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Traffic in the Library has **doubled** since the Learning Commons opened in 2005.



Help Desk stats are up **150%** over last year.



In a recent survey of students, **79%** said they visit the Learning Commons either daily or more than once a week.



## LEARNING COMMONS



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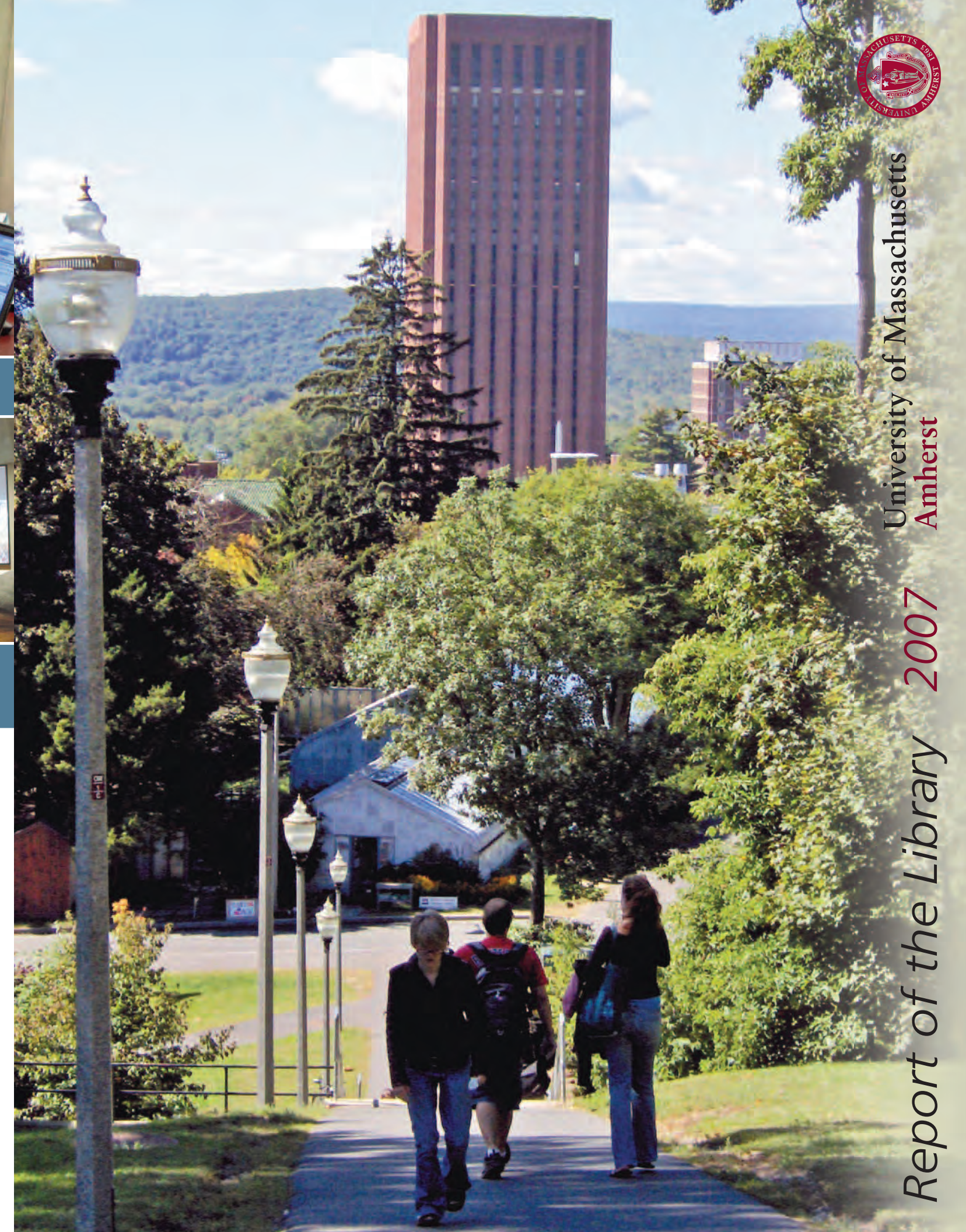
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Report of the Library 2007



## Lorrey and Kathleen Bianchi Pledge to Special Collections



Kathy and Lorrey J. Bianchi '69 appreciate libraries. "I can remember going to libraries in elementary school, being absolutely amazed, and thinking I have to read all the books!" recalls Lorrey Bianchi. His wife Kathy's appreciation of libraries also started early on: "In my family, a library visit was considered a normal part of life—you go to the grocery store, you go to the library." The Bianchis have made a commitment to help the Library take its place among the top research libraries in the U.S. The Library is expected to receive a gift with a multi-million dollar value from the Bianchis. The gift will create the Lorrey and Kathleen Bianchi Library Special Collections Fund to endow support for the Special Collections and University Archives Department.

*Judith Cameron '75,  
Advancement Communications*

Every day, Special Collections & University Archives grows, thanks to gifts from our donors. From cookbooks to freshman beanies, rare books to scholarly manuscripts, it is our honor to make these treasures available to students and scholars.

### HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST YEAR:

#### JAMES ELLIS THEATRE COLLECTION

Retired Mount Holyoke College English Professor James D. Ellis donated his large and important research collection, adding over 7,500 items to our already rich holdings for the performing arts. Throughout his career, Ellis collected books, broadsides, posters, and letters pertaining to the English and American stage, 1750–1915.

