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Three new databases from the American Psychological Association are now available via PsycNET, the new APA research portal.

- [PsycARTICLES](#) Full-text psychology journal articles in subject areas such as applied psychology, health, theory, research, social /personality, and more
- [PsycBOOKS](#) Full-text books published by APA, classic psychology books from the 19th and 20th centuries, and entries

from the Encyclopedia of Psychology

- [PsycINFO](#) Citations and abstracts from a wide range of scholarly literature in the psychological, social, behavioral, and health sciences.

Users will no longer access PsycARTICLES and PsycINFO through the previous provider, EBSCOHost.

My PsycNET allows you to create and edit a user profile, save searches, and set up search alerts. Get the [APA PsycNET Quick Reference Guide](#) (pdf)

for details on all of these features.

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VCCS Library Peer Group, Richmond	OCT 14-15, 2010
VLA Conference, Portsmouth	OCT 21-22, 2010
ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Diego, CA	JAN 7-11, 2011
Computers in Libraries, Washington DC	MAR 21-23, 2011
VCCS New Horizons, Roanoke	APR 13-15, 2011
ALA Annual Conference New Orleans, LA	JUN 23-28, 2011

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## E-Resource News



Introducing another new database, Gale's new and improved [Science in Context](#). Science in Context uses a new portal-style interface to help learners connect with a wide range of content in all areas of science.

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center is another popular Gale resource that is now called [Opposing Viewpoints in Context](#) and uses the same new portal interface.



Both of these GALE *In Context* resources offer media-rich content, SearchAssist, language translation, and ReadSpeaker audio to listen to an article via text-to-speech technology.

Two more resources have significantly updated their interfaces since the beginning of the year. There were big changes to [EBSCOHost](#):

1) The limiter and date slider column moved from the right to the left of the Result List, hopefully a more in-



tuitive position that consolidates the ways users can refine and work with their results in one area.

2) Users can now select multiple clusters and source types when managing results.

3) The result list now shows which limiters, expanders and source types have already been selected, and enables easy removal of these refinements.

The [OvidSP](#) nursing e-journals and e-books platform applied a



number of notable interface enhancements in August 2010. There are new search filters and citation management options, as well as a downloadable Ovid Toolbar for users to work with on their personal computers. The toolbar makes it simple to save research material to the new personalized OVID online workspace.



VCCS Libraries gratefully acknowledges Gale / Cengage's generous support for the 23 Things at VCCS Libraries program. All program participants will receive prizes provided by Gale this fall.

**VCCS shared  
[library databases](#)  
and the  
[e-journal locator](#)  
are available  
anytime!**

## E-Book Update



Although e-resources are an important component of library resources, use of print materials remains relatively stable over time. In 2009-10 VCCS libraries loaned 3.98 items per FTES, down from 4.21 items in 2007-08.

In 2009-2010, loans with e-books increased to 4.17 per FTES.

The shared VCCS ebook collections grew significantly in 2009-10, with over 25,000 titles added to the NetLibrary collection, and over [50 titles added](#) to the Gale Virtual Reference collection.

Updated OVID e-book editions include:

[Clinical Calculations Made Easy](#), 4th ed.

[New Lippincott's Nursing Drug Guide](#), 2010 ed.

[New Lippincott's Manual of Psychiatric Nursing Care Plans](#), 8th ed.

[New Manual of Laboratory & Diagnostic Tests](#), 8th ed.

[New Nurses' Guide to Clinical Procedures](#), 6th ed.

[New Nursing Care Plans and Documentation](#), 5th ed.

[New Nursing Diagnosis: Application to Clinical Practice](#)

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### Most Popular NetLibrary E-Book Titles Since Launch:

[McGraw-Hill's Nursing School Entrance Exams](#) (Evangelist, T.)

[Hope for a Heated Planet](#) (Musil, R.)

[Davis's Comprehensive Handbook of Laboratory and Diagnostic Tests](#) (Van Leeuwen, A.)

[Counseling Skill](#) (McLeod, J.)

[Med-surg Success: A Course Review Applying Critical Thinking to Test Taking](#) (Colgrove, K.)

