

Adlai College Library, Summative Report

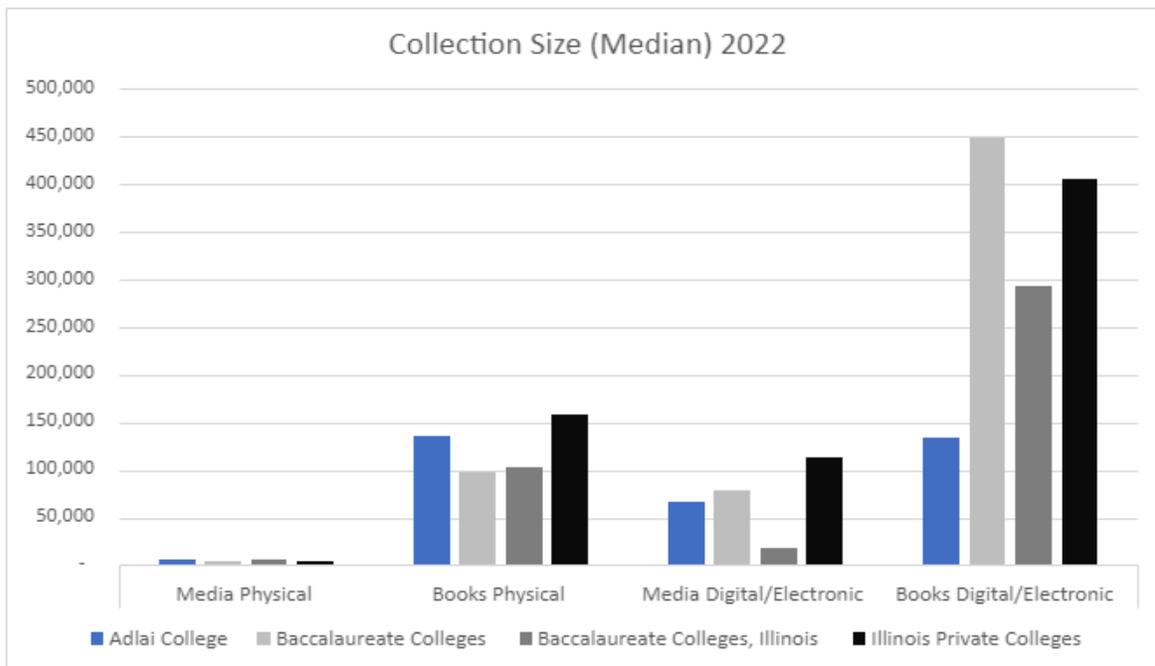
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The goal of this evaluation was to identify collection strengths and weaknesses within the Adlai College Library (ACL). Specifically looking to compare physical and digital materials, the following report is created from both quantitative and qualitative data gathered by ACL staff.

At a Glance

- Overall, Adlai students reported high levels of satisfaction with library services
- The vast majority of our students prefer digital resources while a growing minority enjoy the physical collection
- On average, ACL has less digital materials and more physical materials than other, similar college libraries



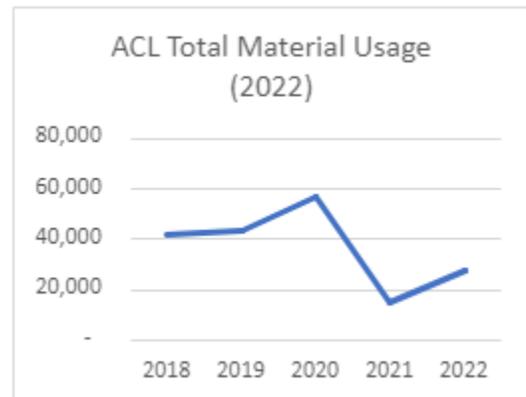
Recommendations

- Focus attention and budget on increasing the number of digital books available
 - Secondary emphasis on digital materials, generally
- Audit the physical collection
 - Thoroughly weed collection, removing old materials
 - Substantially limit purchasing of physical books

Success and Opportunities

Usage trends show an almost 100% increase in total usage of Adlai College Library services from FY2021 to FY2022. While this seemingly blows the other college libraries out of the water, jumps like these are expected for the next few years as ACL regains momentum post-pandemic.

Student appreciation for digital resources matches data from libraries around the country: students need up-to-date, easily accessible, digital resources in order to do their best in class—regardless of program or field of study.



A small but growing minority of Adlai students use our physical collection. Most students, however, have complaints about these items being old, filled with now-useless information.

Stakeholders

Although students are at the forefront of our collection development strategy, there are many more stakeholders to think of, including staff and faculty members. Any changes made within the collection, such as investing more in digital items, has the strong possibility of affecting their chosen class resources.

Other stakeholders include, but are not limited to:

- Adlai College Board of Trustees
- Adlai College Library donors, who will receive collection development updates in their monthly newsletter
- Students, staff, and faculty at colleges within the same resource sharing system as ACL

Looking toward FY2023

It is important to keep in mind *all* libraries are working to get back to the pre-pandemic levels of programs and services usage.

As the collection development recommendations are implemented, it will remain important to gather appropriate quantitative and qualitative data about student interactions with new materials, digital or physical.