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License to ILL: Interlibrary Loan and Course Reserve Services Support the University Mission to Reduce Costs for Students through Interdepartmental Collaboration and Innovation

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Catalyst

Students wanted course materials for free and turned to interlibrary loan (ILL) and course reserve for assistance. We knew we could help. A pilot was born!

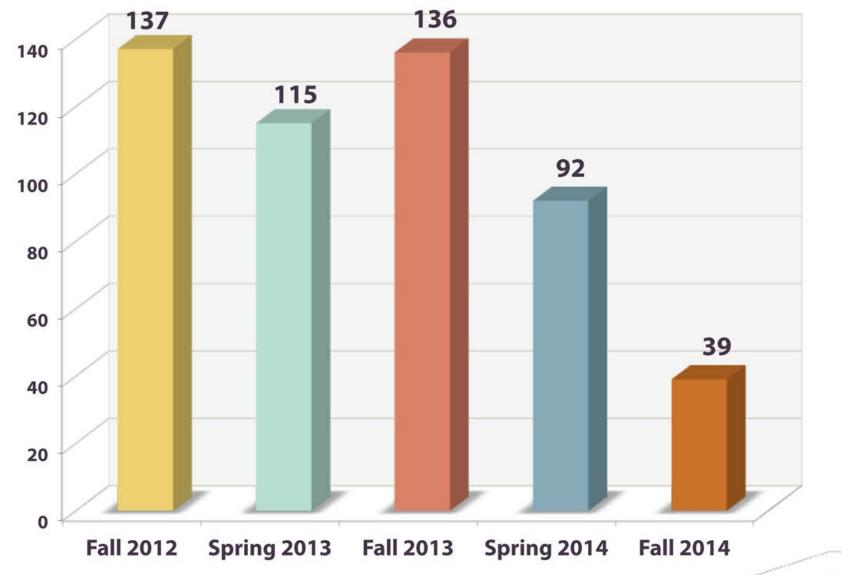
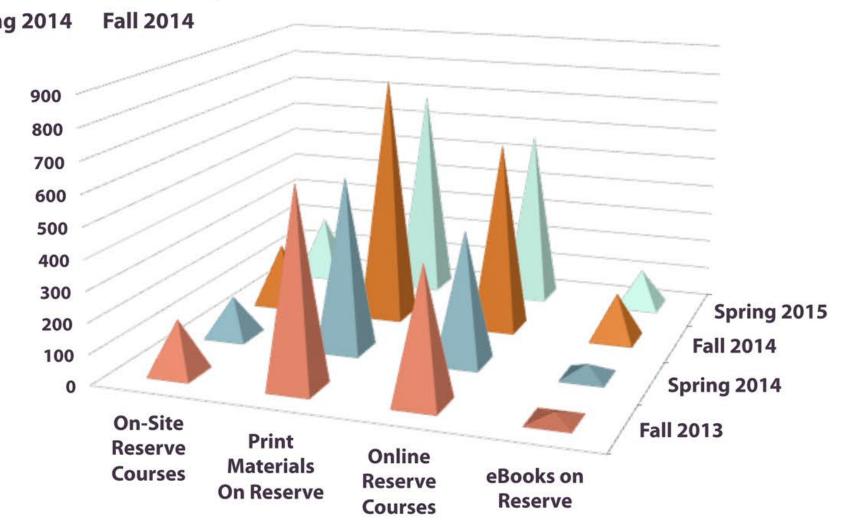


Fig. 2 The number of courses

and items on reserve,

Fall 2013 - Spring 2015.

Fig. 1 The number of interlibrary loan cancelled course material requests, Fall 2012 - Fall 2014.



