

# Ehrhorn Law Library



2018-19 Annual Report





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## Mission

*Ehrhorn Law Library's mission is to build an excellent collection of materials for training future leaders in law and to preserve and provide timely access to materials that support legal scholarship rooted in the Western Legal Tradition.*

## Director's Report

*We promise to continue to deliver excellent customer services through measured fiscal adjustment and creativity.*



*Anthony Ikwueme, Director*

Increasingly we are called to do more with less budget and personnel, but with an abundance of goodwill, and fiscal year 2019 was no different. Such realistic adjustments and creative fiscal decisions enabled us to deliver superior legal resources and services that exceeded customer expectations. FY19 therefore birthed a new way of thinking about the customer and delivering great service.

We re-invented, re-aligned, and evolved new ways of sustaining a modest collection growth by exploring new arrangements and consortia, but also entering into pricing agreements when appropriate. Our collection growth continued to reflect a balance between electronic and print subscriptions, while avoiding duplication. We re-focused our print collection toward titles and publications that best meet the needs of our students and faculty.

We also filled two vacant positions during FY19. Every opportunity to fill a position means losing a team member, but also offers an opportunity to breathe fresh air into our offerings.

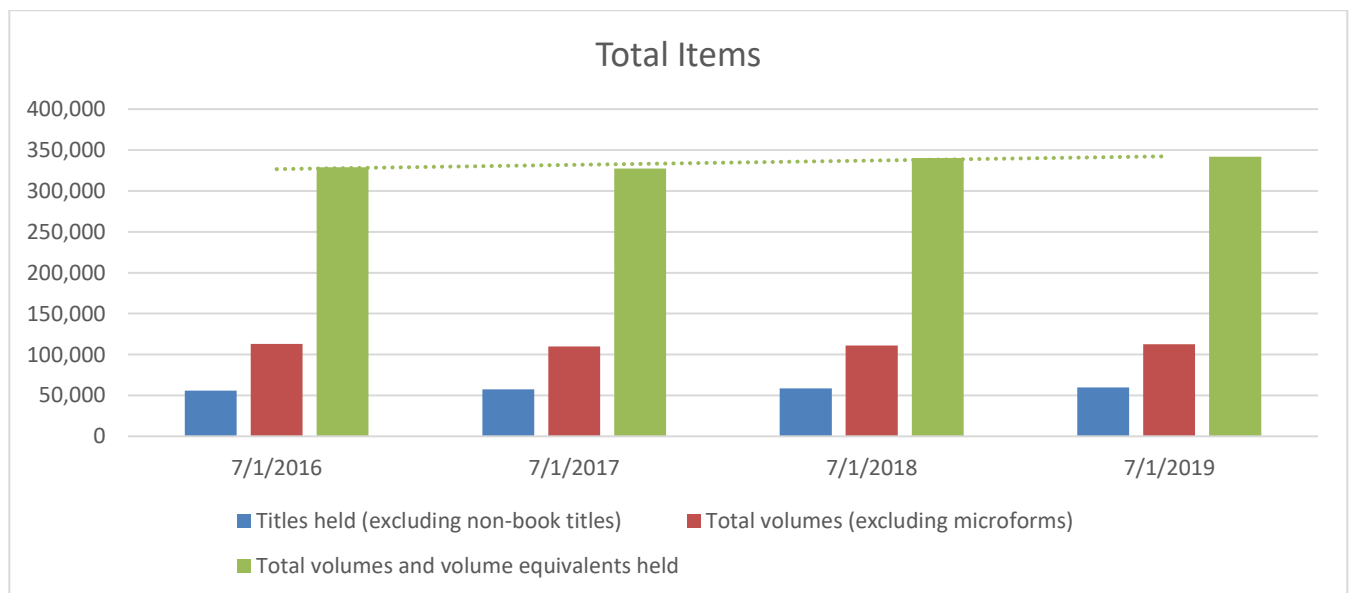
In response to our patrons' changing user behavior, we continue to think of the library as a space to foster collaboration, and spend quality study hours in a comfortable and welcoming ambience that enables our students to meet the rigor of our legal education. We accommodate every patron, and every need, one at a time. We are also child-friendly, and plan to create a break room for students and patrons with children.

