

AIR FORCE REPORT

December 2015

Current Status

82 AF libraries: 63 general, 8 academic, 11 technical

9 Geographically Separated Unit branches, USAFE (Europe)

5 Learning Resource Centers (LRC), Southwest Asia

100+ remote sites

3,000+ office collections (mission essential materials)

General library breakout:

55 traditional – 13 collocated with Education Centers (Beale, Fairchild, Goodfellow, Holloman, JBER, Laughlin, MacDill, McConnell, Minot, Moody, Robins, Seymour-Johnson, and Whiteman).

3 modified – Community Commons (JB Andrews and Sheppard in Community Commons; Shaw facility shared with ITT, Arts & Crafts resale).

5 digital – Community Commons and/or Ed Center (Eglin -collocated in Recreation Center; staffed with a librarian and part time tech; Keesler; Dover; Maxwell-Gunter; Wright-Patterson - collocated with Education Center; minimal staff – rec aides).

4 approved closures – Davis-Monthan, FE Warren, Nellis, and Offutt.

General library FTEs – FY13, 416; FY14, 356.

Transformation Initiatives

- Services (AF MWR) Transformation includes reducing the physical footprint of libraries and focusing on collocating in Community Commons or with Education and Professional Development Centers, reducing print collections, and expanding digital resources.

- Many general libraries decreased hours, 20-30 per week and reduced staff, 1-2 FTEs, due to funding cuts.

- AF Civil Engineering group working on 2024 Future Basing concepts. Luke and Travis currently being reviewed – considering moving all base operating support outside the fence line; only direct mission support inside the gate. AF Library office submitted data on libraries at Luke and Travis, to include availability and scope of library services in the community.

Remote Site and Contingency Support

- USAFE (Europe) Geographically Separated Units (GSU) – 9 branches; since Library Service Center closed in 2014, AFSVA Libraries Division staff assisting branch staff.
- Learning Resource Centers – new site in Al Jabar. Continuing with numerous programs, training (en-route and virtual), and Recordable Books (read story and send back home in pre-paid mailer). Staff manages all acquisitions, technical processing and shipping of materials; maintains ILS operations; completes inventories; and provides general reference and research support.
- 100+ remote sites and missions around the world supported w/ paperback, periodical and DVD kits for a limited number of sites.

Training

- Library Activity Managers Class, 7-11 Apr 14; 8 attendees
- DCOs conducted weekly on AF Library Information System; new version 4.0
- Toolkits, Managers Tab on Services web site, quarterly teleconferences

Programming

- DoD Summer Reading Program (SRP) – conducted several personal development seminars at our AF Services offices to coincide with the 2015 SRP. Sessions included Tops in Blue (AF musical talent group); San Antonio Symphony percussionist; and local singing group. A fun program, and morale boost for the AFSVA staff. Registered: FY14, 16K; FY15, 25K – almost double from previous year. Pages read: FY14, 953K; FY15, 1.3M.
- National Library Week contest – best photo of library event or display. AFSVA staff voted. Winners included Laughlin, Edwards Tech, and Vogelweh.
- Marketing developed templates for brochures and bookmarks featuring DoD and AF online databases and services; distributed to all AF libraries.
- Donations – worked several donation packages for titles from General McPeak (Retired) and Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (pallets of James Patterson's books).

Personnel

Numerous personnel changes, mostly at general libraries (Travis AFB CA; MacDill AFB FL; Robins AFB GA; Eielson AFB AK; Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson AK; Osan RoK; Scott AFB IL; and Tyndall Tech FL.)