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Proving our worth: using annual reports to engage with academics

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Background to project

- Needed to change from text-based to visual reports
- Coincides with academic restructure in September 2016
- A method of presenting a wide range of data and statistics

Academic Librarians' Annual Report

School of Cultural Studies and Humanities

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August 2016



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Creating the new reports

- Piktochart graphic summary
- Unfamiliar software: harder for the team to learn how to use
- Free version doesn't allow you to save as PDF, only as an image



Academic Librarians' Annual Report Summary 2016 School of Cultural Studies and Humanities







2015-16 School Expenditure



Books/eBooks/AV(43.39%) Journals(39.28%)

Databases(17.32%)



Expenditure on books and eBooks, included £9,400 awarded to support the resourcing of new courses and modules and in response to NSS



New eJournal for this School: Journal of Tourism History

New shared resources:
- Cambridge eBooks
- Kanopy PDA videos
- Statista

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Ejournals with the most article downloads in 2015

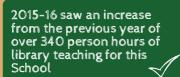


Digital Literacy











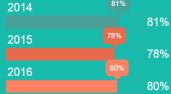
National Student Survey Results for 2015-16





Student Satisfaction Survey

Results



Media, Communication, Cultures History English Literature English and History

Resource Lists

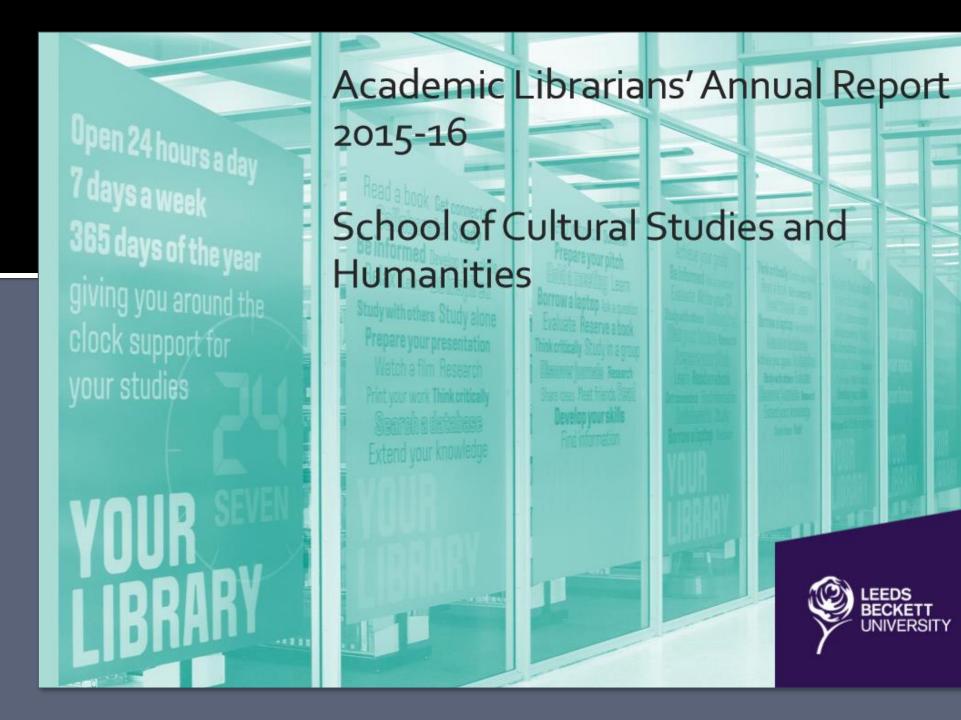


No. of items on lists:

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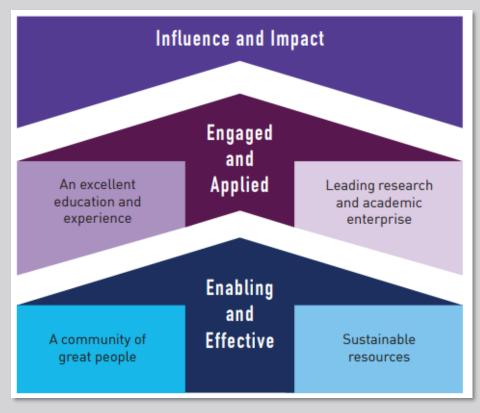
Using PowerPoint

- Created a blank template for colleagues to populate
- Restrict the colours and fonts for a consistent look
- Add tables and boxes to highlight key information
- Inbuilt chart tool easily creates simple charts to illustrate statistics
- Easy to move text and graphics around page
- Slides saved as PDFs for dissemination as a printed report



What we now include

- Statistics and data from different areas of the library, presented in a meaningful way
- Tied in to the University's Strategic Aims
- An opportunity to highlight challenges as well as strengths



Statistics, statistics and more statistics

An Excellent Education and Experience

- Teaching statistics (no. of sessions / students / hours / feedback)
- Skills for Learning workshops / tutorials / feedback
- No. of students received library disability support

Sustainable Resources

- New resource purchases
- Beckett Books Extra & PDA purchases
- eJournal usage
- No. of reading lists inputted, no. items bought & usage figures
- LibGuide subject page views

- Digitisation requests
- Portal usage
- National Student Survey & International Student Barometer scores

Leading Research and Academic Enterprise

- Research output / OA compliance / Symplectic logins / ORCiDs / Altmetrics
- PhD support

A Community of Great People

- Academic liaison meetings & feedback
- Staff training attendance
- New staff inductions
- Twitter interactions

Feedback received

"As ever, the Library is offering great support for students and colleagues – and I really like the format of the report."

Dean of the School of Cultural

Studies & Humanities

"Really well delivered and interesting information. Well done."

Learning Support Manager School of Art, Architecture & Design

"Great report with easy to read graphics!" Head of Landscape Architecture "That's a really useful report. Many thanks."

Principal Lecturer School of Art, Architecture & Design

Future of the reports

- More cross-team collaboration in compiling statistics all year-round
- Even more tailored to the individual Schools' identities



Libraries & Learning Innovation
Annual Report for School of
Cultural Studies & Humanities
2016-17





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Film, Music & Performing Arts
2016-17





Any questions?

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