

3.8.1 The institution provides facilities and learning/information resources that are appropriate to support its teaching, research, and service mission. **(Learning/information resources)**

Compliance Partial Compliance Non-Compliance

Narrative:

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) provides facilities and learning/information resources that are appropriate to its teaching, learning, and service mission. The LRC's facilities and resources support the College's [mission](#) of "serving a diverse population through traditional classroom and distance-learning formats" and by "providing a student-centered environment and support services that respect uniqueness and value diversity." The [LRC Mission Statement](#) states that "The Learning Resource Center at Chattahoochee Valley Community College offers students, staff, faculty, and community users the facilities, environment, and guidance for pursuing individual interests and educational goals through a variety of resources and services."

The LRC Provides Facilities

The LRC, a two-story building of total 11,185 square feet, offers a learning environment with spacious, open-stack arrangement and comfortable study areas designed to accommodate the learning and research needs of all students. There are a total of 190 seats and 46 computer workstations available for all students to use.

Space Utilization

Type of Usage	Square Footage
Stack Area for Collections	2,223
Seating and Study Areas	5,774
Staff Offices and Work Areas	1,046
Computer Stations	1,380
Other Areas	762
Total Square Footage Allocated to Library Functions	11,185

The main floor has an open floor design. The Information Center is conveniently located by the entrance of the library, where students may receive assistance from library staff. The Genealogy Room houses our special collection in genealogy and southern history. It is also equipped with a laptop computer, video projector and screen and can be used as a classroom or meeting room. In addition, copy machines, microfiche/microfilm reader, and printers are available on the main floor.



All circulating books are located on the mezzanine. The books are cataloged using the Library of Congress Classification System and shelved in alphabetical order. Each shelf is labeled with call numbers for easy access.

The LRC provides Wi-Fi capability for users with laptops, iPad, or other electronic devices. Study tables, study carrels, and lounge sofas and chairs are available on both the main floor and the mezzanine.

The LRC received favorable ratings on the [Facilities and Services Survey](#) administered to faculty and staff in November 2012. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of survey respondents indicated being “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the Learning Resource Center. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of students also indicated satisfaction with Library Services (Q36) on the [Student Satisfaction Survey](#) conducted in January 2013.

The LRC Provides Learning/Information Resources

The LRC’s collection consists of 38,437 volumes of printed books, 41 periodical titles, 1,197 audio-visual items, 20,123 e-books through EBSCOHost, and 49 online databases through Alabama Virtual Library. Appropriate technology for using these resources is readily available to faculty, staff, and students.

The LRC Collection by Educational Programs*

Educational Programs	Books	Periodicals	Audio-Visual	E-books	Online Databases**
Liberal Arts/General Studies	38,437	41	1,163	20,123	29
Applied Technology	156	2	7	414	7
Business	1,235	6	48	2,234	15
Computer Information Systems	103	3	3	615	12
Public Safety	2,672	3	120	636	8
Nursing/Medical Assisting	1,489	15	38	1,164	21
Visual Communication	507	1	18	1,079	6

*The data reported in this table was run by broad subject headings.

**Accessible through Alabama Virtual Library

The Library Director works with faculty in a variety of ways to ensure that resources meet instructional needs.

- The LRC [Policy and Procedure Manual](#) states that “ultimate responsibility for the development and maintenance of the LRC collection rests with the Library Director” and “the process of selecting materials for the library is a collaborative one, involving the LRC staff and other faculty, staff, and students. Faculty members are asked to recommend materials that support the courses taught and that supplement the general library collections appropriate to their respective disciplines.”
- The Library Director serves as a liaison and works with faculty from all academic divisions to ensure that the collection is appropriate and comprehensive to meet the teaching and learning needs.
- The [Library Advisory Committee](#), which is composed of all library staff and other faculty and staff members, is also involved in the collection development by reviewing the [Collection Development Policy and Procedures](#), which is available on the College

Intranet, and suggesting optimal ways to build the appropriate and comprehensive library collection.

Distance Education

Substantial amounts of library resources and several library services are available online through the library blogs for distance learning students.

The LRC Resources and Online Access Availability

Resources	Access Method
Printed Books	Library online catalog, accessible through the library website , the LRC Resources blog, and the LRC on Blackboard
Periodicals	Library online catalog, accessible through the library website , the LRC Resources blog, and the LRC on Blackboard
Audio-Visual	Library online catalog, accessible through the library website , the LRC Resources blog, and the LRC on Blackboard
E-books	EBSCOHost, accessible through the library website , the LRC Resources blog, and Blackboard
Online Databases	Alabama Virtual Library, accessible through the library website , the LRC Resources blog, and the LRC on Blackboard
Online Services	Access Method
Email Reference	Email to librarian@cv.edu
Virtual Reference	The LRC website , the LRC Blog , the LRC Library Instruction Blog, the LRC Interlibrary Loan Blog, the LRC Resources Blog, the LRC New Acquisitions Blog, and the LRC on Blackboard
Library Instruction	The LRC website , the LRC Instruction Blog , and the LRC on Blackboard
Interlibrary Loan	The LRC website , the LRC Interlibrary Loan Blog, and the LRC on Blackboard
Online Tutorials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Source Premier • Introduction to EBSCOHost • Literature Resources from Gale • My EBSCOHost • Reading an EBSCOHost Article 	Accessible through the LRC website , the LRC Instruction Blog , and the LRC on Blackboard

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

[College Catalog and Student Handbook, Mission Statement – Page 11](#)

[Learning Resource Center Mission Statement](#)

[Facilities and Services Survey Results – FA2012](#)

[Student Satisfaction Survey Results – SP2013](#)

[LRC Policy and Procedure Manual Section 6.1.4, Selection Responsibility and Methodology](#)

[Learning Resource Center Advisory Committee](#)

[LRC Policy and Procedure Manual Section 6.1, Collection Development Policy and Procedures – Pages 15-23](#)

[LRC website](#)

[LRC Resources Blog](#)

[LRC on Blackboard](#)

[Virtual Reference – LRC Blog](#)

[Virtual Reference - LRC Instruction Blog](#)

[Virtual Reference – LRC Interlibrary Loan Blog](#)

[Virtual Reference – LRC Resources Blog](#)

[Virtual Reference – New Acquisitions Blog](#)

[Virtual Reference – LRC's Blackboard Page](#)

[LRC Instruction Blog](#)

[Business Source Premier Tutorial](#)

[Introduction to EBSCOHost Tutorial](#)

[Literature Resources from Gale Tutorial](#)

[My EBSCOHost Tutorial](#)

[Reading an EBSCOHost Article Tutorial](#)