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Unit Progress in Strategic Plan:

- 1. Update Electronic Resources
 - As the Library settled in to use of the WMS system, our updating of digital resources took two different directions:
- a. The JSTOR system, in response to Covid challenges and extra federal funding, made its entire collection available to academic libraries, essentially doubling our access to scholarly journals. This benefit ceased on July 1st and our numbers should reflect a more sober reality, as in:
- b. Flat funding forced us to cancel access to a number of databases that, while not used much, were popular with various faculty and departments, including the Audio-Visual Online (AVON) database.
 - 2. Strengthen the presence of Special Collections:

Acquisition of a new Microfilm reader, with enhanced search and print capacities, increased the availability of our collection to internal and external users. But the departure in April of the Special Collections Librarian cooled our momentum, and we can hope that our new librarian can kick-start our work in this regard.

We also need to rethink our hope of becoming a regional archives for the state of Arkansas. A lack of funding and space constraints make that goal increasingly unrealistic.

Library Statistical Survey

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	%
				change
Library Collections				
Books (Physical) Titles	95,776	99,891	103,428	+ 3.54%
Volumes	156,913	142,515	132,743	-4.75%
E-Books	4,790	4,790	4,790	0
Journals (Paper)	109	93	77	-17.2%
Electronic Journals	2,265	2,264	4,790	+111.6%
Library Visitors	37,125	38,953	38,752	-0.05
Library Circulation	3,901	3,388	1,294	-61.8%
Interlibrary Loan – Items Borrowed	83	40	42	+ 5%
- Items Sent	168	234	282	+20.5%

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Book Expenditures	\$13,556	\$25,343	\$17,922	-29.3%
Subscription Expenditures	\$159,432	\$174,886	\$164,773	- 5.8%
Total Collection	\$172,988	\$200,229	\$182,695	-5.1%
Other Operations	\$56,454	\$96,911	\$73,329	-2.4%

Describe how Student Learning Outcomes are assessed in the unit and how the results/data are used for course/program/unit improvements?

UNIVERSITY ASSESSMENT: AACU RUBRIC DATA

Critical Thinking

If dimension not assessed, leave blank.

Dimension	# of students scoring 4	# of students scoring 3	# of students scoring 2	# of students scoring 1	# of students scoring 0	Average score for unit	Total # of students assessed in unit
Explanation of							
Issues							
Evidence							
Influence of							
Context and							
Assumptions							

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Student's Position							
(Perspective,							
Thesis/Hypothesis)							
Conclusion and							
Related Outcomes							
(Implications and							
Consequences}							

What do the data indicate about strengths, weaknesses, opportunities for growth and threats to effectiveness regarding student performance?

N/A

What actions, if any, do you recommend that might improve student performance in this learning outcome?

What revisions, if any, to the assessment process do you recommend that might help us to acquire more useful data in this learning outcome?

Assessment Narrative Including Summary of All Changes Predicated on Assessment Data:

Faculty Reports:

Faculty

Table 7: Faculty Profile, Teaching Load, and Other Assignments (Data Source: Institutional Research)

Faculty Name	Status/ Rank	Highest Degree	Area(s) of Responsibility	Other Assignments
Renée C. Clark	Assistant		Monograph Acquisitions & Processing; Ask-A-Librarian Teaching: UST 1001: Pathway to Success UST 4001: General Studies Capstone	Reference, Bibliographic Instruction, Liaison to Humanities and Business; Social Media Coordinator
Blake Denton	Assistant	M.L.I.S., M.A.	Special Collections Government Documents UAM Archivist	Reference, Bibliographic Instruction, Liaison to Forestry, Social Sciences
Elizabeth Parish	Assistant	M.I.S.	Digital Resources Coordinator	Reference, Bibliographic Instruction, Liaison to CIS and Education
Daniel Boice	Associate	M.A., A.M.L.S	Administration	Reference, Bibliographic Instruction, Liaison to Nursing and Math & Science

What significant change, if any, has occurred in faculty during the past academic year?

Mr. Denton resigned in April of 2023.

List/briefly describe notable faculty recognition, achievements/awards, service activities and/or scholarly activity during the past academic year.