Fall 2013 Spring 2014 Fall 2014 Spring 2015

Workflow

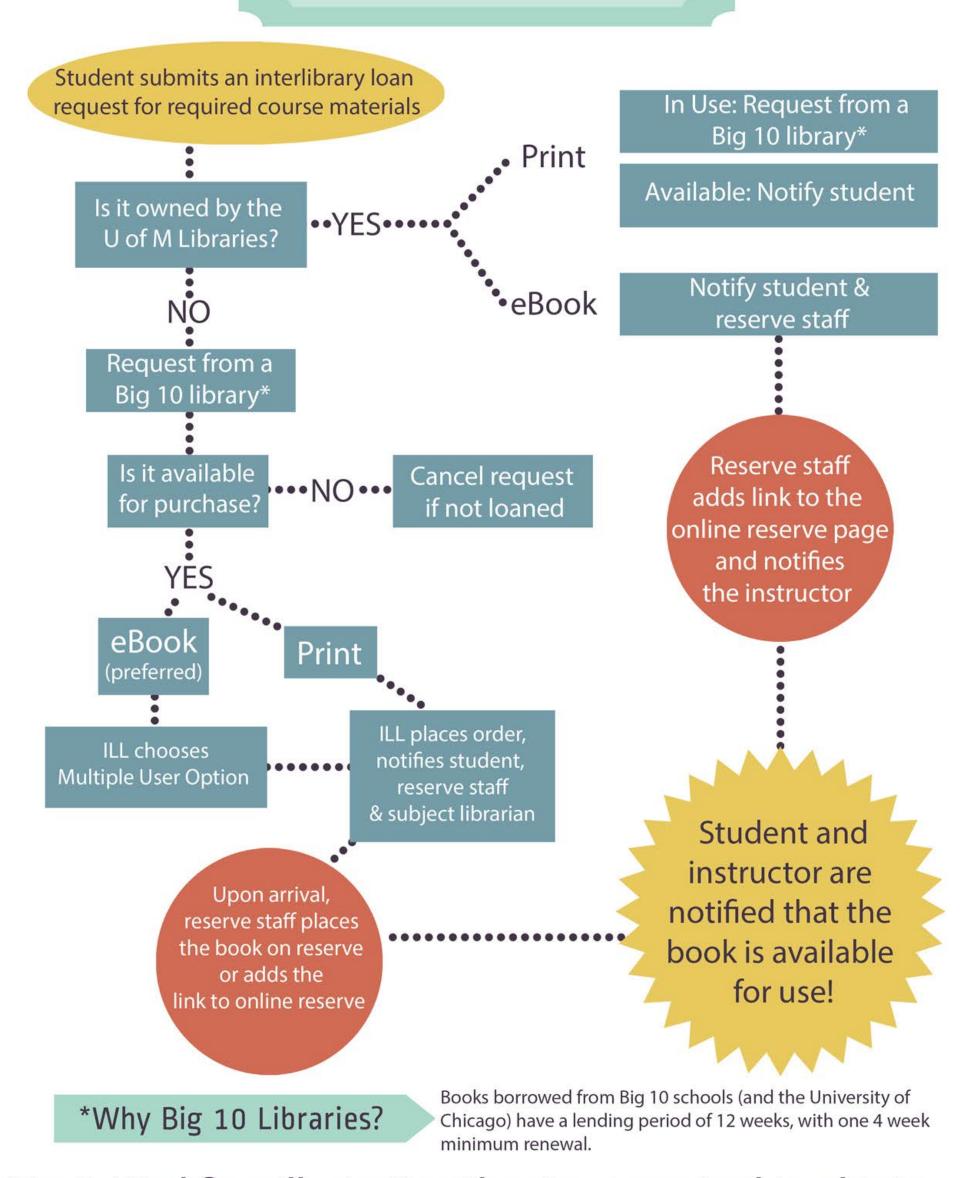


Fig. 3 Workflow illustrating the steps required to obtain required course materials for students and course reserve.

