> **3.8.1** The institution provides facilities and learning/information resources that are appropriate to support its teaching, research, and service mission. **(Learning/information resources)**
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> **Compliance Status:** Compliance

The College of Coastal Georgia provides library facilities at its campus in Brunswick and at the Camden Center. The libraries provide learning/information resources that are appropriate to support the teaching, research, and service mission of the College.

The library in Brunswick is 30,998 square feet and houses library services and resources, the TRiO Program, tutorial/support services, media resources, an open computer lab, and a classroom for library instruction and academic support workshops. The library in Brunswick is open 72 hours each week. The library at the Camden Center is 7,452 square feet and houses library services and resources, tutorial services, an open computer lab, and a classroom for library instruction and academic support workshops. The library at the Camden Center is open 55 hours each week. The hours for all libraries and tutoring services are published on the College's website. A library handout is available in print and on the library's website describing the services and resources available. The resources provided by the library are described in the response to Core Requirement 2.9. The library's statement of purpose reflects its role in supporting the academic programs and the mission of the College and follows American Library Association (ALA) guidelines.

The Director of Library Services administers all services and resources housed in the library in Brunswick and at the Camden Center. The Director participates in strategic planning for the College and conducts an annual assessment of all library services and resources.

The library's website describes services and resources provided to patrons, including an Ask-a-Librarian web link that enables students and faculty to make inquiries about library services or resources. A full-time librarian monitors all inquiries from Ask-a-Librarian.

As the SACSCOC standard notes, access to necessary information resources may also be provided through formal arrangements or agreements. It is therefore important to stress that in addition to maintaining a highly regarded traditional interlibrary loan service, the College also participates in the USG's GIL Express. GIL Express is an automated system that provides authorized users with quick and easy access to more than four million titles. Specifically, the new system allows USG faculty, staff, and students to request, online or in person, any of the items contained in the general collections of 35 libraries located throughout the state. GIL Express features an easy-to-use interface and automatic tracking of materials. This system is the most recent evolution of GALILEO Interconnected Libraries (GIL), which is the second phase of the University System's GALILEO initiative. GIL Express replaced the USG's borrowing card previously required for faculty, staff and students who wished to borrow materials from a USG's library other than the one at their home institution. Using the College Library's online catalog, students and faculty members may search the individual collections of the libraries at the 35 USG institutions. The requested books are delivered to the College Library within a few days for the patrons to check out.

The library resource sharing agreement with Altamaha Technical College provides for periodic reviews by both parties of the agreement. The College also has an agreement with Ebsco for access to its NetLibrary shared collections of electronic books. The Ebsco NetLibrary agreement is reviewed with each subscription to a new NetLibrary shared collection.

Supporting Documentation

College of Coastal Georgia Library Website

Library Informational Handout

College of Coastal Georgia Library statement of purpose

2009-2010 Annual Library Assessment

College of Coastal Georgia *Ask-A-Librarian* Website

GIL Express

GALILEO Factsheet

Altamaha Technical College Agreement

NetLibrary Agreement