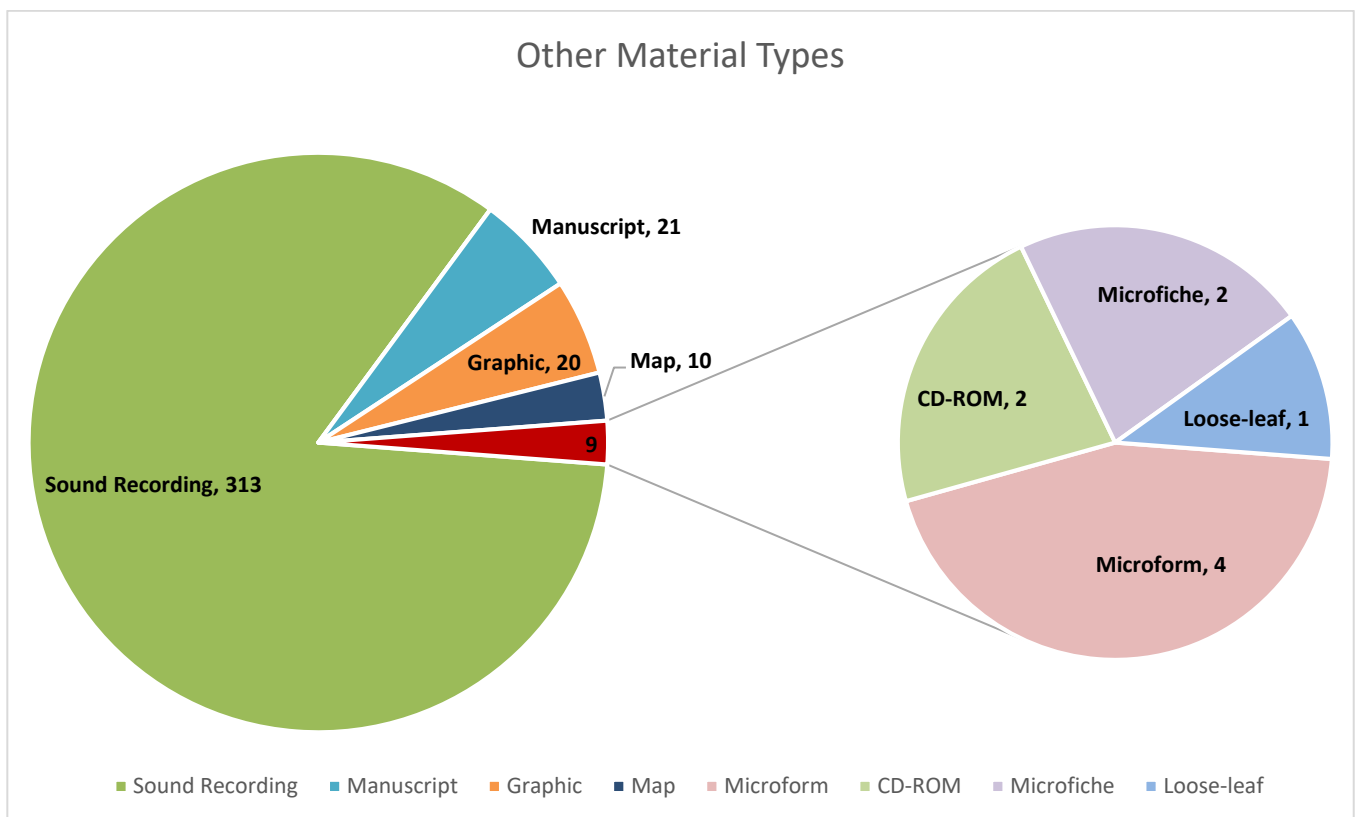
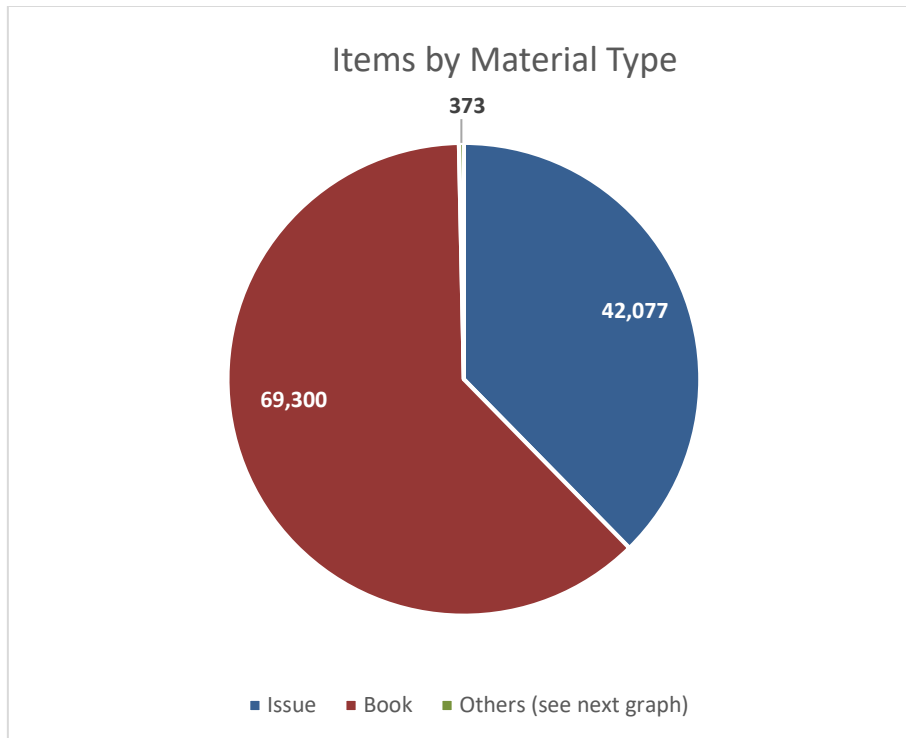
Finally, we continue to rely on metrics in every aspects of our operations, from budgeting, staffing, library traffic and usage, to how we zone the library space and plan for ergonomics.

