

Fast Facts



COLBY COLLEGE
LIBRARIES

Resource Sharing

As a partner in the Colby, Bates, and Bowdoin (CBB) Consortium, state, and national library networks, we extend our collection's reach far beyond campus. This year, we lent **6,804** items externally, and borrowed **2,492** items.

Digital Footprint

The library website welcomed **18,852** unique visitors across **63,799** total visits. Patrons downloaded **21,267** e-book chapters and **159,405** academic articles, with JSTOR alone accounting for **51,137** downloads.

Teaching and Learning

With significant curricular connection and robust academic support, library liaisons delivered **181** library and archival research classes to **2,914** students. They also provided research consultations to **368** students and **223** faculty, answered **442** research queries, and hosted **47** archival research visits.

People

Driven by **30** dedicated library professionals and **57** student employees, our team provides the essential expertise to support research and critical inquiry.

Student Savings

Our Open Educational Resources (OER) initiative saved **262** students over **\$48,000** in a single semester. With the Expanded Course Reserve program, we purchased **144** high-demand items, resulting in **1,302** checkouts across **623** course materials.

Places

Across our 2 library branches, we provided **205** hours of weekly access, powering **5,203** personalized service interactions and over **26,500** checkouts for the academic year.

Expanding Collections

We added **2,456** print books to our circulating collection, while expanding our permanent archives with **26** special collections and **46** rare books.

Outreach & Exhibits

The libraries hosted over **60** community events and **21** unique displays—ranging from historical exhibits in Special Collections and Archives to themed book displays. Event highlights featured a diverse mix of community-building programs, including poetry readings, panels on intellectual freedom, Small Press Fest, and our ever-popular 'Study Paws' de-stress sessions.