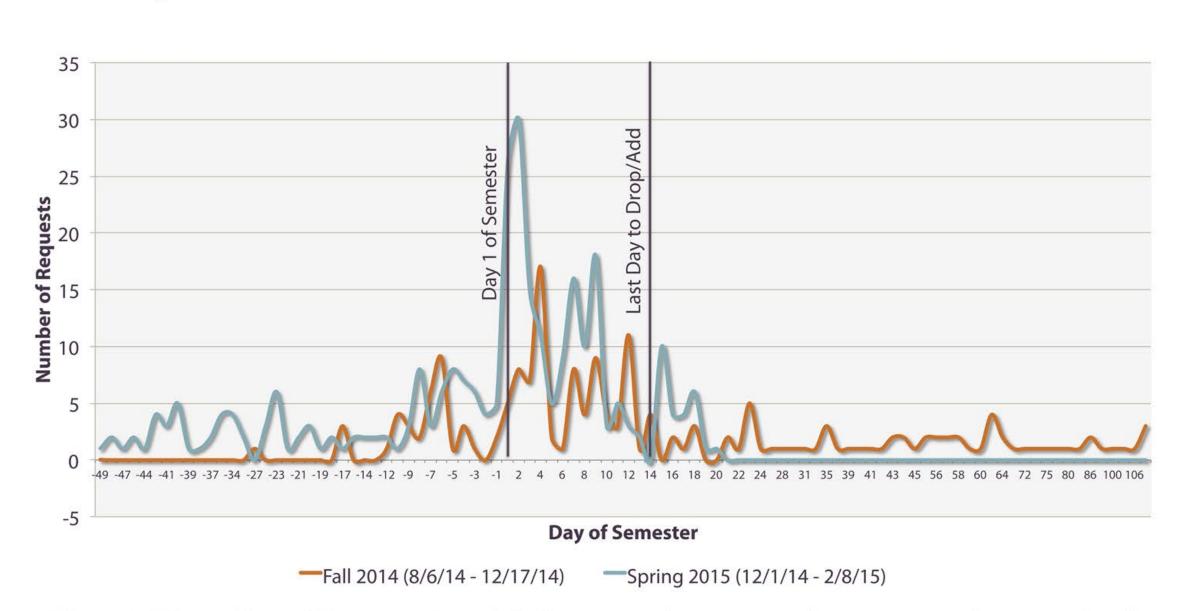


Fig. 4 Timeline illustrating highest volume and most active period of interlibrary loan course material requests.

Results

A robust collection of statistics are gathered during and after each semester of the pilot (Spring 2014 - present). These statistics inform the direction of the project moving forward, as well as other interlibrary loan, course reserve, and collection development process decisions.

