Del Mar College ensures adequate access to library collections and other learning and information resources to support all students, including VCT enrolled students. Library resources are purchased by both faculty members and by librarians, each of whom is assigned specific programs areas to oversee and assess. A minimum budget annual allotment of $1000 per program (larger for larger programs and programs with heavy library use) is budgeted for print and AV titles. Periodicals, continuations, and e-titles are purchased for each program area in consultation with librarians and instructional faculty members from other library funds. Each librarian reviews one assigned program area each year to insure collection relevancy and currency.

There is a systematic evaluation plan for library services and consistent data that demonstrates positive findings. Survey data from students, faculty, and staff demonstrate satisfaction with the library's collections in support of study and research. In response to a general question regarding satisfaction with library facilities, resources and hours from the annual instructional program reviews, 93% to 97% of the students responded that they were “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied” with the library. The graduating students surveys (1998/99-2002/03) findings include over 85% of the students using the library rated facilities, resources and hours as “good or very good.” In more definitive surveys of the library, including the Survey of Student Services, Spring, 2004, conducted by the College’s Office of Institutional Research, students were polled specifically about library book and reference, periodical, e-, and AV resources. Students responding either positively or negatively (agree, strongly agree, disagree or strongly disagree) responded positively as follows: book and reference collection, 89%; periodical and microfilm, 91%; e-resources, 93%; and AV resources, 89%. The same question was asked of faculty and staff in a 2005 survey conducted by the library with the following results: positive responses for the book and reference collection were 89%; periodical and microfilm, 93%; e-resources 97%; and AV resources, 93%. When comparing Del Mar Library to libraries serving similar student populations, Del Mar library generally compares favorably, rating in the top 40% of ten community college libraries reviewed for book collection, number of books per student, AV collection, serials and the amount budgeted each year for these items. On a VCT student survey completed in Fall 2005 the library resources were evaluated to be good to excellent in 95.2% of responses for online resources and 88.9% of responses for on-campus resources.

The Director Learning Resources is a member of the college Curriculum Committee, as well as the Instruction and Student Development Council. Through participation on these committees, the library keeps aware of new classes being planned to insure appropriate library materials for classes offered.

The DMCNet catalog lists all book, media, and periodical titles owned by the library. "Traditional" library resources include 185,500 print volumes, 13,900 audiovisual titles, and 2,253 print serials, including 762 current serials. There is a separate reference collection to provide basic background material for beginning research. VCT students have Del Mar College ID’s and therefore have the same user and borrowing privileges as other Del Mar students. The majority of the book collection and sound audiovisual materials are available for checkout; periodicals are used in-library and periodical backfiles and microfilm are available for photocopying; video resources also viewed in-library. If the VCT student should happen to be a distance learner who does not have access to campus, he/she can order books and circulating media materials using the procedures detailed under “Online and Distance Learner Services – Research Help – Request Books and Articles” on the library’s homepage. Materials are mailed to the student as requested and periodical articles are faxed if a phone number is provided. Reserve materials are available through the DMCNet catalog and are currently in-library. However, should there be a need for online reserve (which has not yet surfaced), there are procedures in place to provide such reserve material so long as it is copyright compliant.

The library has a considerable number of e-resources available through its website as well. Several of them encompass almost all academic subjects; others are narrower in scope. Passwords to the resources are distributed each semester, as required by contracts with the e-resources distributors, and made available to instructors and the VCT advisor who can then distribute the information to their students. Students may also call the library for the information. Listed below are the e-resource titles

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The library also offers access to approximately 27,000 e-books on a range of subjects through *Netlibrary. These books are accessible both through the Netlibrary interface and through the DMCNet catalog.

In addition to Del Mar Library, faculty and students have access to the libraries of Texas A&M—Corpus Christi and Kingsville and to Coastal Bend College library. This access is primarily in-library and not to the institution’s e-resources and has been made available because of cooperative service agreements with Del Mar Library. Del Mar’s membership in TexShare, also provides access to resources and to the TexShare card, which provides in-library borrowing with many institutions throughout the state. TexShare is a cooperative program, funded by the Texas legislature and administered by the Texas State Library
and Archives Commission and provides a broader range of materials. VCT students, as part of the Del Mar student population, have the same privileges as any other person with a Del Mar ID card.