

Empowering Student Success: Library Innovations for Learning & Equity

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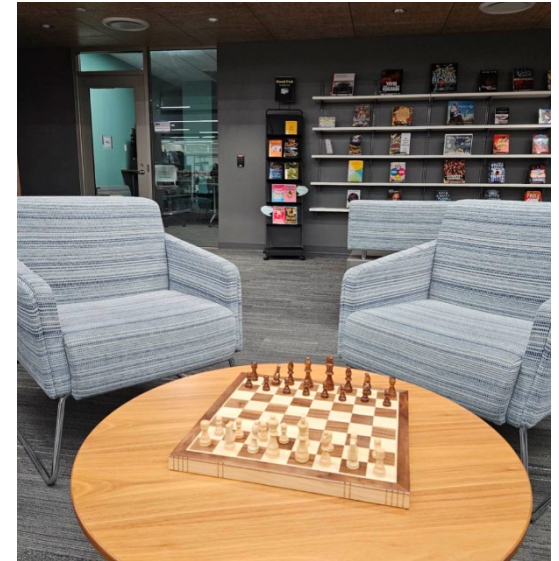
Our Mission

The Library supports the Mission, Philosophy, Vision and Core Values of Harper College. We are committed to providing resources and services, as well as physical space, computing facilities, and reference assistance to support and enhance teaching and learning.

The Library responds to patrons' informational needs by developing, maintaining and improving access to a balanced collection of materials, both physical and online, as well as providing access to programs and services that reflect the full range of diversity of the college community.

The Library as a Third Place

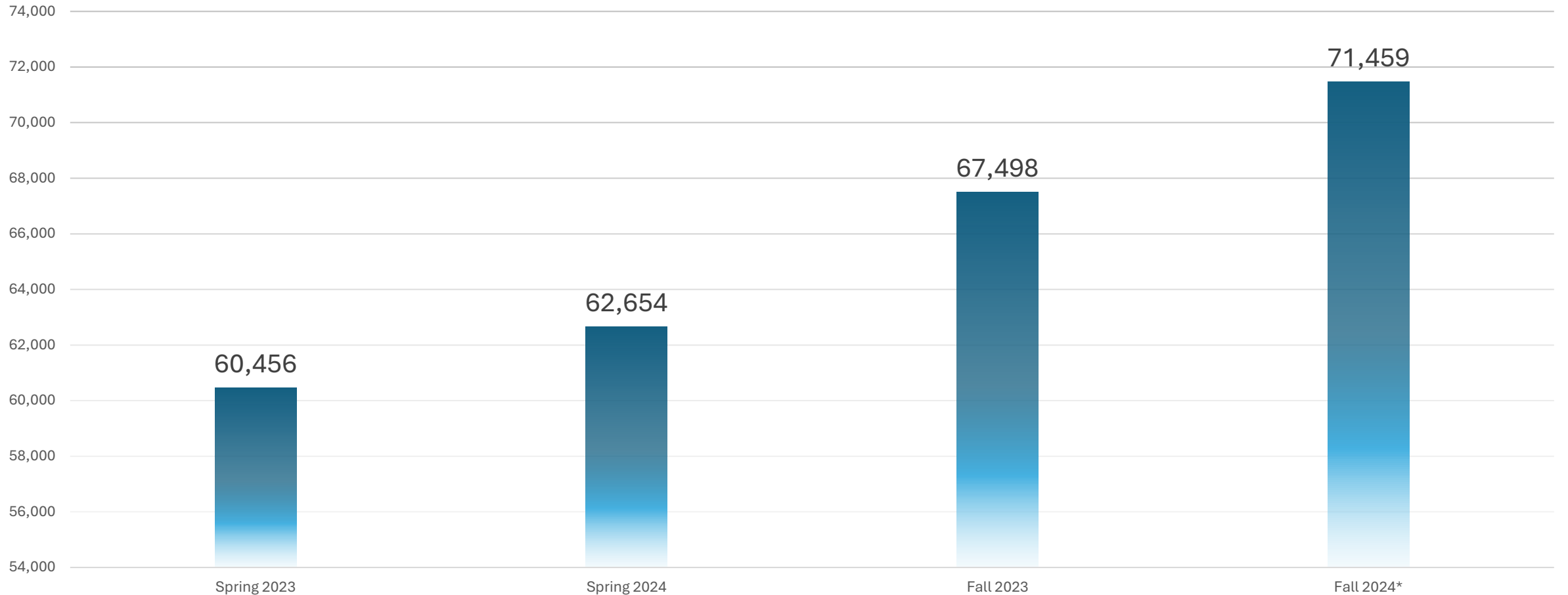
“Third place” is a term coined by sociologist Ray Oldenburg and refers to places where people spend time between home (‘first’ place) and work (‘second’ place).



