

REPORT TO COUNCIL 1965

LIBRARY

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By the end of 1965 the University Library had grown to approximately 200,000 volumes. 4245 periodicals were being currently received.

The University Library is now operating in five major units: the Main Library (136,000 volumes), the Hargrave Library for the fields of physical science and technology (30,000 volumes) the Bio-Medical Library on the Monash campus (14,000 volumes) and the Law Library (14,000 volumes). In addition the Bio-Medical Library has sub-branches at the Alfred Hospital (5,000 volumes), and at the Queen Victoria Hospital (800 volumes). Small collections of books are also located at some of the other hospitals (Prince Henry's, Fairfield, Royal Park).

Regretably, the only major building development during the year was the erection of the very limited first stage of the Bio-Medical Library (4,000 square feet). Pending its move into this new building, the Bio-Medical Library continued to provide service in the small temporary area in the Anatomy Department. It is hoped that the greater space available and the incorporation of biology material previously held in the Hargrave Library will materially improve the service, although it is clear that within a year space for both books and readers will again be at a premium.

Loans for the year were as follows:

	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Total</u>
Main Library	16,684	96,958	113,642
Hargrave Library	9,860	17,956	27,816
Bio-Medical Library			
(a) Monash Campus	7,912	6,145	14,057
(b) Alfred Hospital	4,120	2,761	6,881
(c) Queen Victoria Hospital	357	277	634

A welcome additional grant for staff salaries was made towards the end of the year and this will enable the staff to be increased to a probable 105 at the beginning of 1966.

Xerox services were again heavily used, producing 61,620 prints. Supplementing the library's own facilities, the Docustat units have continued to be heavily used by students.

We must again record our debt to other libraries, from whom we borrowed 7,089 items, lending in return only 1,264.

The library has again been fortunate in the continued flow of gifts from many sources. Many of these gifts, especially those containing older material, are of especial use in building up quickly a library adequate to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding institution.