Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC)
Library Acquisition Plan for the Library Remodel
2013-2014

Background

The library will move from temporary quarters to a newly remodeled space in the summer, 2014. The library has been allocated an additional $250,000 of its annual $50,000 for library materials from the LASC Bond Program’s Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment budget in order to equip the library adequately with current collections for its new space.

This plan aligns itself with the general collection development framework presented in the LASC Library Collection Development Policy. Title V, Section 58724, Table 1, “Tables of Minimum Standards for Libraries and Media Centers,” requires that a college with FTES of this size maintain 60,000 volumes in print titles on its shelves. Further, in the Principles and Performance Indicators section of the Association of College and Research Libraries’ (ACRL) Standards for Libraries in Higher Education it recommends, “Libraries provide access to collections sufficient in quality, depth, diversity, format, and currency to support the research and teaching missions of the institution.” The following plan seeks to align itself with the Title V and ACRL Guidelines so that the library will provide adequate, appropriate, and current materials to students, faculty and staff subsequent to its move into the remodeled library space.

Allocation of $250,000 for Library materials

Criteria

The following criteria will guide the acquisition priorities and allocation of funding across the programs/disciplines:

- Review of course outlines and ongoing consultation with faculty; with primary emphasis on disciplines and courses requiring outside, library-based research for papers, presentations, etc.
- Examination of the needs of new or revised programs. This will include Reading, Education, Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Journalism, Child Development, and Theater Arts
- Examination of information on topics most frequently requested by students during reference interactions or most frequently requested during information competency instruction sessions/workshops; emphasis on current topics
- Review of the list of 644 books by title and by Library of Congress Classification (LCC) number; it provides a snapshot of books owned by the library with publication dates of 2007 or later. This will inform librarian and faculty discussions about what is currently in the collection and what needs to be added
- Review of subject content already available in periodicals (i.e. magazines, journals, newspapers) databases
• Review of format (print, electronic, multimedia) for library materials.
• Reference materials that support the disciplines
• Data on enrollment trends by discipline

Books will be purchased in the subjects/ discipline areas listed below. The Library will also purchase multimedia materials (DVDs and Streaming video) and textbooks for the Reserves collection as well.

• Political Science
• Sociology
• Anthropology
• Education
• Reading
• Music
• Popular Magazines Collection*
• Environmental Science
• Theater Arts
• Sciences (eg. Biology, Chemistry)
• Humanities
• African American & Hispanic Special Collections
• Child Development
• Accounting
• Business/Management
• Nursing
• Languages
• English Literature
• Computer Science, Technology (CSIT)
• Psychology
• History
• Journalism
• Law
• Mathematics
• ESL
• ASL
• Engineering
• Art
• Administration of Justice