



Marine Corps Service Report Library of the Marine Corps MLTW 2019



The Library of the Marine Corps (LoMC) is the sole research/academic library within the Marine Corps. It is located at the Marine Corps University (MCU) campus on Marine Corps Base Quantico, 33 miles south of the Pentagon. The mission of the LoMC is to support study and research throughout the Marine Corps in expeditionary, tactical, operational and strategic warfare in a joint and combined environment by providing comprehensive storage, retrieval, analysis, and distribution of warfighting-related information. The library has three branches:

1. Research Branch directly supports the study and research of the resident students and faculty at MCU; MCU student-fellows at international PME schools and civilian institutions; and MCU distance education students with a complete range of reference, bibliographic, research and loan services. In addition, LoMC provides reference support to Marines worldwide.
 - Branch Head: Greg Cina gregory.cina@usmcu.edu
2. Virtual Branch provides technical oversight and management of all digital information resources and also the systems used to organize, catalog, and provide access to the library's electronic resources.
 - Branch Head: Monika Maslowski monika.maslowski@usmcu.edu
3. Quantico Base Library supporting not only the military members and their families at MCU but also all military and their families stationed at MCB Quantico as well as retirees who live in the area.
 - Branch Head: Richard Freeman richard.freeman@usmcu.edu

The library is open seven days a week during the academic year for a total of 76.5 hours per week. Weekend and evening hours are reduced during the summer.

Staffing:

- 10 Librarian billets, currently 1 vacancy
- 11 Technicians, 3 vacancies
- 2 NAF FTE
- Promoted copyright clerk to reference librarian while he was completing his MLIS.

Collection

- Books 168,253
- E-books 277,196
- Audio 2,971
- Videos 2,846
- Weblinks 12,306

Virtual Branch implemented a new library management and discovery system for the Library of the Marine Corps, Ex Libris' Alma and Primo VE, which went live on 22 May 2019. A committee of library staff worked with Ex Libris during the transition from WorldShare Management Services and WorldCat Discovery by providing data files, determining preliminary system settings, attending training, and designating and designing training for other staff so that all staff received a minimum of circulation training before go-live. Currently, data cleanup is ongoing and some workflows for the many new features available in Alma are being finalized.

Thanks to ExLibris Alma and Primo, nearly 1,000 Marine Corps University Student Papers are available in our Library catalog. Command and Staff College and School of Advanced Warfighting papers marked approved for public release, unlimited distribution, from the academic years 2014 to 2019, can be viewed, searched, and downloaded.

Interbranch committee stood up LibAnswers on the library's website.

Library's Reference section worked to continue to elevate support for Marine Corps/Navy education initiatives. This entailed consistent and careful development of resources, services, and professional relationships.

The findings of a year-long project assessing recent Marine Corps University student research paper topics are being used to inform collection development.

An ongoing project analyzing electronic resources--particularly content, use statistics, and user preferences/assumptions--will also inform collection development, ensuring that database subscriptions are right sized, right shaped, and cost effective.

The Library is working to expand its research support services, reaching an increasingly wider base of patrons--most of which will be working remotely. This includes developing user instruction tools and circulation systems to support O-1 level students at The Basic School (TBS). The Library is also working to directly support Enlisted Marines and officers enrolled in the College of Distance and Education Training (CDET) via development of remote user instruction techniques and LibAnswers as a communication and research support platform.

Looking forward to a refresh of all AV equipment within the library and conference center, co-located in the Gray Research Center.

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