


Auburn University Libraries' Materials Budget 2011


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Overview

- ✓ Two years ago, the committee learned that the Libraries needed to cut 5% from material's budget
- ✓ We also learned that the Libraries had not been filling positions and instead directed funds towards materials
- ✓ Stimulus funds are supporting materials this year, but they will expire



Auburn Libraries' Primary Users


Undergraduate Students

- Physical facilities like the Learning Commons


Faculty and Graduate Students

- Access to Journals and Books for teaching and research
- Funded by Libraries' Materials Budget

Learning Commons, Miller Writing Center, Study Partners



Recent improvements largely funded by an endowment from EBSCO



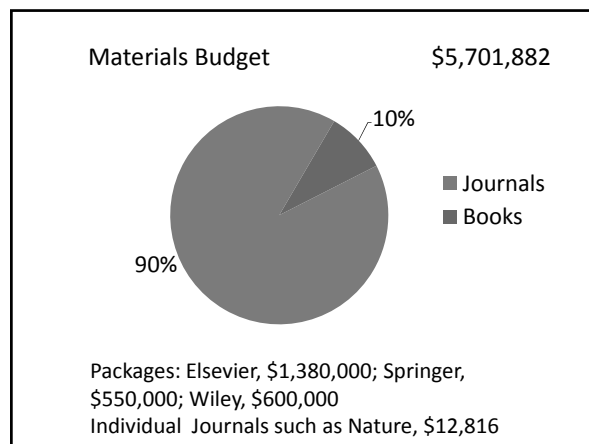
Auburn Libraries' Materials Budget 2009/2010

\$5,701,882

We are a Member of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL)

- ✓ Limited to research institutions, Carnegie Classification of High or Very High Research Activity and who demonstrate a sustained institutional commitment to the Library over time
- ✓ Of 114 member Libraries, Auburn ranked 110th in the size of its Materials Budget
- ✓ Our budget is comparatively modest

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Sources for Materials Budget 2009/2010

\$5,701,882 Total Budget

\$4,321,882 State Funds

\$1,380,000 Stimulus Funds*

***Temporary, will expire this year (saved Library from having another round of cuts in 2010/2011)**

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Libraries' Contribution to State Funds

For the past decade, the Library has not filled open positions to direct salary savings to the materials budget.

Total libraries' professional and support staff:
1995 – 150
2009 – 90

60 positions lost – staff reduction of 40%

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Additional Cost Saving Measures

Fiscal Year 2009/2010

- 1) Libraries canceled 5% of journal subscriptions totaling \$250,000. (close to cutting significant Journals)

and


- 2) Book expenditures were decreased by 37%, from \$826,193 to \$518,171.

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Where Things Stand

- ✓ The Library can no longer reduce staff positions in order to supplement the material's budget
- ✓ Journal subscription fees including the costs of 'packages' and books continue to increase
- ✓ With loss of stimulus funds, the Library will have to resort to something as drastic as canceling a major Journal package (example, Science Direct from Elsevier)


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Consequences of Significant Drop in Material's Budget

- ✓ Major loss of Journal subscriptions
- ✓ Further reduction in book purchases
- ✓ An increase in Interlibrary Loan Requests
 - Delay in getting articles
 - Not always successful

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What Is Needed

- ✓ Auburn University Libraries already has a comparatively small materials budget
- ✓ The Library has already substantially cut its resources to maintain the materials budget
- ✓ With stimulus funds expiring, Libraries needs an immediate and permanent \$1.5 million cash infusion to avoid having to cancel more journals and other content this year
- ✓ A 5% increase/year to account for inflation
- ✓ These steps will maintain the status quo, **not** a request to increase staff numbers or enhance materials

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Resolution to AU Senate

RESOLUTION
AUBURN UNIVERSITY SENATE

WHEREAS, All missions of the University rely on resources provided by the Libraries and;

WHEREAS, the Libraries' materials budget (journals and books) has remained stable because the Library has redirected its internal resources towards its support and;

WHEREAS, without additional budgetary support, the Libraries will be forced to make further, more severe cuts in the material's budget, Now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn University Senate supports the Libraries' request for new permanent, ongoing funding to be used to support price increases in the materials budget and needed new research materials.