Notable Recognition:

Blake Denton received the Arkansas Historical Association's Lucille Westbrook Local History Award, April 14, 2023, for his "The Order of the Day': A Social History of Drew County Barbecue, 1895-1915"

Faculty Scholarly Activity

Renée Chérie Clark

Research for a chapter, "The Long Reach of Arkansas Country Music," for a book under contract with the University of Illinois Press and research for a monograph on Arkansas Country Music.

Article: "Building Community Bridges: UAM Taylor Library and Black-Owned Businesses in Drew County Arkansas" (In progress—I am coordinating with the new Vice Chancellor for a program during Black History Month, which will hopefully be incorporated.)

Displays and Facebook pages for Black-Owned Businesses

Blake Denton

"Promotion Through Publishing: Connecting Users to Archival Materials through Local Publications," *Archival Outlook* (July/August 2022): 13 & 21.

"Sylvester C. (S. C.) Hotchkiss (1842-1909)," CALS Encyclopedia of Arkansas.

Book Reviews:

Review of Surfing the South: The Search for Waves and the People Who Ride Them, by Steve Estes, Southeastern Librarian 71, no. 1 (2023): 39-40.

Review of *Ninety Miles and a Lifetime Away: Memories of Early Cuban Exiles*, by David Powell, *Southeastern Librarian* 70, no. 3 (2022): 15-17.

Review of *Remote Access: Small Public Libraries in Arkansas*, by Sabine Schmidt & Don House, *Southeastern Librarian* 70, no. 2 (2022): 38-39.

Public Scholarship:

"Stranger than Fiction: Bizarre Tales from Drew County's Past," Weevil Pond (2023).

"From the UAM Archives: The 1838 Sockett Letter," Drew County Historical Journal 35 (2022): 25-27.

Editor: "Vantage Point: Dr. Claude Babin's Reflections of Arkansas A&M and UAM, 1954-1992," *Drew County Historical Journal* 35 (2022): 1-11

Presentation:

Arkansas Historical Association's 82nd Annual Conference-Arkadelphia (April 15, 2023): 'Good Speaking, Fine Baseball and Other Attractions': Sports and Leisure at Drew County Barbecues, 1895-1915

Daniel Boice:

Eighteen book reviews for *Catholic Library World* "Arkansas Place Names", entry in *CALS Encyclopedia of Arkansas*

Notable Faculty or Faculty/Service Projects

Renée Chérie Clark:

UAM: General Education Committee member

Committee on Committees

Faculty Equity and Grievance Committee Gay Straight Alliance: Faculty Co-Advisor Accompanist for the University Choir University Assembly: Parliamentarian

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Blackboard Users Group

Team Captain (both semesters) for Walk Across Arkansas library team.

Profession: Southeastern Library Association: New Members Committee

• Community: Southeast Arkansas Regional Library, Monticello Branch: Friends of the Library: Member Holiday Bazaar (fundraiser, liaison between FUMC, Library, and Friends of the Library; baked and worked the fundraiser) November 12, 2022

Monticello Music Club

Accompany (piano) performers when needed

Accompany (piano) the larger group when needed

- Pianist/Organist at First United Methodist Church, Monticello (June 2022-March 2023)
- Pianist at First Presbyterian Church, Warren (May 2023-present)

A. Blake Denton:

UAM: Board of Advisors, Arkansas Archeological Survey-UAM Research Station

Winthrop Rockefeller Distinguished Lecture Series Committee (2019-present)

Profession: American Library Association

Government Documents Round Table 50th Anniversary Planning Committee

Arkansas Library Association

Records Management Committee Chair (June 2022-April 2023)

Southeastern Library Association: Referee, Southeastern Librarian

Elizabeth Parish:

UAM: Athletic Committee

Online Learning Work Team

Professional: ARKLink Community Outreach Committee

Arkansas State Library Traveler Advisory Committee

Southeastern Library Association

Electronic Resources Roundtable

Arkansas Library Association

Records Management Committee

Community: Monticello Public Library: Friends of the Library: Secretary

Daniel Boice

UAM: HLC Accreditation Liaison Officer

Strategic Planning Coordinator

Search Committee for Special Collections Librarian

Professional: Arkansas Library Association: Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

Catholic Library Association: Editorial Committee (includes being a juror for the Catholic Library World)

Community: Monticello Planning Commission: Chair

Monticello Economic Development Commission: Strategic Planning Coordinator

Monticello Kiwanis: Secretary

American Planning Association, Arkansas Chapter: Executive Board member