

Library Technology

The library has unique technological needs at the college. Not purely administrative or instructional, technology in the library impacts all students on campus. Students have access to public desktop computers, laptops for use in the library, scanners, and printers. The computers currently run on Windows 7 and include the Microsoft Office Suite and Adobe Acrobat with plans to upgrade to Windows 10. Though students have access to more mobile devices and other types of technology, they often want and need access to a comfortable environment where they can work and receive assistance. Continued technical support for equipment in the library and staffing to ensure that students are able to receive technical assistance and education is crucial. Currently, some of this assistance is provided by librarians and trained IQ Bar student peer mentors.

Student use of library systems, including the library catalog and vendor provided subscription databases is a necessary part of their college education. The library web site serves as the main portal to our library systems. Most library operations run on the integrated library system (ILS) including circulation and acquisitions of materials, cataloging, reports and the public access catalog that students, faculty and staff depend on to search for books and other materials. The current ILS system is the cloud-based OCLC Worldshare Management System, which is used and managed by faculty librarians and classified staff, including one Applications Specialist. An ITS supported proxy server is necessary for student's off campus access to subscription resources. Currently, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is exploring a state-wide purchase of an ILS system for all CA community colleges to use. There will be considerable cost and staff time devoted to any migration. Continued funding and technical support for a highly functioning ILS system is essential for a college library.