[NCLEX- RN Notes: Core Review & Exam Prep](#) (Vitale, B.)

[McGraw-Hill Review for the NCLEX-RN Examination](#) (Monahan, F.)

[Climate Diet: How You Can Cut Carbon, Cut Costs, and Save the Planet](#) (Harrington, J.)

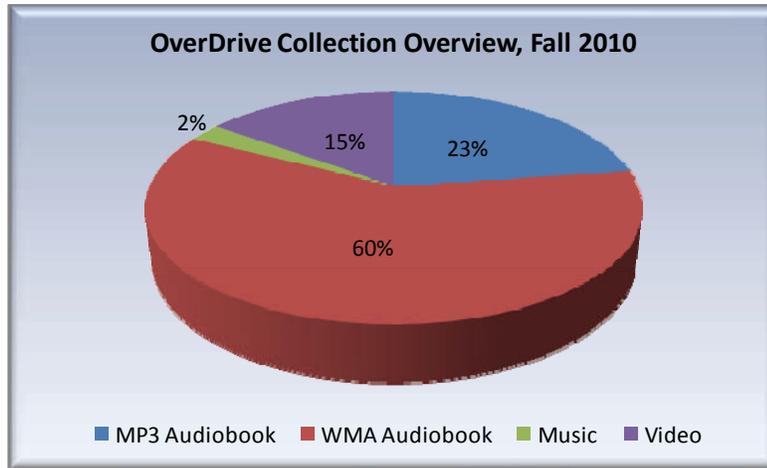
[McGraw-Hill's PCAT: Pharmacy College Admission Test](#) (Hademenos, G.)

[Perfect Power](#) (Galvin, R.)

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# OverDrive Overview

Kudos to Thomas Nelson and Eastern Shore College Libraries! In spring 2010, these colleges purchased a combined total of 267 new OverDrive titles, now available to any VCCS user.



The OverDrive collection now contains 31 musical recordings, 184 videos, and 1011 audiobooks.

Audiobook circulation is holding steady, with 1042 checkouts in Fall 2009 and 1049 in Spring 2010. Music and video use grew slightly, from 109 checkouts in Fall 2009 to 148 checkouts in Spring 2010.

### Top Titles :

The Twilight Saga: Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse, and

Breaking Dawn (Meyer, S.)

The Host (Meyer, S.)

All-Audio Spanish Step 1

The Time Traveler's Wife (Niffenegger, A.)

The Audacity of Hope (Obama, B.)

Spanish For Dummies

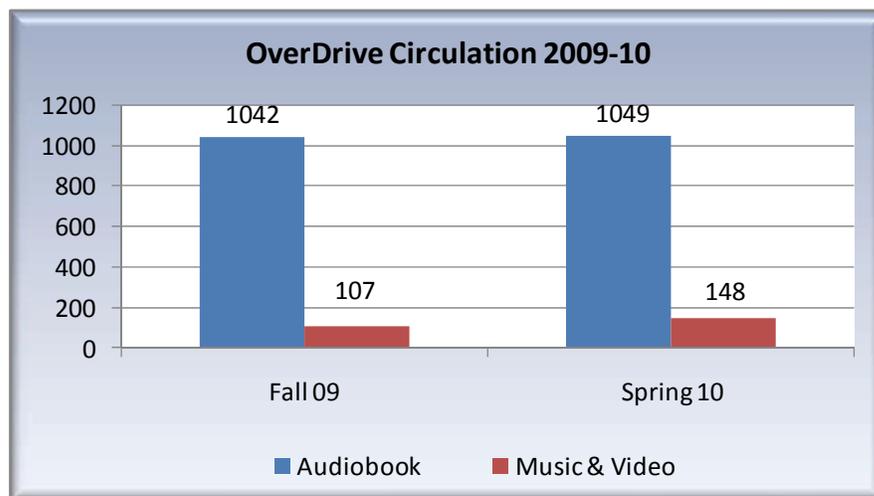
The Associate (Grisham, J.)

The Appeal (Grisham, J.)