Third places help to provide buffers against stress, loneliness, inactivity, and alienation. They are locations where we exchange ideas, have a good time, and build relationships.

Library visitors – 6% increase

GATE COUNT





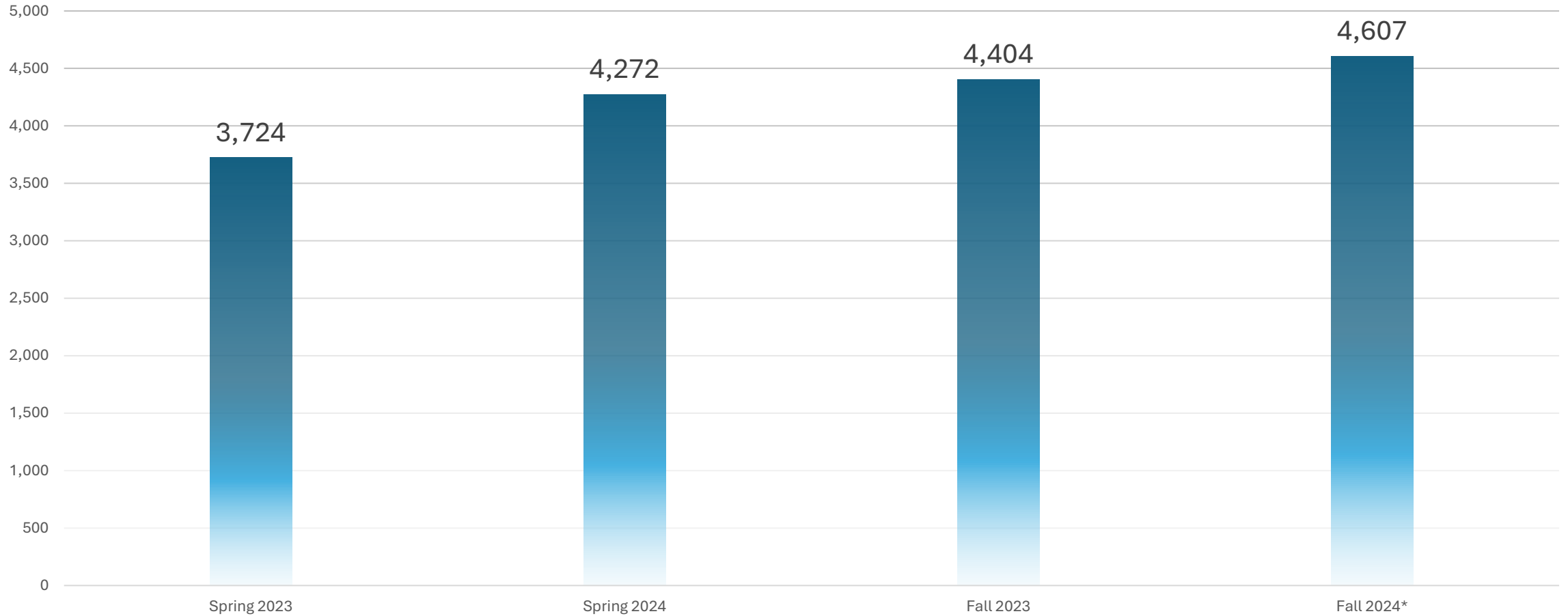
Teaching in the Library

- Fall 2024: 129 classes (2374 students), 29% increase from Fall 2023
- On campus and online offerings
- 17 online tutorial videos
- 80 research guides (over 16,000 views Fall 2024)
- First Year Seminar (FYS) fully integrated



Research Help (In Person & Online)

REFERENCE ASSISTANCE





Equity-Driven Collection Initiatives

- Popular fiction & nonfiction to encourage literacy skills
- World Languages collection
- ELL Readers
- Citizenship materials
- Learning & Career Center multi-lingual collections
- Streaming media collections
- New databases, e.g. CultureGrams, Ethnic Diversity Source, etc.
- Eliminated overdue fines
- Collaboration with OER Team

INTERLIBRARY LOAN (ILL)

