



MARINE CORPS COMMUNITY SERVICES GENERAL LIBRARIES

Currently, there are 12 Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) Main Libraries, 16 Branches, one Bookmobile, 3 Brig Libraries and 2 Reading Rooms on the East and West Coasts, Hawaii, Japan and Korea. FY15 saw an increase in library usage and all statistics. 1,785,864 patrons walked through our doors, over 1,156,948 items were checked out, and patron computers were used over 625,000 times. I believe this reflects the increase in overall use of public libraries throughout the country during times of economic stress. Patrons can borrow items for free and the value of what we provide far exceeds the cost to operate the libraries. The base libraries continue to be a well used Quality of Life program.

There are 7 MCCS installation libraries designated DOD Premier Libraries meeting all Core and Premier Standards. They are Camp Foster, Okinawa; Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Iwakuni, Japan; Camp Lejeune, NC; MCAS Cherry Point, NC; MCAS Miramar, CA; MCAS Beaufort, SC; MCAS New River, NC. Achieving Premier status requires substantial funding support from the installations.

MCCS Library buildings have been recently renovated at MCB Camp Johnson, NC; Camp Kinser, Okinawa; MCAS Iwakuni, Japan; MCAS Beaufort, SC; MCB Hawaii; MCAS Cherry Point, NC and MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, CA. A new full-service library was opened at Camp Mujuk, Korea.

MCCS Library services extend beyond brick and mortar facilities to online resources and support. "Bricks to Clicks" offers an online Library Catalog and a Google-like multimedia search engine that provides access to databases and other virtual resources anytime, anywhere. We provide over 100 electronic resources, both USMC and OSD funded, for Marines and families stationed and deployed throughout the world. These also support the Voluntary Education needs of Marines everywhere.

The MCCS Libraries will be embarking on a massive transformation in collection management and classification by moving away from the 19th century Dewey Decimal classification to a word-based classification system, called Semper FindIt! The non-fiction collections will be shelved in 45 subject neighborhoods on 60" mobile shelving. Six pilot libraries are nearing completion of this re-labeling and



reclassification project. Semper FindIt! enhances the library subject headings already in use and includes language easily identifiable by the public. With the conversion of the print non-fiction collections to a word-based classification system, users can experience MCCS Library collections as friendly and intuitive, encouraging browsing and discovery.

The MCCS Library program continues to administer the all-service wide contract to offer a 24/7 online homework help through Tutor.com. This contract is funded by the Department of Defense for military children K-12. In FY15 across all services 277,348 online tutoring sessions were conducted to assist children with their homework questions.

The Library Program is also responsible for providing library support to deployed and remotely stationed Marines. We provide magazines and paperbacks to Marine Security Guards at Embassies and foreign missions and serving in combat and humanitarian missions around the world. Our office serves as the point of contact for access to all the 24/7 electronic resources. In FY15 we received funding from OSD Military Community and Family Policy to provide Embassy Marines secure eReaders, the E-RAH, containing 242 eBook titles, to include the Commandant's professional reading titles.

The 2015 MCCS Library Program annual Summer Reading Program has been the most successful ever with increased participation reported everywhere. The DoD funded "READ To the Rhythm" was a fun theme and many installations provided a variety of musical and dance programs to include USMC Band performances. The installation MCCS Libraries registered 9,315 participants recording 53,969 hours read and 10,866 attended 332 unique programs. Without the OSD support we could not offer such extensive programming, decorations and incentives.

In January 2016, Makerspace programs funded by an OSD Military Community and Family Policy grant will begin at 14 facilities. Libraries will be offering a wide range of programs for all ages to create and tinker using 3-D printers; graphic programs; robotics; electronics and circuitry; building materials; tools; sewing and other textile crafts and paper crafts.

The MCCS Libraries look forward to another exciting year serving Marines and their families.

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