The Lovely Bones (Sebold, A.)

I Am Legend and Other Stories (Matheson, R.)

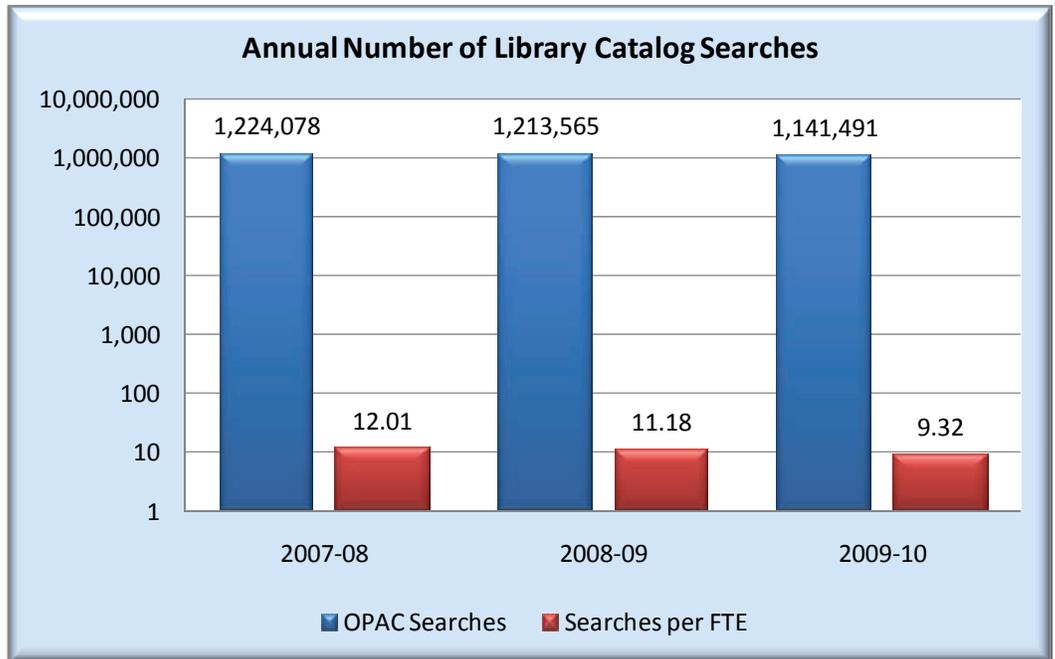
The [VCCS OverDrive download site](#) is available 24/7 from anywhere in the world.



## Use Statistics Snapshot

### Spotlight on E-books

In 2010-11, over 35,000 e-books were available to VCCS library users, up from 8,000 e-book titles in 2008-09.

