.

TECHNOLOGY, COLLECTIONS, & PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT UPDATES

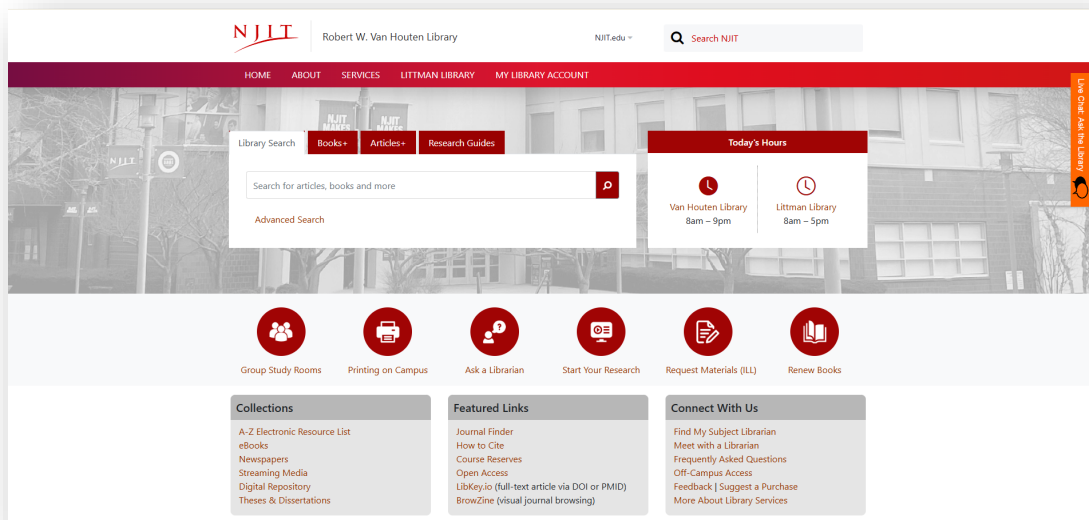
Expanding Borrowing Privileges for NJIT Patrons

The NJIT Library continued its commitment to improving services by expanding borrowing privileges for all patrons. Undergraduate students may borrow up to 50 items for 90 days, while graduate students, faculty, and staff may borrow up to 100 items for 180 days. These changes not only provide greater flexibility and support for research and learning but also align NJIT’s borrowing policies with those of peer institutions. The initiative reflects the Library’s dedication to meeting the evolving needs of the academic community.

Van Houten Library Website Redesign

Based on constructive feedback from the faculty and staff, a team of librarians redesigned the Van Houten Library website with the aim of improving user experience, accessibility, and discoverability. The redesign approach was centered on the user, incorporating usability testing, direct user feedback, and iterative design enhancements. These improvements focused on streamlined navigation, visual consistency, and direct access to core services.

Usability testing was structured around specific user tasks and goals, with a focus on key areas like search functionality, service access, and research support. The insights gained from this data-driven process were directly translated into actionable design decisions. This redesign demonstrates a strategic commitment to inclusive design, digital equity, and continuous improvement in support of academic success for our entire community.



Systems Procurement and Implementation



The Library implemented LibKey suite including LibKey Nomad, LibKey Discovery, LibKey Link, LibKey.io, and BrowZine to enhance discoverability. LibKey is an artificial intelligence-powered linking technology from Third Iron that optimizes access to library-licensed and open access journal articles. It enhances the user experience by minimizing the steps needed to access full-text content.

The Library adopted OpenAthens over a year ago to enhance and streamline access to our electronic resources and services. As part of this transition, we officially retired our EZProxy service at the end of FY2025. We now solely use OpenAthens authentication for all library services, including database access, interlibrary loan service, Alma/Primo, LibGuides, Canvas, etc.

Archives and Special Collections

The Library accepted a new collection of Weston Electrical Instrument documents and meters collected by the father of an alumnus. Some of the new collection pictured below:



Expanded Electronic Resource Collection

The Library significantly enriched its digital offerings by acquiring a diverse range of high-value electronic resources to support research and learning across disciplines. Newly added resources include:

- Newsbank (Star-Ledger)
- Kanopy Base Streaming Video
- Ulrichsweb
- Springer Nature E-books
- ACS Legacy Archives
- Springer Nature: CIGRE Green Books Collection
- Bloomsbury Design Library E-books
- MIT Press E-books Library
- IEEE-Wiley E-books Library
- IET Journals Archive

LITTMAN LIBRARY UPDATES

Littman Library remained focused on supporting education and research at the Hillier College of Architecture and Design (HCAD), fostering student success through inclusive programming, outreach, and personalized support.