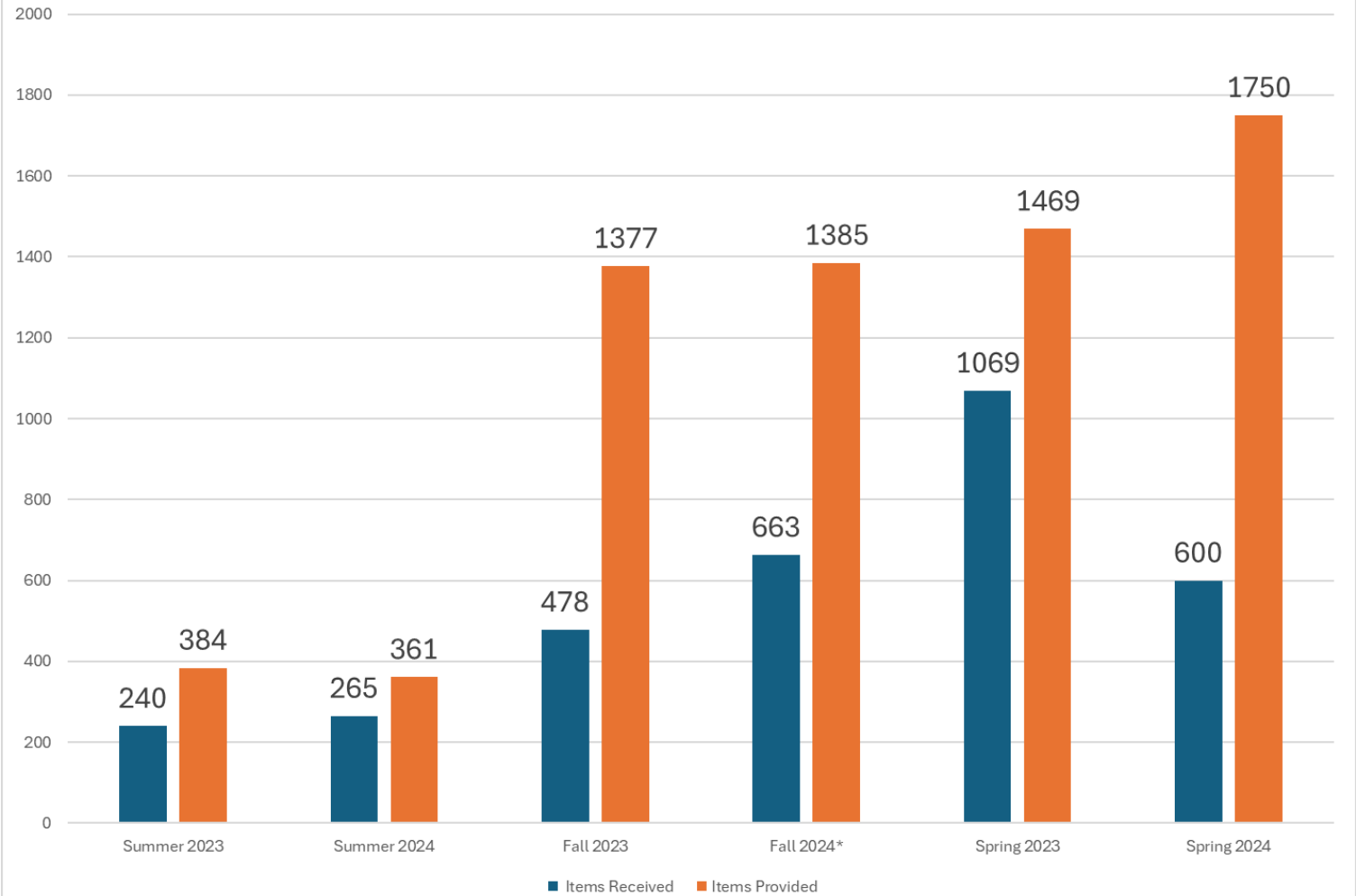


Can't find what you
are looking for?



With Interlibrary Loan (ILL)
our library doesn't end here.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICE



eTextbook Initiative

Fall 2024

- 90 online textbooks purchased
- \$27,500 Library cost
- \$300,000 estimated student savings

Sample data:

- 22 courses / 22 textbooks
- 2230 Students enrolled
- \$168,000 textbook savings for students
- \$13,650 Library cost