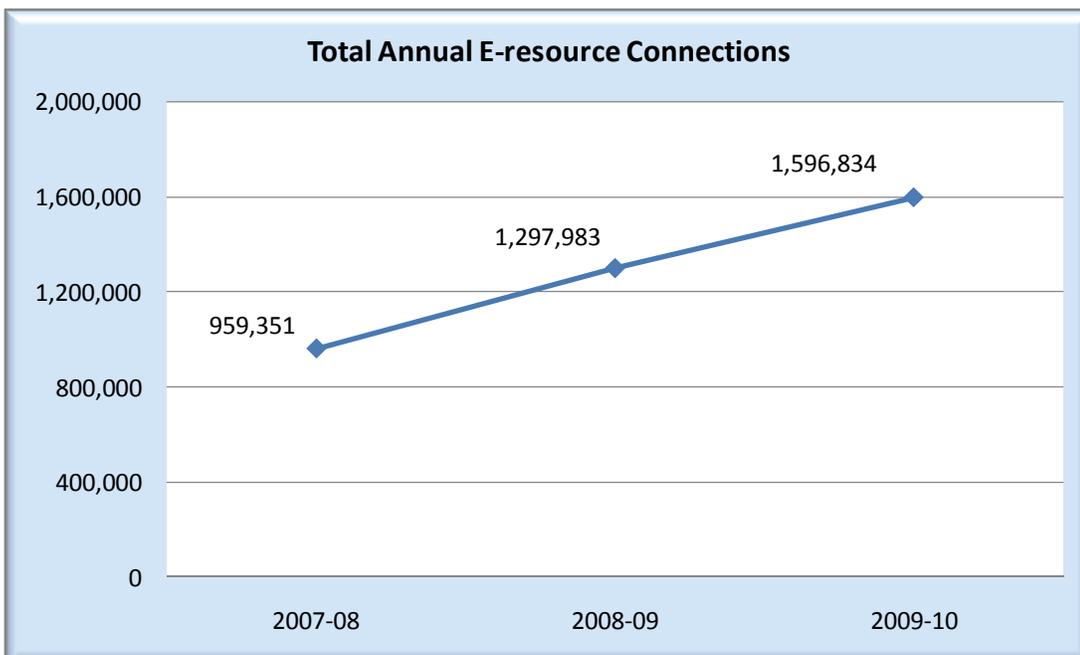


One measure of traditional library material use is the number of searches conducted in the public catalog. That number has re-

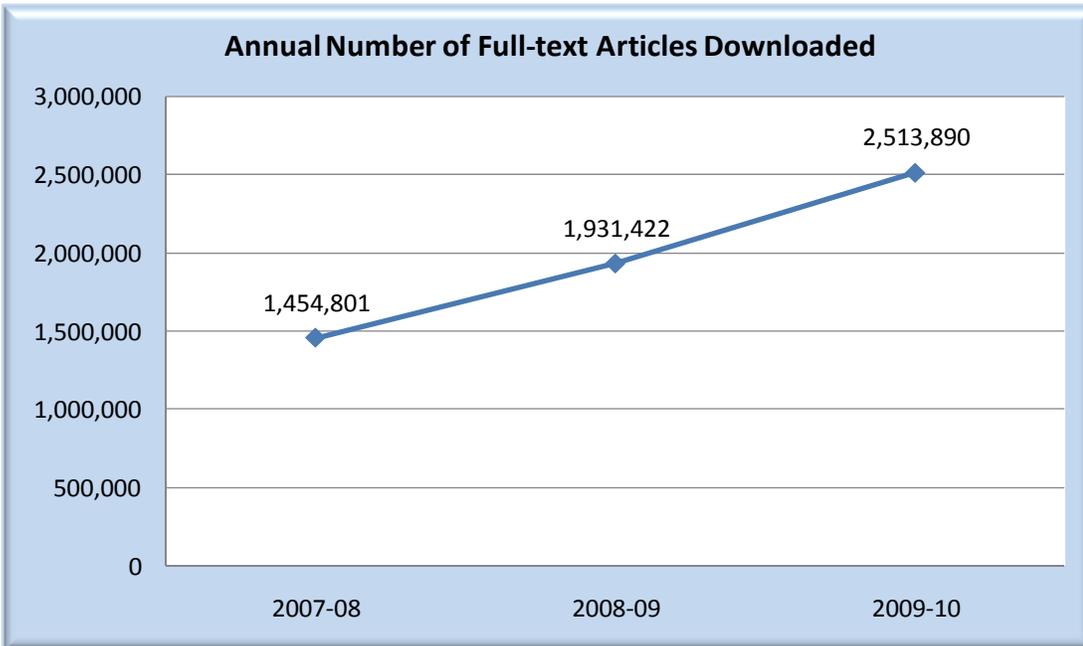
mained relatively stable over time, even though there are now other ways of locating library materials both physical and elec-

tronic. Over the last decade, library services have been greatly enhanced by the availability of electronic resources to supplement the library's traditional physical resources. The real growth in library use is in the electronic resources, especially the use of periodicals.

The primary value of journals in electronic form is that the user can download, read, and save the articles not only while on-campus but from anywhere there is an



## Use Statistics, continued



The direct cost of providing access in 2009-10 was \$1.08 per article, down from \$1.46 per article in 2007-08.