The Library maintained a balance between expanding digital access and preserving the value of physical collections, adding over 500 new print titles. Print book funds continued to offer the highest use-to-cost efficiency.

Library statistics indicate strong engagement among HCAD students, with 83,372 visits—an increase of 7% compared to the previous year. Circulation of print materials rose by 58% over the same period. E-book usage was also significant, with four of the five most-used e-books at NJIT related to architecture.

Information literacy instruction has been central to library services, with 54 assignment-focused sessions integrated into studios and coursework. Librarians also provided targeted support for graduate students through Tea with PhDs, research consultations, and comprehensive reference services. The Digital Archive of Newark Architecture (DANA) migrated to an Omeka open source platform and continued to be a vital resource for HCAD disciplines.

Externally funded cultural programming enriched academic experience and fostered creativity.

Highlights included exhibitions *Traversing the Digital Landscape* and *People, Places, Food, and Flowers: Making Photographs 2025*, the concert *Sounds of the Sky*, performances by the Thillana group, and book presentations by Darius Sollohub and Matthew Shaw. The Library also offered book displays, trivia, Tea with Alumni, and Paint Your Tote Bag events. Monthly newsletters enhanced communication with patrons, while participating in Bring Your Child to Work Day and other NJIT initiatives strengthened ties with the broader community.



STAFF NEWS

New Hires and Departures



**Anelia Chatterjee, Ed.D.,
Open Access and Scholarly Communications Librarian**

Dr. Anelia (Annie) Chatterjee joined the NJIT Library in August 2024 as the Open Access and Scholarly Communications Librarian. Dr. Chatterjee brings more than a decade of experience as Head of the West Essex Campus Library at Essex County College. She also has prior experience as an Information Specialist at Deutsche Bank in New York. She holds an Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership from Rowan

University, Master's degrees in Library and Information Science from Pratt Institute and Sofia University, and multiple professional certificates in open pedagogy, copyright law, and online teaching.



**Bob Vietrogoski
Research and Instruction Librarian**

Bob Vietrogoski joined the NJIT Library team in August 2024 as a Research and Instruction Librarian. His previous position was as the Special Collections Librarian in the History of Medicine at UMDNJ / Rutgers University. Bob earned a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Maryland, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Yale University.



**Michelle Kudelka
Student Success Librarian**

Michelle joined the NJIT Library team in January 2025 as the Student Success Librarian and Humanities and Social Sciences liaison. She previously worked as a librarian at two 2-year colleges and a public library in Central Florida. She earned her MSI from Florida State University and her BS in Sociology with a Certificate of Behavioral Forensics from University of Central Florida.



**Aaron Crandall,
Electronic Resources Librarian**

Aaron Crandall joined the NJIT Library in June 2025 as the Electronic Resources Librarian. Prior to joining NJIT, he worked in the scientific library at Merck in West Point, PA. Aaron holds a Master of Science in Library and Information Science (M.L.I.S.) from University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Utica University.

The NJIT Library bid farewell to three staff members this year. Jennifer King (Electronic Resources Librarian), Tyvonnia Braxton (Library Assistant I—Data Collection) and Lisa Lakomy (Library Assistant I), departed to pursue new professional opportunities.

CELEBRATING OUR STAFF



Ann D. Hoang
University Librarian

- Served on Committee on Information Technology, Library & Academic Resources (CITLAR, Co-Chair), Provost Leadership Committee, Academic Leadership Committee, Faculty Senate, CEIE's Inaugural Artificial Intelligence (AI) Working Group, Student Success Nexus Committee, Committee on Information Systems and Digital Transformation, Anne Wiley Undergraduate Women Scholarship Selection Committee, NJIT's AAPI-ERG Executive and Advisory Boards, Clarivate Rapido Implementation Team (Sponsor), Advisor to NJIT's Vietnamese Student Association, and participated in an sponsored the Work Wise Labs "*Empowering Leadership for a Thriving NJIT Library Management Team*".
- State and Regional Committees: Served on the Open Textbook Collaborative NJ Grant Project, LibraryLinkNJ's Technology Advisory Group (L-TAG), VALE Strategic Planning Committee and Past Chair and Co-Treasurer of the VALE Executive Committee.
- Conferences and Workshops: Presented on Digital Commons support for Open Access with M. Brown and A. Chatterjee for Open Access Week (October 2024), attended the New Jersey Academic Library Conference (Middlesex College, January 2025), Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference (Minneapolis, April 2025), and LibraryLinkNJ's TechFest 2025 (Monroe Public Library, April 2025).