## Collection Management



The library collection supports the law students and faculty, as well as the local legal community, through the selection of quality materials that satisfy the American Bar Association collection standards. Additionally, the selected materials train young professionals in the field of law, while focusing on the areas of specialization at the School of Law. The Ehrhorn Law Library added 1,307 unique titles to the collection during FY 2018-19. Those titles support the instructional and scholarship needs of the law school community.





# Lexis Nexis Digital Library

Understanding  
the Law

Questions & Answers  
Skills & Values

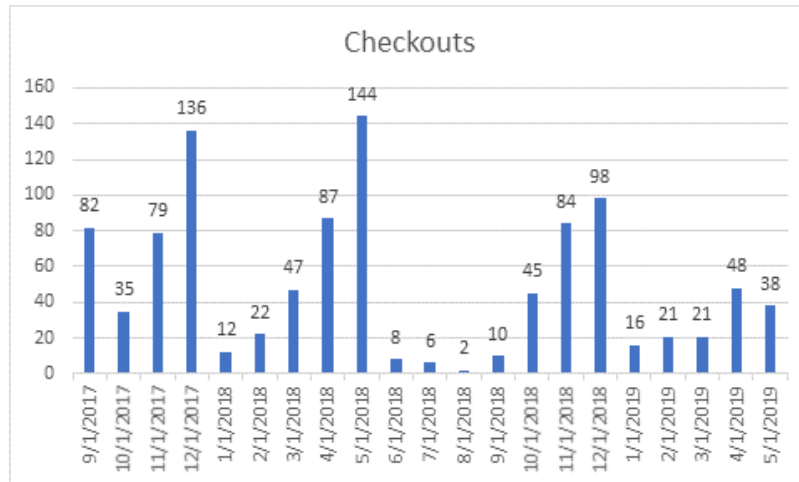
Mastering  
the Law

389 individual checkouts

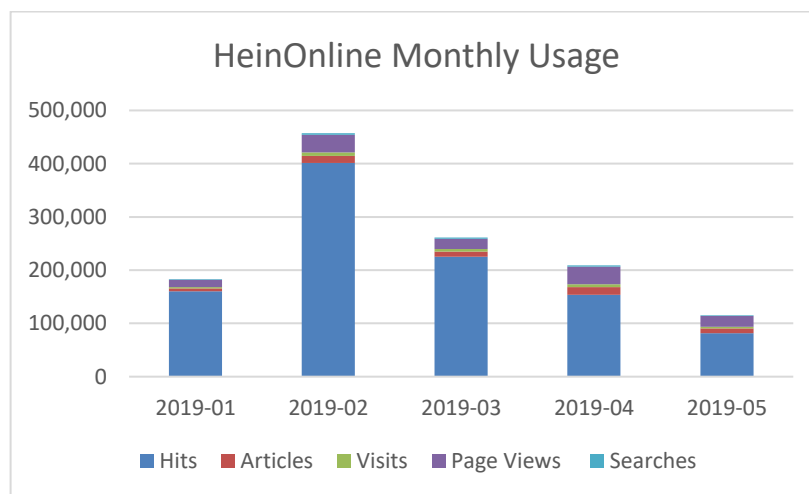
In order to increase access to supplemental materials and study aids for law students, the Law Library continued the LexisNexis Digital Library subscription, an eBook collection of popular LexisNexis titles delivered through Overdrive. This program offers students unlimited electronic access to all titles in the following LexisNexis series: Understanding the Law, Questions & Answers, Skills & Values, and Mastering the Law.

