

Issues Raised in 1999 and 2004 reviews:

1. Implement features of the library's automated system that will permit access to e-databases from off-campus via the Internet. (1999)

The library implemented off-campus access to selected electronic databases via generic password control until 2006. In 2006, after most database providers ceased allowing this insecure form of access, the library recommended and worked with IT to configure a proxy server which allows students, faculty, and staff to be automatically authenticated against the University LDAP server. This provides seamless access to databases from the Internet anywhere in the world -- while protecting the security of our system and preventing unauthorized use of Dominican contracted resources.

2. Assign a priority to converting the remainder of the library's holdings to machine readable records to facilitate access to the print collection by off-campus students searching the library's online catalog. (1999)

The conversion of all Dominican Holdings to MARC records was completed in 2003.

3. Correct resource deficiencies in the library's collection to support professional programs in allied health, education, and business.

In addition to the improvements noted in the 2004 report, the library has continued to improve resources in allied, health, education and business.

Most notably are the acquisition in 2005 of two new databases Cochrane databases for evidence-based nursing, and ScienceDirect --health and biology college edition. ScienceDirect provides instant full-access to over 1,000 scholarly journals in the Health and Biomedical fields. In 2006, BioOne and Sage Journals Online were added continue to support allied health. Environment Complete was added to provide better resources for the new sustainable business graduate program. Supporting all programs was the addition in 2005 of the complete JSTOR collection.

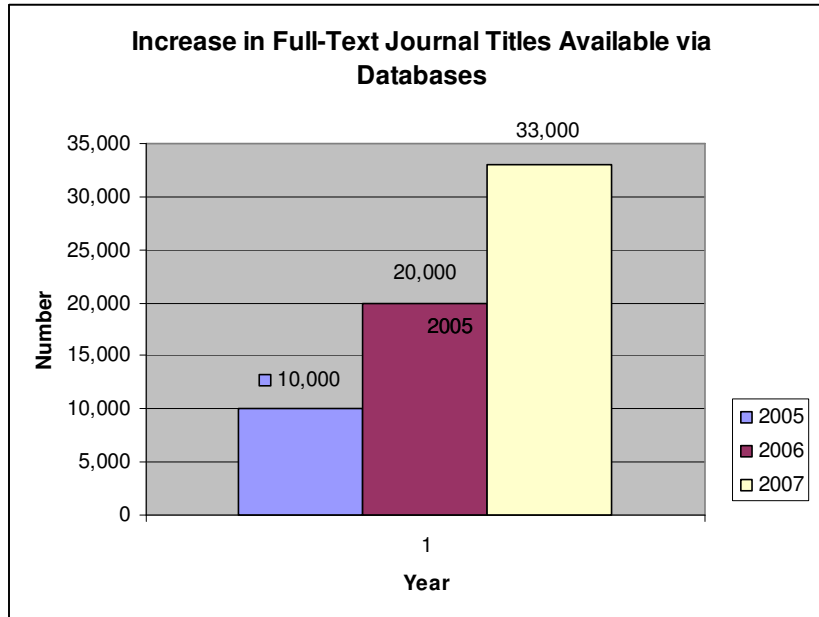
4. Dominican is commended for its effort since 1999 to improve technology as an effective means of instruction and as an influential tool to increase the library's use of technology through the acquisition of online resources and electronic accessibility. (2004)

The library has built upon this success by accelerating the acquisition of online resources. Although overall library budget remains flat, a thorough analysis of the mix of resources was conducted in late 2005 leading the library to discontinue some little-used indexes in favor of online full-text resources. Usage

