



# Albany Molecular Research, Inc. (AMRI) Corporate Library

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# AMRI - Company Overview



- **Company established in 1991**
- **Headquartered in Albany, NY**
- **Number of employees ~ 1,732**



# AMRI – Company Overview



- **Provides contract services to the Life Sciences industry**
  - **Working with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies from earliest phases of drug discovery and development through to commercial manufacturing**
- **Global facilities – including sites in Albany/Rensselaer, NY; Burlington, MA; Grafton, WI; Albuquerque, NM; West Lafayette, IN; Singapore; India; and UK**



# AMRI Library Overview



- **Staffed by two full-time librarians located at AMRI's Corporate Headquarters in Albany, NY (building opened in 2004)**
- **Patrons from across the globe**
  - **Over half of our users work at sites outside of Albany/Rensselaer**



# AMRI Library Overview



- **Library maintains subscriptions for the company and provides content to users through in-house collection and interlibrary loan/document delivery**
- **Library also provides archival services, including the handling of laboratory notebooks**



# AMRI Library - Collection



- **Focused collection – mainly Chemistry titles**
- **Current subscriptions (2015) include:**
  - **30+ print and electronic journal titles**
  - **8 databases**
- **Library includes a print collection of 253 different journal titles (back issues)**



# AMRI Library - Collection



- **Current subscription list looks much different compared to six years ago**
  - **2009 budget included over 70 journal titles**
- **2011 budget included cutting more than 20 journal titles**
  - **Steep increase in one of the Library's electronic journal packages caused subscription cuts**
- **The Library has continued to see increases in subscription rates year-over-year that have led to further cuts in the budget**



# AMRI Library - Collection



- **Since 2008 the Library has moved away from print subscriptions toward electronic-only subscriptions**
  - **One exception included *Journal of the American Chemical Society* which went from being an electronic subscription to a print subscription and is electronic again**
  - **E-journals provide easier access to patrons not located in Albany**
- **Library has need to hold on to “old” print resources based on requests from patrons**
  - **Chemistry information never grows old – same concepts and information from 40 or more years ago are still relevant**





# AMRI Library - Space





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- **The Library's space reflects changes in the subscriptions**
  - **Front displays of new journal issues are mostly empty now due to fewer print subscriptions**
- **Library is located on first floor of corporate headquarters**
- **Includes shelving for journals and small book collection, information access carrels, a reading table, a microfilm reading station, a large reference desk (counter) and a conference room**



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# AMRI Library – Future of the Collection & Space

- **The company continues to grow**
- **Majority of the Library’s patrons never “visit” the Library physically either due to location or time constraints**
  - **Transactions completed over email, etc.**



# AMRI Library – Future of the Collection & Space

- **Question has been raised if the Library can become electronic-only**
  - **Not possible at this time due to the need to hold on to old print resources and the expense of electronic materials**
  - **Need to have visitor workspace – including for “non-employee” visitors, condition of participating in interlibrary loan**
  - **Need for Library staff to have workspace to process archival materials such as laboratory notebooks**
- **Possibility that future Library space may become smaller**
  - **Especially as more electronic resources are used**





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## Questions?

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