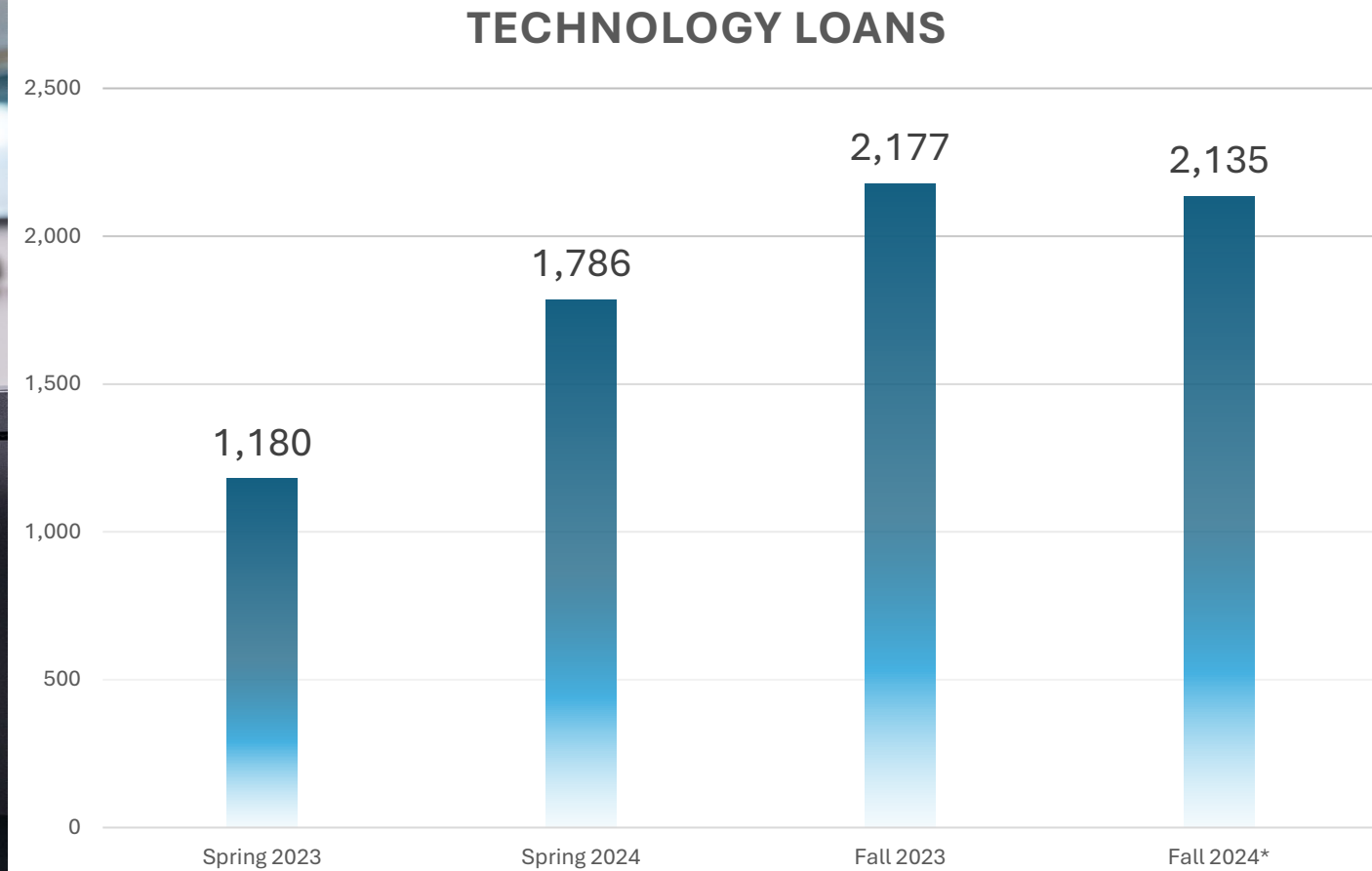


Study Rooms



- 14 rooms
- Reserved for up to 2 hours a day
- Can be used by faculty and community members, but priority given to students

Chromebooks, Graphing Calculators, & Hotspots



The Make Shop

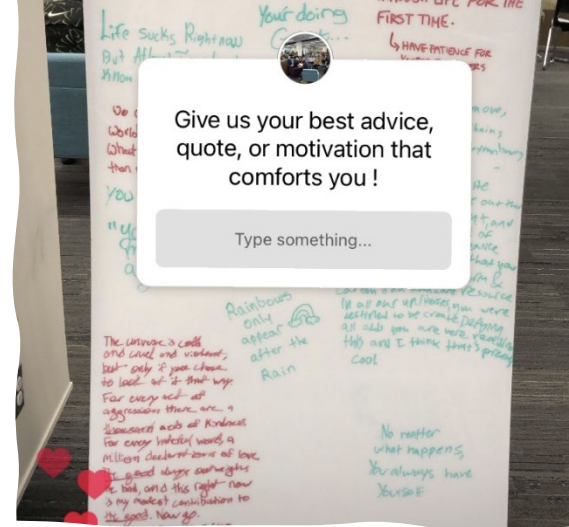
- Appointments and drop-in hours
- Use of machines is free (small cost for materials)
- Occasional events and regular free craft projects
- Workshops through Community Education



Connecting to Our Community

- Book discussions
- Virtual presentations
- Passive programming
- Outreach
- Campus events

*The Harper College Library is open to all.
District Residents have borrowing privileges.



Student Voices

I appreciate your time to help me with my assignments. [I] got 15 points [out of 15] and I am happy. I say "huge thank you" for your help.

I would just like to extend my deepest gratitude for your help with my research presentation. Thanks to you, I was able to successfully present to a panel of educators and students on my topic, and I was genuinely surprised how unbiased it came across.

I want to thank you again for your assistance and hard effort in helping me find useful resources for my research paper. My research paper was called "unique, intriguing and outstanding."

This is great, thank you so much! I was struggling myself to find something that specifically encircled my topic...Your efforts are more appreciated than you know!



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Any Questions?

Thank you!



“Thank You” cards received by library staff from students and faculty