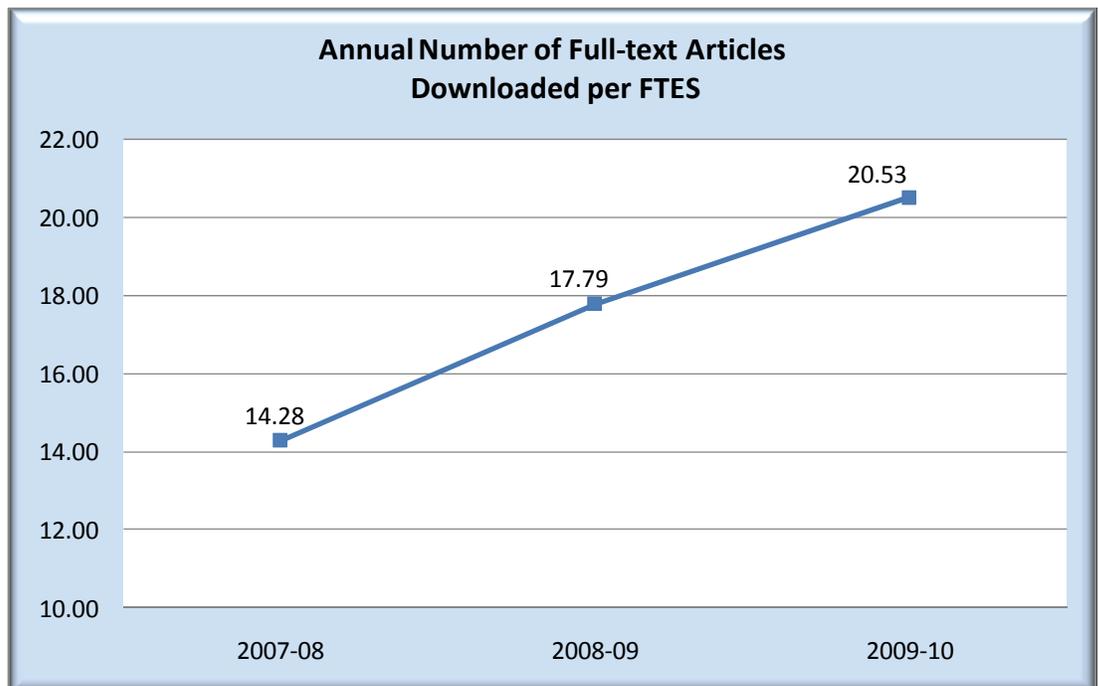
Internet connection. Currently, VCCS users have access to over 47,000 e-journals.

In 2009-10 our users downloaded just over 2.5 million articles. Over the three years represented in the chart above, that use has increased by about 73%.

Obviously part of that growth results from our increased enrollment, which over this time frame has increased by around 20%. However, that doesn't account for it all.

As the chart below shows, when calculated on a per FTES basis, there is still a significant level of growth in use. From

this perspective, e-resource use increased at about 44% over the past three years.



## ALA-LIRT Teaching Technology Fair

### See Also:

[LITA's 2010 Top Technology Trends Recap](#) by David J. Rapp

(Library Journal)



At this year's ALA Annual Conference, the [Library Instruction Round Table](#) (LIRT) presented "Capitalizing on Technology: [A Teaching Technology Fair](#)," a panel discussion and demo of a variety of tools for the library.

Ten instruction librarians from around the country presented their favorite tools and shared ways to integrate them into instruction:

[Wetpaint](#) "Create a free website about anything you love!"

[Animoto](#) "Turn your photos & videos into pure amazing."

[Prezi](#) "Create astonishing presentations live and on the web."

[Xtranormal](#) "If you can type, you can make movies."

[ITALC](#) "View and control other computers in your network."

[Ning](#) "Create your own social network."

[Twitter](#) Discover what's happening right now, anywhere in the world.

[Library a la Carte](#) "This Content Management System enables librarians to easily and quickly create dynamic web pages that integrate Web 2.0 features, such as chat and RSS feeds, with traditional library content, such as catalogs and article databases. *Library à la Carte is a free open-source solution for libraries by libraries.*"

[WASSAIL](#) "Manage question and response data from a variety of settings."

