

LRC Collections

The WCCCD Learning Resource Centers contribute to the college mission by providing educational and instructional resources which support the educational goals of the college. The campus LRC collections include books, periodicals, electronic databases, audiovisual hardware and software, course-reserve materials, instructional videos, and audiocassettes to support the college curricula and community needs.

Books

The book collections include reference and circulating volumes that vary in size by campus from 12,000 to 22,500 volumes. While there is some overlap in core resources among campuses, specialized collection development at each LRC focuses on the programs available at each location.

Periodicals

Each LRC has a core periodical collection of basic titles and specialized journals in paper structured to its course offerings. Subscriptions vary from 50 to 100 periodical titles per campus, and comprise a diversified collection. Each LRC keeps retrospective paper magazines and journals from two to ten years, based on the availability of storage space.

Articles/Databases

Full-text journal databases extend access to many more magazines and journals. WCCCD subscribes to the following databases: the [EBSCOHOST](#) college collection; [Facts.com](#) World News Digest, Issues and Controversies and Today's Science, [LexisNexis](#), [ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health Source](#) (including [Nursing Journals](#)) and [Psychology Journals](#); [Books in Print](#), [NetLibrary](#) ebooks and Newspapers

The Michigan Electronic Library ([mel.org](#)) provides a free wide assortment of Gale, InfoTrac, and OCLC Databases as well as specific databases such as Art Museum Images and Chilton's Automotive

Audiovisual Hardware

The LRCs provide various types of audiovisual hardware for instructional use by faculty, staff and students. The types of AV equipment each campus LRC has include:

- televisions; TV/VCR and TV/DVD combo units
- overhead projectors; slide projectors; Lecternette portable PAs; lectern
- CD players; audiocassette players;
- laptop computers; LCD projectors
- camcorders (digital or analog); cameras (digital)
- graphical calculators

The LRC Media Center holds some unique, sophisticated audiovisual equipment for specialized functions:

- sound system equipment—mixer/amplifiers, microphones, wireless microphones, speakers

- high-speed audiocassette duplicator; audiocassette eraser; high-speed audiocassette winder
- videocassette duplicator.
- High-speed CD/DVD duplicator

Audiovisual Media

Each Campus LRC holds some specific videotapes for special programs

The **LRC Media Center** houses a media collection that includes over 4,000 items in various formats. Media formats include videocassettes, DVDs, and audiocassettes. This collection contains instructional materials for the use by the faculty, staff and students. Instructional videos are cataloged and can be searched in the WCCCD Online Library Catalog. Art Slides are not cataloged, but previews are available at LRC Media Center at the Northwest campus.

Computers

All campus LRC's have approximately 20 personal computers available for use by students, faculty and the public. Each personal computer provides a connection to the Internet. Library patrons can use the LRC computers to access the library online catalog and utilize selected Internet resources with desktop icons. Each personal computer is networked to a high-speed laser printer. The LRC computers are for research purposes only. All campus locations have a Learning Center to assist users requesting other services or assistance related to personal computers.