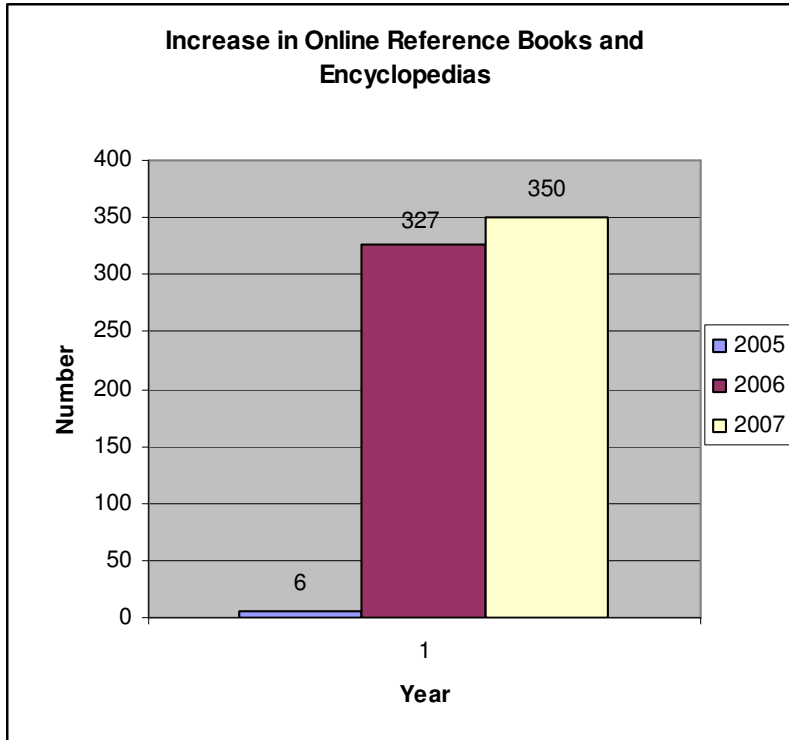
patterns demonstrate the success of that plan. Students begin using full-text online databases in their first year and continue to rely on them heavily throughout their time at Dominican.

Please see the following charts:

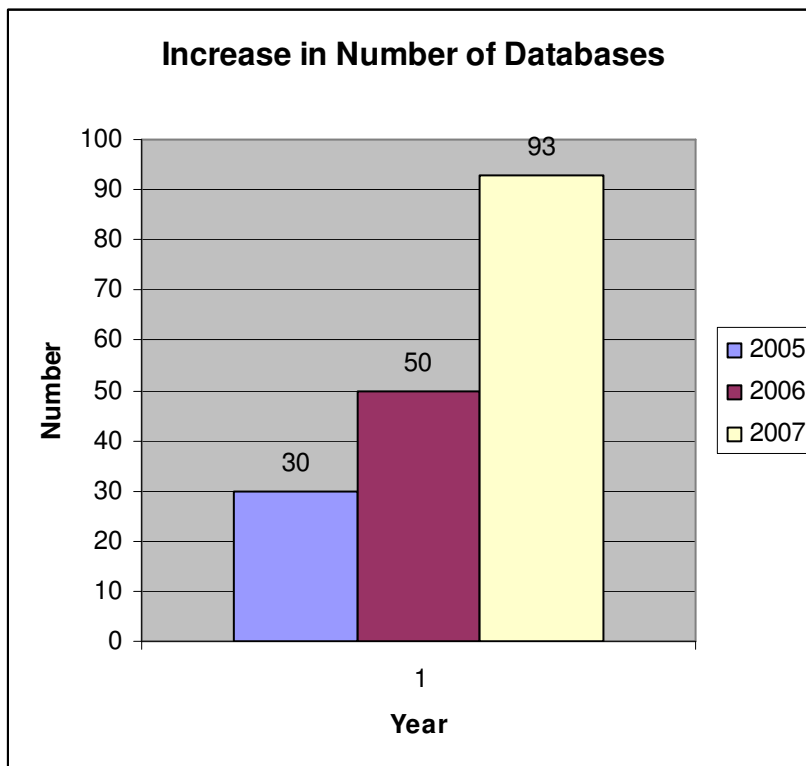
The total number of full-text journal titles available via library-subscribed databases has increased from about 10,000 in 2005 to approximately 33,000 in 2007.



The total number of online full-text reference books and encyclopedias available has increased from 6 in 2005 to 350 in 2007, primarily due to the purchase of the Gale Virtual Reference Library.



The total number of proprietary and open-access databases has increased from 30 in 2005 to over 90 in 2007.



5. How does a college become a university, supportive of research, with a library of such small size, and budgetary resources so meager? (2004)