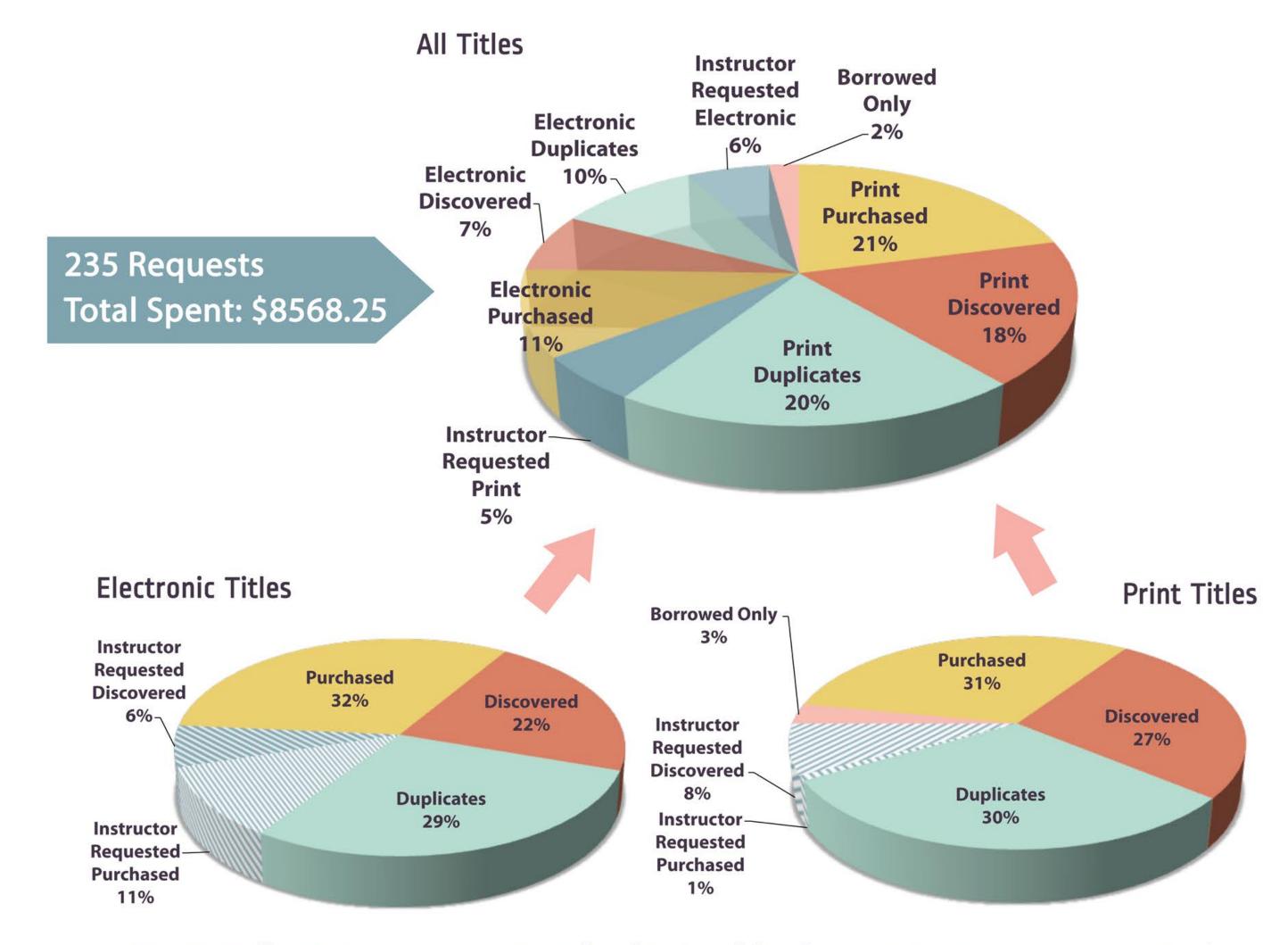


Fig. 5 Fall 2014 course materials obtained by format. Instructor requested items were discovered or purchased as a direct result of instructor knowledge