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NCSU Libraries Posts Gains in 2000–2001 ARL Rankings

The NCSU Libraries recently climbed three places in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) index, which ranks the top North American academic research libraries, moving from 35 to 32 out of 113 libraries. **In a ten-year period, the NCSU Libraries has moved up sixty-nine places in the ranking, a unique achievement. The latest data is for the period 2000–2001.**

Academic research library rankings are determined by the ARL through its annual survey, from which an index is derived, based on five quantitative data elements that measure relative

size. A full explanation of how the ARL index is calculated is available on the Web at **<http://www.arl.org/stats/factor.html>**.

The NCSU Libraries offers the resource wealth of a vast central library, the D. H. Hill Library, as well as the resources of branch libraries and special departments. In all, the Libraries has a collection of more than 3.0 million volumes, 47,000 print and electronic serials, and hundreds of databases, with emphasis on science and technology.

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