## Sustainability of Books purchased for Lied Library 2005 – 2009

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**Background Information**

There have been several reports as to the collection analysis of LC classifications books ordered to titles used in the year ordered. This report addresses the sustainability of those purchases in the following years after initial purchase. Title usage via LC classification is the criteria of this report and not total uses. This report does not take into consideration multiple copies or multiple items or volumes for each LC class and is for Lied Library only.

**Overall Use Analysis**

2005 books used shows a upward spike for 2006 use but then a downward trend begins for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

2006 books used shows a downward trend for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

2007 shows an upward spike for 2008 but a downward trend for 2009.

The upward spike for 2005 and 2007 in the year following when the book was purchased books may account for some purchases not being available in the year purchased due to purchasing late in the fiscal year or a possible detainment of the item in processing.

On an average over 15,000 books are ordered each year, and only 40% get used the first two years and this declines to 30% by the fourth year use.

**College or Subject Area Use Analysis**

All colleges except General and Law indicate a downward trend for the sustainability of books after the first two years. General and Law showed a slight higher trend but the numbers are virtually insignificant. The highest number of titles used is under 70 for both these areas respectively. Since Information Science involved only 1 LC class and the number used was so small (under 15 titles) it was not included in the analysis.

**Summary**

On an average over 15,000 books are ordered each year, and only 40% get used the first two years and this declines to 30% by the fourth year use. This indicates that usage of books purchased is not sustainable over the 4 year period. Most of the individual college statistical data reinforce this analysis. Even though usage appears to spike upward in the year after the purchase, it consistently trends downward over the next few years. The upward spike in usage following the year the books were purchased may account for some purchases not being available in the year purchased due to purchasing late in the fiscal year or a possible detainment of the item in processing.