

Section Header	Description
Chicago State University (CSU), Gwendolyn Brooks Library (GBL)	State-funded public 4-year university; undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs; includes a College of Arts & Sciences, a College of Health Sciences, a College of Business, a College of Education, and a College of Pharmacy
Institution Characteristics	FTE enrollment: 3,000 FTE library staff: 20
CARLI Counts Participant Name + Job Title	Joanna Kolendo, Reference, Instruction, & E-Resources Librarian
Project Name/Title	Assessment of Literature, Philosophy, & Religion Collections at Gwendolyn Brooks Library (GBL)
Single Sentence Abstract	Gwendolyn Brooks Library assessed the circulation of its Philosophy, Religion, and Literature collections from 2012 to 2018 and noted if circulation was impacted by its declining enrollment.
Motivation(s) for Project	<p>It has been some time since the print and media collections have been assessed. With declining collection budgets and enrollment numbers, GBL elected to select three collections to assess in order to demonstrate how these collections are used and if enrollment had any impact on use.</p> <p>Ultimate aim was to demonstrate that despite the fact that CSU has fewer students, students still need a certain level of resources to use in all disciplines to support their studies.</p>
Partners and Stakeholders	Martin Kong, System Librarian Gabrielle Toth, Chair of GBL
Inquiry Question	In general, what was the circulation of the philosophy, religion, and literature collections, and does enrollment impact the circulation of the philosophy, religion, and literature of the print and media collections?
Study Participants/Population	<p>This study dealt with GB Library's collections, specifically the Philosophy, Religion, and Literature sections. It reviewed the following number of volumes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Philosophy titles: 5,670 2. Religion titles 5,533 3. Literature titles 50,702 <p>This included media and circulating titles. Titles included were in the following Library of Congress classification call numbers: Religion - BL, BM, BP, BQ, BR, BS, BT, BV, BX</p>

	<p>Philosophy - B, BC, BD, BH, BJ Literature - P, PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, PH, PJ, PK, PM, PN, PQ, PR, PS, PT, PZ</p>
<p>Method(s) of Data Collection and Analysis</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Looked at the collections in the following call numbers: Religion - BL, BM, BP, BQ, BR, BS, BT, BV, BX Philosophy - B, BC, BD, H, BJ English - P, PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, PH, PJ, PK, PM, PN, PQ, PR, PS, PT, PZ <p>Circulation Statistics in all of these areas were obtained and provided by the Systems Librarian, Martin Kong. These circulation statistics were presented by year from 2012 to 2018.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Second part of the analysis was to look at the enrollment numbers at https://www.csu.edu/IER/factbooks.htm. Looked at the FTE for 2012 to 2018. 3. Compared the circulation statistics against enrollment numbers.
<p>Findings</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chicago State University's Full-Time Student Enrollment declined from 2012 to 2018 by 2,364 students. There was a small rise from 2014 to 2015 of 607 students, followed by a decrease of 919 students in 2016. 2. CSU has a number of literature courses and offers the undergraduate English major, MA in English and MFA in Creative Writing. The GBL Literature Collection is made up of 50,702 titles. With the exception of 2017 when there was an increase of 113 volumes circulated from 2016, when there was a large drop of 238 volumes from 2015, circulation of the Literature Collection decreased alongside enrollment. 3. Philosophy classes are offered by CSU, but Philosophy is neither a major nor a minor at this institution. The Philosophy Collection consists of 5,670 volumes. This collection does not appear to be tied at all to the decline in enrollment. For instance, the lowest enrollment in 2018 of 2,394 had the third highest circulation of Philosophy volumes of 55. 4. Religion is not offered as a major, minor, nor are Religion courses offered. However, Religious topics are often researched for Speech, English, and Philosophy classes. The Religion Collection contains 5,533 titles. This collection also does not appear to be directly impacted by enrollment, though usage did

	<p>decrease.</p> <p>5. In general, although not conclusively, the Literature Collection appears to be impacted by enrollment, but the small Religion and Philosophy collections appear to not be impacted by enrollment. There might be some impact on the Religion Collection in its decrease in use in 2016, but there is no conclusive pattern, and in the Philosophy Collection there is no decreasing pattern at all.</p>
Use of Findings	Findings will be shared with the Library Chair and other Librarians to see if there is any feedback on the spending for these collections.
Next Steps and Other Results	1) J. Kolendo will make the recommendation that other collections are similarly assessed for funding and selection purposes.
Additional Reflections	This study provided the first assessment of CSU's Humanities Collections in over eight years. It may be the basis for other assessment of library collections.
Timeline	<p>February 19-21 2019: CARLI Counts Session I</p> <p>July 15-17: CARLI Counts Session II</p> <p>October 25-30: Circulation Data Requested and Obtained</p> <p>November 12: Circulation Data by Year Requested and Obtained</p> <p>December 20-23: Total Volumes in Philosophy, Religion, and Literature Collections Obtained</p> <p>Early to Mid-January 2020: Report Compiled</p>
Bibliography/Works Consulted	
Appendices	<p>Appendix A – (Table 1: Yearly Circulation by Subject & Table 2: Circulation Changes from Year to Year)</p> <p>Appendix B – Philosophy, Religion, Literature Circulation & Student Enrollment, 2012 -2018</p>

APPENDIX A (Table 1 & Table 2)

Table 1: Yearly Circulation by Subject

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Literature	280	325	212	450	469	599	724
Religion	58	51	53	76	85	106	96
Philosophy	55	55	24	62	54	49	89
Full Student Enrollment	2264	2394	2715	3634	3027	3590	4628

Table 2: Circulation Changes from Year to Year

	2017 to 2018	2016 to 2017	2015 to 2016	2014 to 2015	2013 to 2014	2012 to 2013	2012 to 2018
Literature	-45	113	-238	-19	-130	-125	-444
Religion	7	-2	-23	-9	-21	10	-38
Philosophy	0	31	-38	8	5	-40	-34
Full Student Enrollment	-130	-321	-919	-607	-563	-1038	-2364

Appendix B: Chart: Philosophy, Religion, Literature Circulation & Student Enrollment, 2012-2018