#### GITTINGS-LAHUSEN GAY BOOK COLLECTION

Kay Tobin Lahusen donated an extraordinary collection of over 1,000 books documenting the history and culture of homosexuality in America. Kay and her life partner, Barbara Gittings, were gay rights pioneers for several decades starting in the 1950s. The collection includes psychology, novels, periodicals, and examples of pulp fiction.

#### SOLIDARITY COLLECTION

Barbara Jakubowska donated her extensive collection of underground literature amassed during her years as a member of the democratic resistance to the Communist regime and the Solidarity movement in Warsaw Poland from 1977–1989. From early on, Jakubowska recognized the importance of the Solidarity publications and she went to extraordinary lengths to collect publications and preserve them.

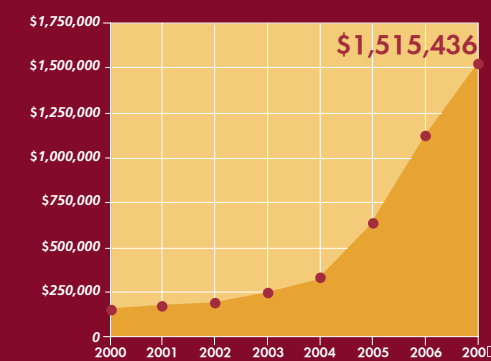


## We achieved great things this year.

### HERE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS:

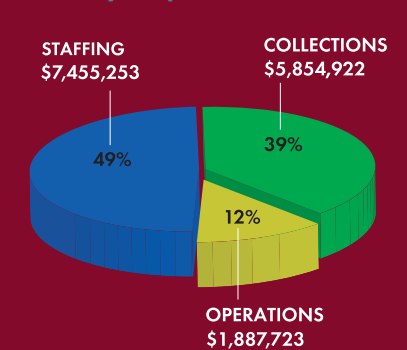
- ❖ Welcomed an all time high of over 1 million visitors to the Library - doubling the number since opening the Learning Commons in 2005
- ❖ Received a record high of over \$1.5 million in donations, a total of 7,845 gifts from 6,216 donors in fiscal year 2007
- ❖ Created a comfortable reading room with current issues of 80 popular magazines and newspapers in Du Bois Library
- ❖ Debuted ScholarWorks@UMass Amherst, a digital depository, at the scholarly colloquium "Showcasing Research & Teaching in the 21st Century: A Digital Approach"
- ❖ Launched a partnership with the Boston Library Consortium and Open Content Alliance to digitize millions of books for public use
- ❖ Conducted LibQUAL+™, an electronic survey, of all faculty members, graduate students, and 2,000 undergraduates to guide future improvements such as the expansion of the Learning Commons
- ❖ Redecorated several study carrels for faculty and graduate student use, thanks to our generous donors
- ❖ Enhanced new Five College Libraries Catalog, providing improved access to the millions of resources at the UMass Amherst Libraries, and our neighboring Five College Libraries
- ❖ Opened the Faculty Writing Place in the Du Bois Library with the help of the Office of Faculty Development, to provide a quiet, comfortable space for writing and research
- ❖ Commemorated 100 years as a Federal Government Documents Depository
- ❖ Inspired visits to the Learning Commons – librarians from as near as Amherst College, as far as Ochanomizu University in Tokyo, and from places in between, like Auburn University, continue to visit us and learn from our example
- ❖ Celebrated the Class of 1957's gift to the Library Promenade of over \$180,000 at their 50th reunion
- ❖ Hosted students, alumni, and community members at our Dinner with Friends, Fall Reception, Colloquium on Social Change, Academic Success Open House, and Student Activities Fair

## LIBRARY FUNDRAISING

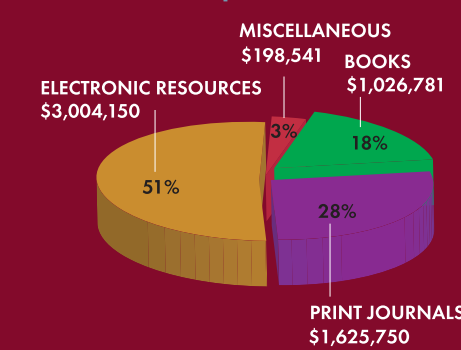


In **2007**, electronic resources expanded to include **45,000** online journals, over **300,000** e-books, and **260** online indexes.

### Library Expenditures, FY 07

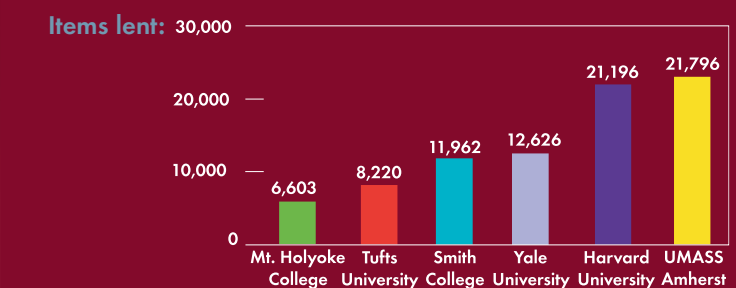


### Collections Expenditures, FY 07



In the last two years, Library use nearly doubled from 606,000 users in fiscal year 2005 to over 1.2 million in 2007.

### Interlibrary Loan Named Top NELINET Lender AGAIN!



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