The Information Resource Center supports IMSA’s teaching and learning programs and student creativity through its collections, services, and team of information professionals.

Collection Profile

Print
- 39,880 Books
- 60 Magazines and Journals
- 3750 DVDs and CDs

Electronic
- 89 Databases
- 69,522 E-Journals
- 13,621 E-Books
- 26,651 Consortial E-Books

Library staff promotes the ethical use of information and library materials and encourages questions and suggestions in using our print and digital collections.

Use

Print
- 12,600 Items circulated to IMSA patrons
- 3,500 Interlibrary loans
- 300 Items reserved for IMSA classes
- 173 Items displayed in support of diversity awareness

Electronic
- 65,265 Searches
- 164,891 Full-text downloads, result clicks, and record views
- 11,357 E-book chapter views or chapter downloads
- 754 E-book checkouts
- 4410 Streaming media views

Information and research skills are taught on an individual and group basis. The IRC provides guidance in choosing appropriate resources, searching a variety of formats, and evaluating content.

Assistance

Reference and Research
- 752 Reference and in-depth research consultations
- 1036 General library questions
- 131 Library and Research Skills classes taught and faculty class visits

Technology
- 73 Training and consultation sessions for DigitalCommons
- 243 General technology assists and consultation sessions
- 359 Printer/copier assists
- 62 Instruction sessions: one-on-one and classes taught

DigitalCommons: IMSA Repository
- 1607 new works by faculty, staff, and students
- Participation by all of IMSA’s seven academic programs
- 87,078 full-text downloads:
  ⇒ by 4,902 institutions
  ⇒ in 188 Countries

- 10,177 uses of Research Guides (tailored online resources for class assignments)
- Average database usage per IMSA faculty, staff, or student:
  ⇒ 76 database searches
  ⇒ 193 article downloads, record views, or result clicks

- 112,308 IRC visits during FY17:
  ⇒ Average: 600 visits per day
- 99 Service Learning Students:
  ⇒ Approx. 760 hours of service
- Six community programs: IMSA and Aurora Elementary K-5
  ⇒ Approx. 880 attendees