During FYs 2017-19, 124 separate e-book titles were checked out from this collection for a total check out of 1,041 times. One particular title was checked out 99 times. For FY19, there were 389 checkouts. While there has been a slight decrease in the usage of this package, there is still strong usage.





Additionally, the Law Library has seen consistent usage in HeinOnline, with an average 204,448 hits through the library federated search engine. There were an average of 23,751 page views over the January to May FY19 period.



The Law Library is committed to stewardship of the acquisitions funds allocated. In an effort to reduce redundancy and better manage the acquisitions budget, the law library adopted a preference for online access to certain materials. Additionally, the library began a 36 month agreement with Thomson Reuters for continuing print subscriptions, of the core collection, which includes Corpus Juris, American Jurisprudence, and American Law Reports.

The Law Library maintains electronic access to annotated codes for each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia. Because they are more frequently used, the library maintains current subscriptions for annotated print statute sets for Virginia and the United States Code. Primary case law from other states generally is accessible through online resources. A current print subscription to Southeastern Reporter is also maintained, as well as retrospective copies of all regional reporters. The library did not withdraw any volumes in FY18-19.

At the end of FY 2018-19, the Law Library held 59,813 unique titles. The collection holds 341,911 volumes and volume equivalents.

## Public Service

### General Circulation Statistics

Loans (In House + Not In House)	Returns	Renewals	Lost	Claimed Returns	Auto Renewals	Reading Room At Shelf	Reading Room At User	WB Change Backward	WB Change Forward	Bulk Change Forward	Bulk Change Backward	Recalls	Library Name
55,270	49,215	12,426	1,737	11	0	0	115	102	1,553	794	899	865	Jerry Falwell Library
2,354	2,249	48	63	2	0	0	0	6	27	0	0	2	LUCOM Medical Library
2,292	1,708	85	147	0	0	0	0	3	479	13	0	17	Law Library
59,916	53,172	12,559	1,947	13	0	0	115	111	2,059	807	899	884	Grand Total

