

**Report from the
University Library Board
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Removal of Duplicate Books

20,000 duplicate copies of books are being removed from the collections. They were chosen by circulation and the availability of additional copies. Space has been made available in the compact shelving area on the lower level for faculty to peruse and take the duplicates for their personal use.

Library Facts

The gate count for library use in 2011/12 was over one million and the SJSU ebook circulation was over 800,000.

Affordable Learning Solutions

Use of ebooks as texts continues to increase. Once the library receives the textbook list, it is compared to the list of ebooks available through the library. The list is then posted on the library website under Quick Links. The departments are also notified of the availability of the ebook texts so that information can be shared with students on the course syllabi.

Student Learning and Research Commons

The new SJSU Learning and Research Commons held its grand opening on January 30. Student surveys led to the creation of a space on the mezzanine of the library with natural lighting and comfortable group spaces containing tables, desks and rolling white boards. Students can also check out iPads and laptop computers there.

Research Foundation Direct Cost

The ULB has sent a letter to the Research Foundation requesting that they consider restoring the line item for indirect costs for the library. This funding was suspended in 2006 and the library has seen its costs increase as its funding decreases. It was pointed out that research could not happen without the resources of the library.