[Wallwisher](#) "Online notice board maker."

[VoiceThread](#) "Transforming media into collaborative spaces with video, voice, and text commenting."

[Diigo](#) "Collect, organize, and share anything."

[Google Forms](#) "Collect information by creating a form in Google Docs."

Since April 2010, VCCS Librarians have been exploring these kinds of tools through the [23 Things at VCCS Libraries self-paced learning program](#).

Come and mingle with the 23 Things participants at the Library Peer Group meeting on 10/14-15, and find out what they learned!

## Spotlight on ALA Annual Meeting 2010



June 25, 2010 was a day of firsts: my first time riding a train and the first time for Libby Blanton and I to attend the ALA conference. We sat in the Amtrak station, watching people and guessing who else was also going to ALA. When we arrived in Washington, D.C. there was excitement in the air. The hustle and bustle of thousands of people making their daily rounds in and out of Union Station was mixed with bright-eyed "Information Seekers" eager to get to their hotels and then off to the conference.

Surrounding the convention center were signs advertising that ALA was in town. Al-

most everywhere we went, we saw people with ALA badges and ribbons showing which ALA associated memberships they held. Once we entered the convention center, there were people standing in line, walking around, or just standing in awe taking in the first part of the conference.

The opening session with Toni Morrison was the best kick off. The auditorium filled quickly with librarians anticipating inspiring words from the Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, editor, and professor. Her words were touching and thought-provoking with a touch of comedy.

Going to the exhibit hall was like going into "Book World!" Books and people with books were all over the place. Every vendor was giving something away and conference attendees picked up

plenty to fill their tote-bags.

The Demco Book Cart Drill Team Competition was awesome! As a first-timer I had no idea what to expect. The feeling in the air was almost like a going to a sporting event. The crowd was filled with anticipation for this creative competition, and the imagination that the teams put into their routines and costumes was unreal. Who would have thought you could do such things with a book cart?

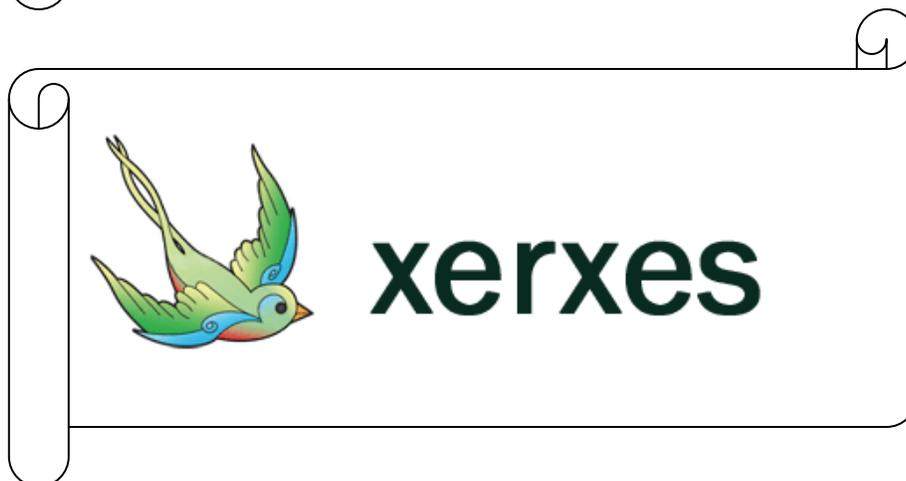
I was excited to meet so many people from so many different places, and a little overwhelmed from taking in so much in such a short time. This experience was something that Libby and I enjoyed every minute of. We look forward to attending again! §

- [Marika Peterson](#)

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**ALA** American Library Association

## Coming Soon!



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### Most Popular E-Journals, 2009 - 10:

**The American Journal of Nursing**

**Science**

**Nursing**

**Nature**

**Time**

**Scientific American**

**Journal of Marriage and Family**

**Journal of the American Medical Assoc.**

**Nurse Educator**

**Nursing Made Incredibly Easy!**

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