John Kromer
Associate University Librarian for Research & Engagement

- Named a Fellow of the Special Libraries Association (SLA)
- Served on AAAS/*Science* Library Advisory Board; SLA Nominating Committee; SLA Governing Policies, Documents, and Bylaws Subcommittee; ACRL Appointments Committee; ACRL Conference Scholarships Committee; ACRL Virtual Conference Committee; SLA PAM Bulletin Co-Editor; SLA PAM Partnership Support Working Group (Chair); Committee on Undergraduate Education, JHCSLA GER Assessment Committee; GER Assessment Subcommittee of CUE; Alma/Primo Committee; Library Website Team; Library Finance Team; LibGuide Team; CITLAR
- Conferences: SLA Annual Conference (Pittsburgh, June 2025), ACRL Virtual Conference, New Jersey Academic Librarians Conference (Middlesex College, January 2025)



Gordon Xu
Associate University Librarian for Collections & Information Technology

- Served on Alma/Primo Management Committee, CITLAR, Library Website Development Committee, New Jersey Academic Library Network (NJALN) Systems/Analytics Committee, NJALN Discovery/UX Committee
- Obtained the "*Strategy Execution for Public Leadership*" certificate from Harvard University
- Select Conferences: and Workshops: SUNYLA Midwinter Virtual Conference (2024) and Institute for Teaching Excellence (ITE) Workshop (2023)



**Richard Donegan,
Director of Library Operations**

- Served on the Library Staff Retreat Planning Committee 2025 (Chair), NJAL Access Services Committee, LLNJ DEI Committee, NJIT Library AI Task Force, VALE Pod-Rapido Implementation Program Team
- Conferences: “Library Workplace Morale: The Renewals Colloquium,” LLNJ (September 2024); New Jersey Academic Libraries Conference (January 2025); “Just Cause: Practicing Inclusive Leadership for Social Impact,” LLNJ (March 2025); Safe Zone Training, Office of Inclusive Excellence (March 2025)
- Presentations: “AI In-Service” (November 2024); “AI In-Service II” (December 2024)



**Maya Gervits
Director of the Littman Library**

- Publications: “The Richelieu Lyceum Project by August de Montferrand,” *Architectural Histories*
- Presentations: “The Role of Libraries in Fostering Student Success: The Library as a Hub for Academic and Holistic Development,” NJLA Annual Conference (January 2025)
- Served on Association of Architecture School Librarians (AASL) Professional Development Committee (Chair), Hillier College of Architecture and Design (HCAD) Faculty Library Committee (Chair), Steering Committee of the New Jersey Digital Humanities Consortium, Advisor for NJIT Thillana Group
- Conferences: AASL Annual Conference in New Orleans (March 2025), NJAL Conference (January 2025)



**Matthew Brown
Archivist & Digital Initiatives Librarian**

- Served on NJLA CUS/ACRL Technology Committee
- Presented on Digital Commons support for Open Access with A. Hoang and A. Chatterjee for Open Access Week (October 2024)
- Attended New Jersey Academic Libraries Conference (January 2025)



**Kennedy Jones III
Architecture, Art and Design Librarian**

- Served on Alma/Primo Committee, CITLAR, and Education Sub-Committee of the professional development committee of the Art Libraries Society of North America
- Attended the Association of Architecture School Libraries Annual Conference, New Orleans, March 2025; New Jersey Academic Libraries (NJAL) Conference, January 10, 2025.
- Presentations: “Benefits of Tangible Instructional Resources” (poster), and “Building an Internal Newsletter: Bringing the Team Together,” NJAL Conference, Edison, NJ, January 2025.



Annie Chatterjee, Ed.D.,

Open Access and Scholarly Communications Librarian

- Served on AI in the Library Task Force (Chair), NJIT Lecturers and Educators Congress (LEC), NJIT University Senate, NJIT CEIE Advisory Board, NJIT Digital Badges Working Group, NJIT AI Teaching and Learning Working Group, NJIT Library Website Committee, NJIT Library Electronic Resources Librarian Search Committee
- Awarded the Center for Educational Innovation and Excellence (CEIE) Tier 1: [Learning with AI Spark Grant](#)
- Conferences: New Jersey Academic Libraries Conference (January 2025)
- Earned a certificate for collaboration in the EDUCAUSE Leadership Series: 8 Dimensions of AI Literacies (June 2025); was accepted into the OEN Open Pedagogy Certificate Program with the University of Minnesota (begun January 2025)
- Presentations: "Exploring AI Tools for Academic Libraries," NJAL Conference (January 2025); "How to Use AI in the Classroom," NJ AI Vanguard Grants Workshop at NJIT (June 2025); "Open Pedagogy Strategies for CS Courses," [OEN Open Pedagogy Symposium](#) (April 2025), in collaboration with Dr. Eren Canan



