

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 and instructional videos to support the college curricula and community needs.

Books

The book collections include reference and circulating volumes that vary in size by campus. 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 of 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; GREENR, EBSCO's Ebook collection, Gale Virtual Reference Library's e-book collection and Newsbank Newspapers.

The Michigan Electronic Library (mel.org) provides a free wide assortment of Gale and EBSCO Databases.

Audiovisual Equipment

The LRCs provide various types of audiovisual equipment 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)
- graphic calculators

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

sound system equipment — microphones, wireless microphones, speakers

Audiovisual Media

Each Campus LRC holds some specific videos 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 and staff. Instructional videos are cataloged and can be searched in the WCCCD Online Library Catalog.

Computers

All campus LRC's have approximately 20 student 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.