of the project. Borrowed Only indicates we were unable to purchase, but succeeded in borrowing the material.

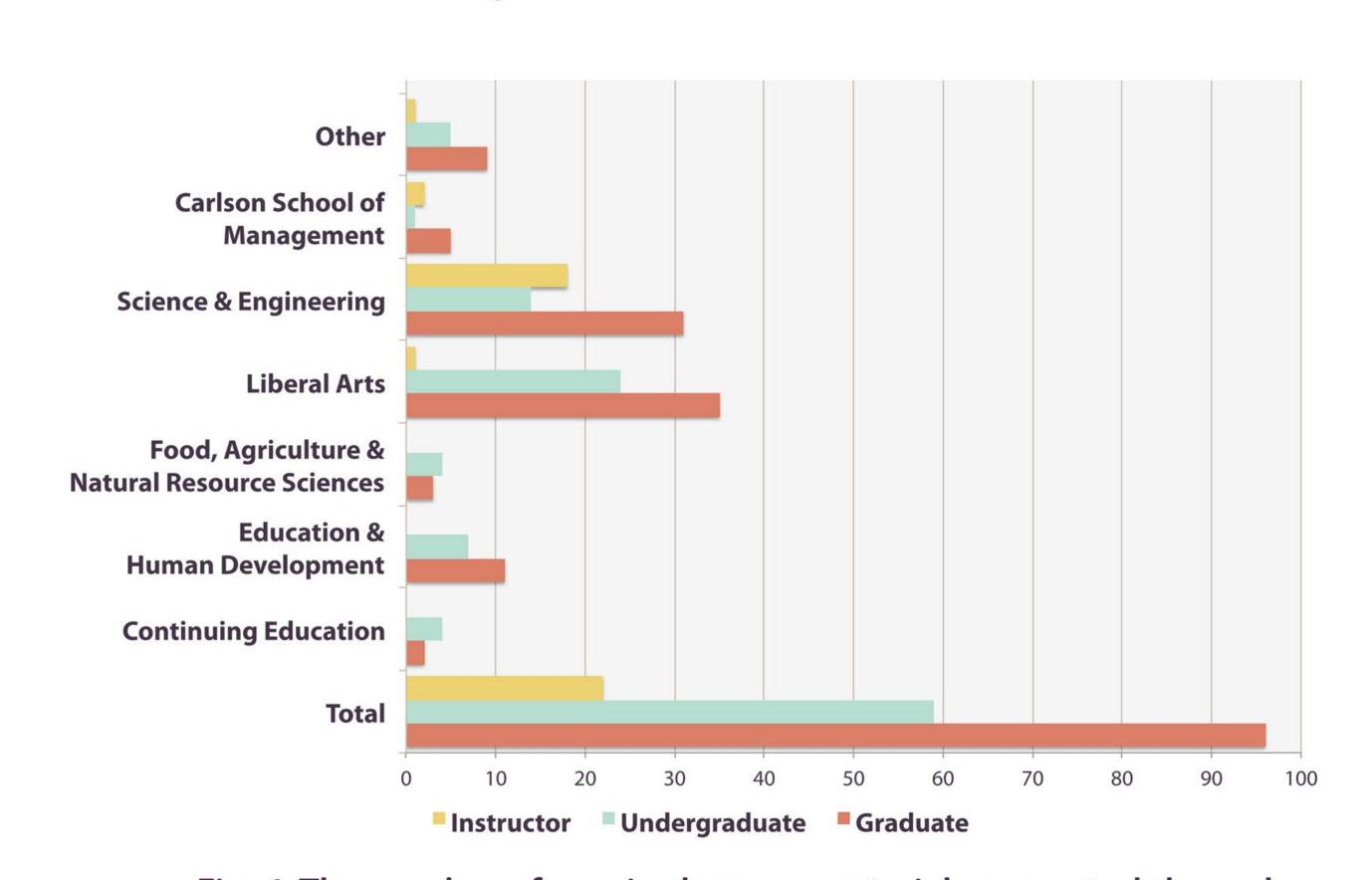
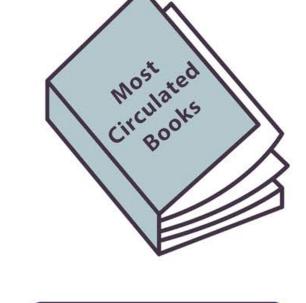


