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## Serials

### General statistics:

- The current serials collection consists of 259 titles
  - 211 are paid subscriptions
  - 48 are gifts/free,
    - 12 are purchased with the Inez Day Richards fund.
    - 2 are gifts from the LOAR fund.
- Last year 94 titles were cancelled
  - 11 were added to the collection. Of the 11 titles added to the collection, 10 are paid subscriptions.
- Blake Library patrons also have access to over 27,408 unique titles as electronic journal subscriptions, which are accessible through various full-text databases (or even more conveniently through SerialsSolutions).
- In FY2009 33 titles were routed to 14 faculty. These figures are higher than last fiscal year's numbers of 22 titles routed to 11 faculty.
- Also see: Appendices A and B.

### Serials usage, including microfilm:

- In FY2009 120 titles were shelved a total of 2,052 times (see Tables 1-3)
- In FY2009 4 titles on microfilm were used 6 times. The titles most used were the *American Journal of Nursing* (2) and the *Saint John Valley Times* (2).
  - In FY2008, microfilm use included 12 titles used 17 times.
- In FY2009, 23 separate titles were checked out by a total of 11 faculty and staff. Items were checked out a total of 29 times.
- Also see: Appendices C, D, and E.

### Electronic journals:

- 64 journals are available online (not including databases) (see Table 4).

### Continuing projects and goals:

- Complete discarded of selected dead titles
- Move all serials to shelving out front, rather than shelving some titles directly out back, creating more immediate access for patrons.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Titles Used</b>	<b>Items Used</b>	<b>Title Usage Change</b>	<b>Items Usage Change</b>
FY2009	120	2052	-18.9%	-24%
FY2008	148	2710	14.9%	63.7%
FY2007	174	1655	-9.8%	-5.5%
FY2006	193	1568	26.1%	101.3%
FY2005	153	779	-45.9%	-41.3%
FY2004	303	1326		

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>TIMES SHELVED</b>
1. Bangor Daily News	419
2. Wall Street Journal	155
3. Saint John Valley Times	148
4. New York Times	138
5. Boston Globe	126
6. Portland Press Herald	178
7. Barron's	21
8. Aroostook Republican	18
9. New York Times Magazine	16
10. Maine Organic Farmer & Gardner	13

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>TIMES SHELVED</b>
1. Time	102
2. New Scientist	78
3. Maclean's	55
4. Newsweek	50
5. American Journal of Nursing	33
6. Consumer Reports	20
7. Natural History/Business Week	17
8. Wildlife Conservation/Scientific American/ RN/ New Yorker/ American Journal of Critical Care	16
9. Rolling Stone/Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services	15
10. U.S. News and World Report/Social Education/Atlantic Monthly	14

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b># of Databases</b>	<b>Unique Titles</b>	<b># of Searches</b>	<b>Titles Change</b>	<b>Searches Change</b>
2009*	61	27,418	10,691	-5.7%	66.4%
2008	54	29,064	6,424	40.0%	102.9%
2007	51	20,764	3,166	16.3%	68.6%
2006	27	17,848	1,878	9.0%	363.7%
2005	25	16,374	405		

\*The data used in FY2008 included both electronic journals and ebooks available through SerialsSolutions. FY2009's data is for electronic journals only. Had ebooks been included in the current fiscal year's numbers, they would read as follows: 34,447 total unique titles and 18.5% titles change.