Jill Lagerstrom

Research & Instruction Librarian

- Presentation: "Where's the librarian? Humanizing asynchronous online learning at NJIT Library," with Zoe Mooneyhan and Bob Vietrogoski. 2025 New Jersey Academic Libraries Conference (NJAL), Middlesex College, Edison, NJ, January 10, 2025
- Conferences: ELD The Gathering Virtual Conference (Engineering Librarians Division, American Society of Engineering Education), February 12-13, 2025; American Society of Engineering Education Conference & Exposition, Montreal, Canada, June 22-25, 2025.
- Served on Committee for Graduate Education, Student Success Librarian Search Committee, Student Success Nexus Service Delivery, NJIT Writing Program Committee, Committee on Information Technology, Library and Academic Resources (CITLAR)



Luci Parrish

Library Access Services and Outreach Coordinator

- Presentation: "Bringing Newark to Students and Students into Newark" with Zoe Mooneyhan. Diversity & Outreach Unconference, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, October 2024; "Building an Internal Newsletter," 2025 New Jersey Academic Libraries Conference, Middlesex College, Edison, NJ, January 2025
- Served on the Montclair University Global Center on Human Trafficking Library Advisory Council and the Anne Wiley Undergraduate Women Scholarship Selection Committee
- Conferences: Attended the Diversity & Outreach Unconference (October 2024); NJAL Conference (January 2025)



Lisa Weissbard

Cataloging and Metadata Librarian

- Served on Bibliographic Control and Metadata Committee of the NJLA College & University section (Chair); Alma/Primo Committee; Library Finance Team; Electronic Resource Librarian Search Committee
- Attended NJAL Conference (January 2025), SUNYLA virtual conference (February 2025), Ex Libris Users of North America conference in Atlanta (June 2025), Ex Libris Northeast Users Group Conference (October 2024)



Zoë Mooneyhan

Research & Instruction Librarian

- Presentations: "Petri Net? 'Phylogenetic Diversity?': Collection Development through Data Analysis Using R." 2025 NYC STEM Info Professionals Mini Conference, Barnard College, NYC, March 20, 2025; "Building an Internal Newsletter." 2025 New Jersey Academic Libraries Conference, Middlesex College, Edison, NJ, January 2025; "Bringing Newark to Students and Students into Newark." 2024 Diversity & Outreach Unconference, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, October 2024.
- Attended the Diversity & Outreach Unconference (October), NJAL Conference (January), STEM Info Professionals Mini Conference (March), Code4lib (March)
- Served on the Teaching, Learning, and Technology (TLT) Committee, CITLAR, IEEE Customer Advisory Council, Staff Retreat Planning Committee, Library Website Committee, LibGuide Revamp Committee (Chair), NJIT Library AI Task Force, Library Assistant I search committee



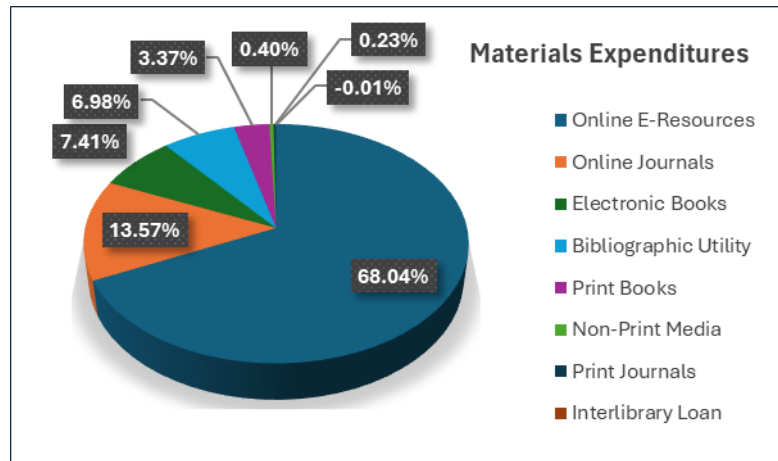
Bob Vietrogoski

Research & Instruction Librarian

- Presentations: "Where's the librarian? Humanizing asynchronous online learning at NJIT Library," with Jill Lagerstrom and Zoë Mooneyhan, 2025 New Jersey Academic Libraries Conference (NJAL), Middlesex College, Edison, NJ, January 2025; "Dr. Harrison Martland—Newark's Sherlock Holmes?", NJIT Forensic Seminar Series, February 2025
- Member of the Librarians, Archivists, and Museum Professionals in the History of the Health Sciences (LAMPHHS); Co-Editor of The Watermark: Newsletter of Librarians, Archivists, and Museum Professionals in the History of the Health Sciences (ISSN 1553-7641); Medical History Society of New Jersey (Newsletter Editor, Program Coordinator, and Treasurer); New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance (Committee Member); Stellhorn & Waldron New Jersey Studies Student Awards