Fig. 6 The number of required course materials requested through ILL during Fall 2014, shown by academic and college status.



Purchased: Analysis of Transport Phenomena Cost: \$152.95 Patron Status: Graduate Times Circulated: 25

Discovered: Direct Social Work Practice
Cost: Already Owned Patron Status: Graduate
Times Circulated: 29



Purchased: Reframing Organizations : Artistry, Choice, and Leadership

Cost: \$113.75 Patron Status: Graduate

Times Accessed: 2635

Times Requested: 6 Times Accessed: 2144

Discovered: Introductory Statistics with R Statistics and Computing

Cost: Already Owned Patron Status: Graduate

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Survey

The pilot affected approximately 8000 students during the Fall 2014 semester. Those students were given the opportunity to offer feedback through a survey. The survey measured student awareness of library services and the availability of course materials at the library, student usage preferences, and student perceptions of the library's role on campus.

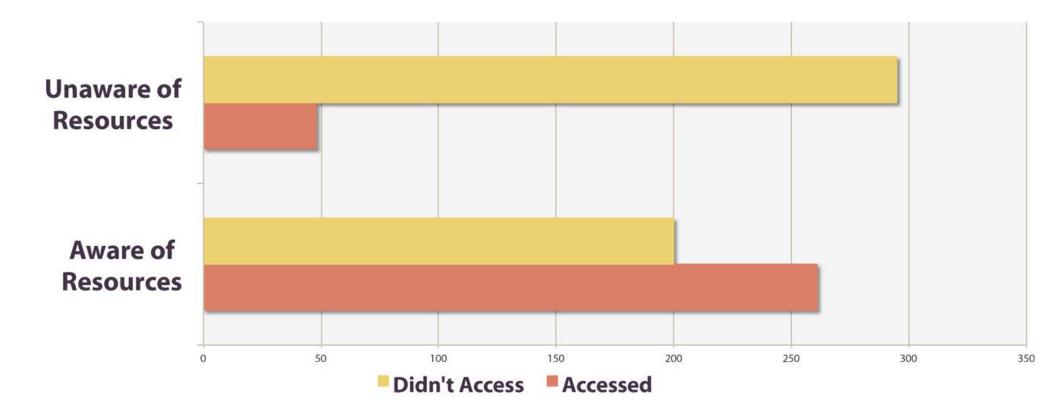
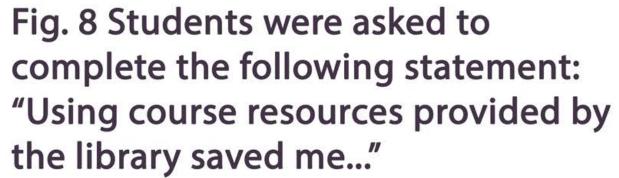
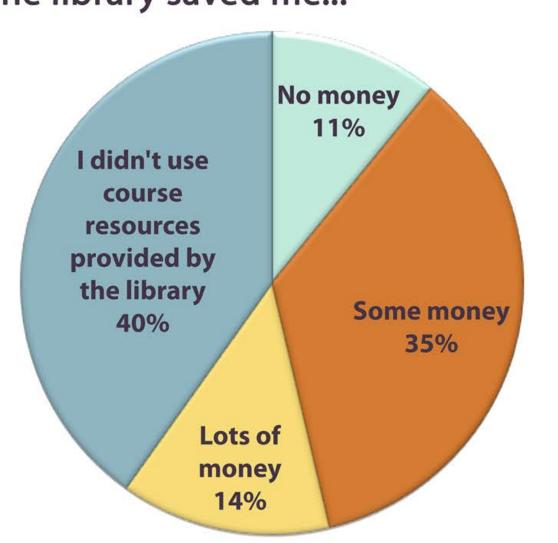


Fig. 7 The awareness and use of course resources available through the library by students during Fall 2014.

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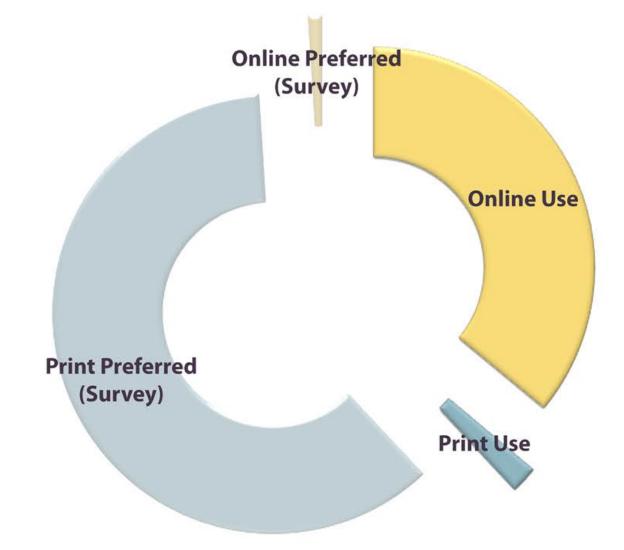


Fig. 9 The print and online preference as indicated in the survey vs. the actual print and online usage.

Feedback

"Thank you very much. Are any of the other books assigned in my classes available in this form? Should I send you a list of the books to check if they are available? I assume there is no charge to the students for access to these eBooks. This the first I have heard of this service. I will let my students know."

- Elaine Tyler May American Studies

"Thank you very much. This is a wonderful development. I will share this good news with my students." - Larry Que

Chemistry

"Wow! This is totally COOL! I think it's fantastic that the Libraries staff can be so responsive. A lot of times we don't even know things like that are possible, so having a great partner like the Libraries offer such thoughful services is fantastic. It allows the Humphrey School to offer our students the opportunity to save money and to access resources in a flexible and convenient way. Many thanks to you and your peers for making this possible."

Mary Maronde, Hubert Humphrey
 School of Public Affairs

Next Steps

- Further increase student awareness by marketing the Libraries as a resource for course materials
- Revisit and revise the project structure based on the evidence gathered throughout the pilot
- Consider funding needed to sustain the project moving forward
- Share project successes, challenges, and data internally and with the wider academic community
- Continue to explore opportunities for dynamic innovation and growth

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