### Interlibrary Loan (ILL), Documentary Delivery, and Resource Sharing

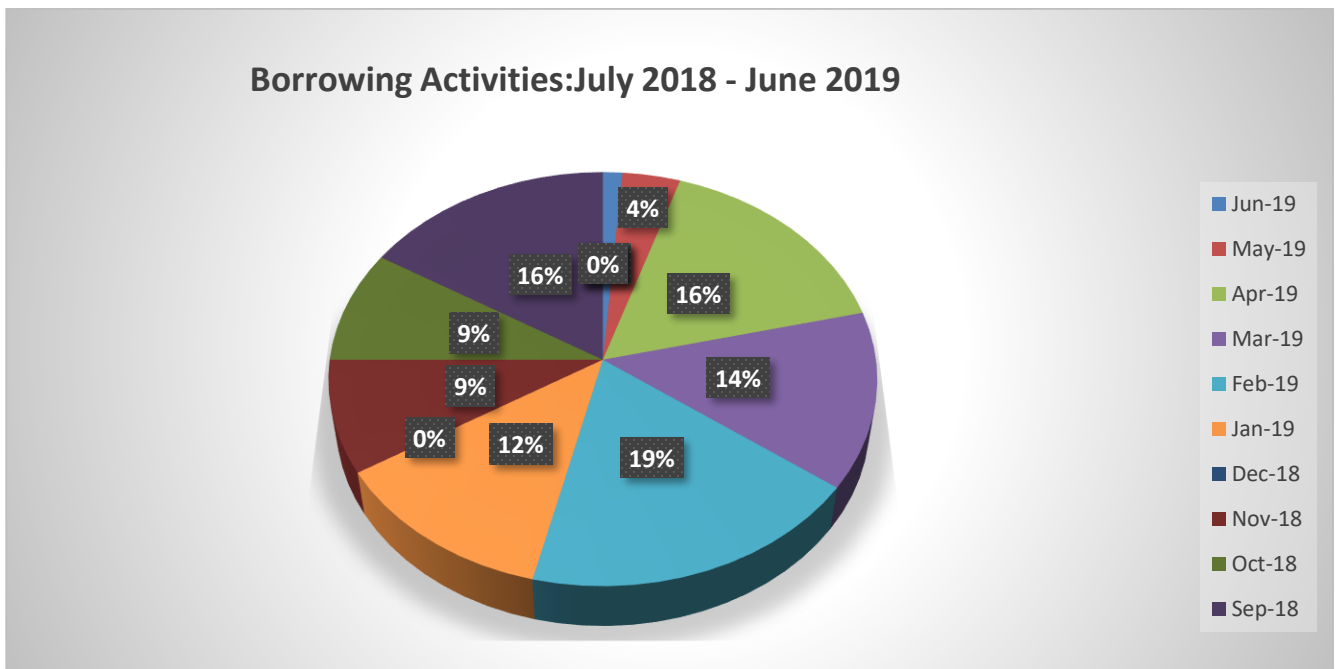
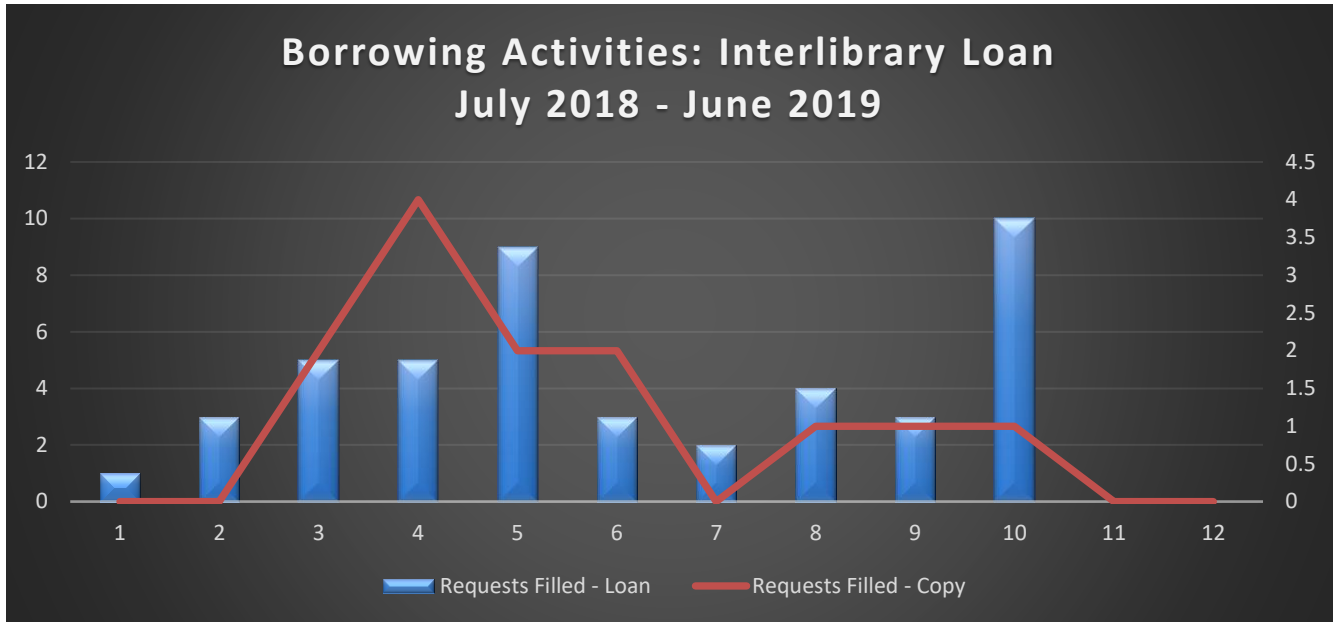
The Interlibrary Loan services provides faculty, students, and staff access to materials not held at the Ehrhorn Law Library, Jerry Falwell Library, or Medical School Library.

### ILL Borrowing Service

During the period under review, there were 80 borrowing requests. Out of these requests, 3 were cancelled; 20 were unfilled. The total number of requests filled is 58.