STRATEGIC COLLECTION INVESTMENTS & OUTCOMES

The Library materials expenditures prioritize online full-text electronic resources (82%), ensuring broad access to research materials that support NJIT’s teaching and research mission. Electronic books (8%) and bibliographic utilities and networks (7%) further expand discovery and access. Limited spending on print formats reflects a strategic shift toward scalable, digital-first collections.



LIBRARY RESOURCES	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Institutional Repositories Items	31,549	33,328	33,939	36,469	43,935
Online Journal Titles	107,412	200,063	248,059	117,906	255,884
Print Journal Titles	52	54	54	54	53
Multimedia Items	80,569	80,573	80,572	169,045	183,427
Online E-Resources (Databases)	52	119	170	198	217
Electronic Book Items	238,673	256,771	274,778	309,694	411,239
Print Book Items	223,259	212,540	213,163	212,456	209,701

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Van Houten: Total Visits Per Year	38,867	255,720	*	258,678	350,316
Van Houten: Average Hours Open Per Week	73.5	109	109	111	109
Van Houten: Total Group Study Room Borrowed	2,300	12,341	12,026	13,409	14,061
Littman: Total Visits Per Year	10,527	74,756	91,919	78,038	83,317
Littman: Average Hours Open Per Week	52	72	72	72	72
Circulation of Book Collection (All formats)	37,051	31,838	33,901	**79,566	69,450
Interlibrary Loan: Materials Borrowed	1,045	1,609	1,657	1,422	1,103
Interlibrary Loan: Materials Loaned	1,443	1,610	1,442	1,171	1,297
Interlibrary Loan: Document Delivery	736	968	767	427	290
Institutional Repositories: Items Accessed	249,079	276,127	300,972	450,644	529,961
Presentations and Workshops Provided	144	176	216	176	187
Equipment Loaned (Laptops, chargers, etc.)	N/A	N/A	5,197	6,088	5,205
Full-Text Online Materials: Accessed/Downloaded	467,527	670,972	677,393	**534,341	665,798
Pages Printed from the NJIT Library	N/A	N/A	1,501,904	1,488,121	1,270,978

*The Van Houten security gate was inoperative during FY2023 and data was not collected. ** Revised technical errors

ABOUT THE NJIT LIBRARY

Leadership Team

University Librarian—Ann Hoang
Associate University Librarian for REA—John Kromer
Associate University Librarian for TCP—Gordon Xu
Director of Library Operations—Richard Donegan
Director of Littman Library—Maya Gervits
Business Manager—Lucy Velez

Research, Engagement, and Access (REA) Department

Head: John Kromer

Resource Sharing Head: Richard Donegan

Open Access and Scholarly Communications Librarian—
Annie Chatterjee

Student Success Librarian—Michelle Kudelka

Research and Instruction Librarian—Jill Lagerstrom

Research and Instruction Librarian—Zoë Mooneyhan

Research and Instruction Librarian—Bob Vietrogoski

Access Services and Outreach Coordinator—Luci Parrish

Library Assistant—Rhonda Greene-Carter

Library Assistant I—Tanika People

Technology, Collections, and Preservation (TCP) Department

Head: Gordon Xu

Archivist and Digital Initiatives Librarian—Matthew Brown

Cataloging and Metadata Librarian—Lisa Weissbard

Electronic Resources Librarian—Aaron Crandall

Senior Information Technology Librarian—Sayed Hassan

Library Assistant I—Michael Costante

Library Assistant II—Aron Nemeth

Library Assistant III—Jacquelyn Rock

Littman Library

Head: John Kromer

Architecture, Art, and Design Head: Maya Gervits

Architecture, Art, & Design Librarian—Kennedy Jones III

Library Assistant I—Cherron Bradshaw

For Your Information

Van Houten Library

<http://library.njit.edu>

Littman Library

<http://archlib.njit.edu>

Van Houten Library Hours

<http://library.njit.edu/hours>

Littman Library Hours

<http://archlib.njit.edu/aboutus/hours>

Interlibrary Loan & Document Delivery

<http://researchguides.njit.edu/interlibraryloan>

Special Collections

<https://library.njit.edu/collections>

Digital Commons Repository

<https://digitalcommons.njit.edu>

Annual Reports

<https://digitalcommons.njit.edu/libraryreports>

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