Laupus Library

By the Numbers 2020

During 2020 and as the pandemic continued, Laupus Library proved to be a consistent resource for faculty, staff and students from across the Division of Health Sciences. Our team of librarians, experts and other professional staff provided resources and materials for remote learning, research and virtual programming. Here’s a look at some of the facts and figures that showcase the many ways Laupus Library contributed to teaching and learning—and campus and community—even during uncertain times.

Space Use

As our physical operations ceased during spring and summer of 2020 and space use numbers declined, there was a drastic increase in the need and demand of our remote services.

Remote Services

The work never stopped for our Information and Research Services librarians, as they handle information inquiries remotely.

Lib Guide Views

357,438 up from 87,696 in 2019

LibGuides provide a launching point for research in all areas of the health sciences.

Ask a librarian inquiries

4,473

InterLibrary loans filled

1,036
“Having access to the library’s hotspot loans was critical for my school performance. Without it, I would have struggled to connect to my online classes and complete the work that was expected of me. It was a huge help when I needed to complete school work and had a difficult WiFi connection when I was trying to work away from campus.”

-Torri Penna, student
Occupational Therapy

396
Laptop, hotspot and equipment loans

118
Renewals

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Laupus Library loaned laptops to ECU students located in North Carolina and Virginia with their expanded equipment loan program.

Potential student savings
$102,533.24
for health sciences students on library-purchased course materials.

42 Course Sections
benefitted from this library affordability initiative.

Electronic Resource Requests
Electronic resource and Ebook use increased exponentially with the pivot to online instruction.

Laupus Librarians referred instructors and students to these materials so that coursework and research could continue without borrowing physical materials.