#### LIBERTY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY INTERLIBRARY LOAN BORROWING ACTIVITIES REPORTING PERIOD JUNE 2019-JULY 2018

Month	Jun-19	May-19	Apr-19	Mar-19	Feb-19	Jan-19	Dec-18	Nov-18	Oct-18	Sep-18	Aug-18	Jul-18	Total
Requests Initiated	1	3	13	11	15	10	0	7	7	13	0	0	80
Requests Cancelled	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Requests Filled	1	3	7	9	11	5	2	5	4	11	0	0	58
Requests Filled - Loan	1	3	5	5	9	3	2	4	3	10	0	0	45
Requests Filled - Copy	0	0	2	4	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	13
Requests Unfilled	3	3	6	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	20
Turnaround Time	5:03:07	10:07:12	3:12:43	8:06:43	5:02:53	4:10:34	6:00:14	11:21:50	4:14:38	4:18:43	0:00:00	0:00:00	

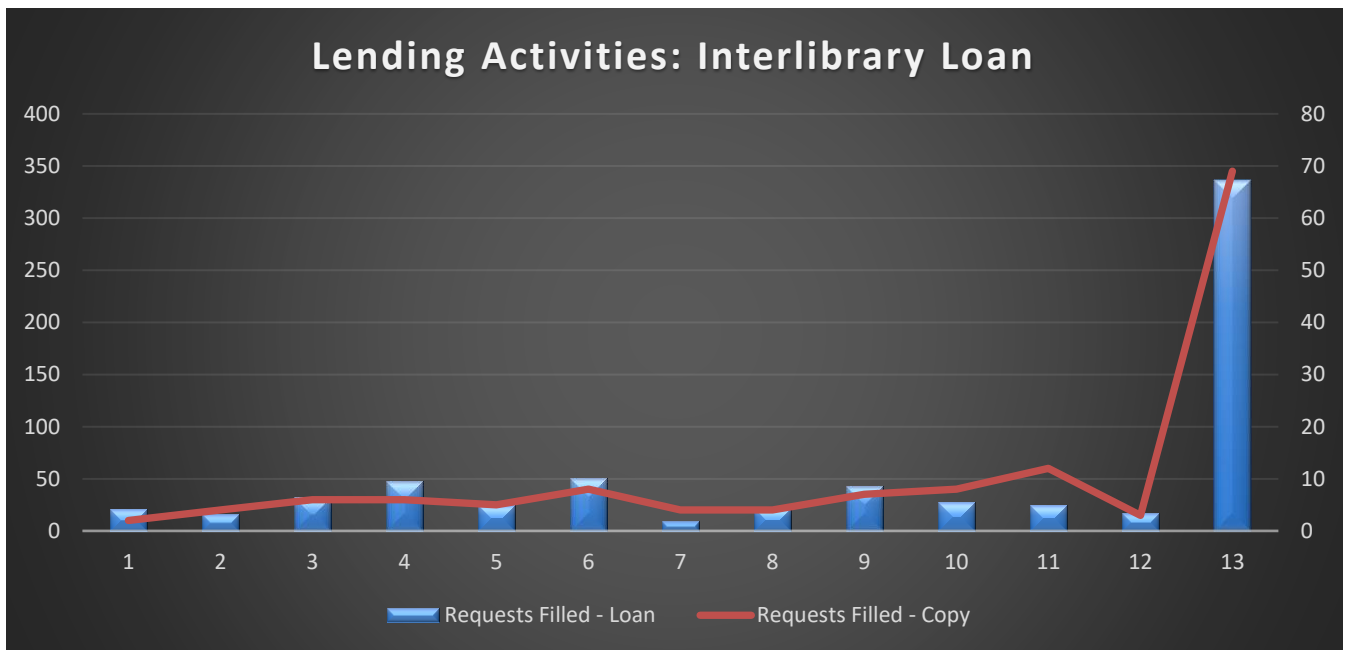


## ILL Lending Service

During the period under review, there were 812 lending requests. Out of these requests, 22 were cancelled; 391 were unfilled. The total number of requests filled is 405.

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Month	Jun-19	May-19	Apr-19	Mar-19	Feb-19	Jan-19	Dec-18	Nov-18	Oct-18	Sep-18	Aug-18	Jul-18	Total
Requests Received	62	49	66	111	94	91	33	48	86	66	67	39	812
Requests Cancelled	1	0	0	4	3	1	3	3	5	0	0	2	22
Total Requests Filled	23	20	38	54	30	58	13	26	50	36	37	20	405
Requests Filled - Loan	21	16	32	48	25	50	9	22	43	28	25	17	336
Requests Filled - Copy	2	4	6	6	5	8	4	4	7	8	12	3	69
Requests Unfilled	36	28	29	74	42	39	11	24	34	28	30	16	391
Turnaround Time	0:21:22	0:12:43	0:17:31	1:08:38	0:13:41	1:02:53	0:06:14	1:18:29	0:17:31	0:11:31	0:13:41	0:12:14	



### Lending Activities: July 2018 - June 2019

