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- **Digital Commons downloads**: 240,238
- **Full-text article downloads**: 13,382
- **E-book check-outs**: 7,195
- **EMS space reservations**: 87
- **Book check-outs**: 11,095
- **Online database searches**: 129,642
- **Service Desk inquiries**: 908
- **Research transactions**: 275
- **Total library instruction sessions**: 712,671
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- **Percent by Academic Affairs Interlibrary loan requests**: 51
- **Percent in IL 119 Book check-outs**: 375,007
- **Full-text items held**: 371
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