

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS LIBRARIES

Two Years of Frisco Landing Library

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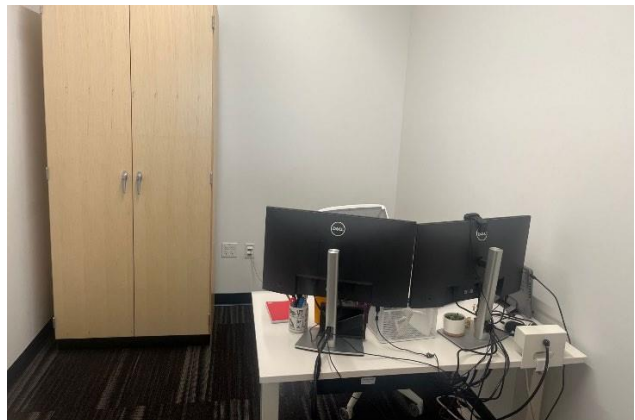
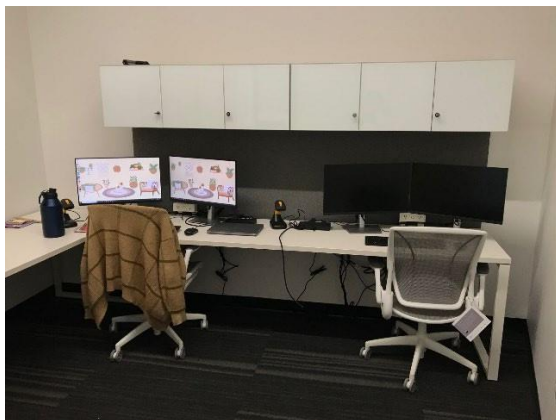
Opened in January 2023, Frisco Landing Library has been serving patrons on the new UNT at Frisco campus for two full years. We've been working to foster student engagement and have seen significant growth in the use of our services, so we want to share some highlights from the past few semesters!

Space Improvements

Since opening, we have installed two new signs letting students know that they have entered the library space - one on our service desk and one smaller sign near the computer lab. This change at our service desk also allows us to assist more than one patron at a time by opening access to a second computer station on the desk.

We have also expanded to include a second (much needed) library work and storage space.

See here our original workspace (left) and our additional space (right).



Spring 2023



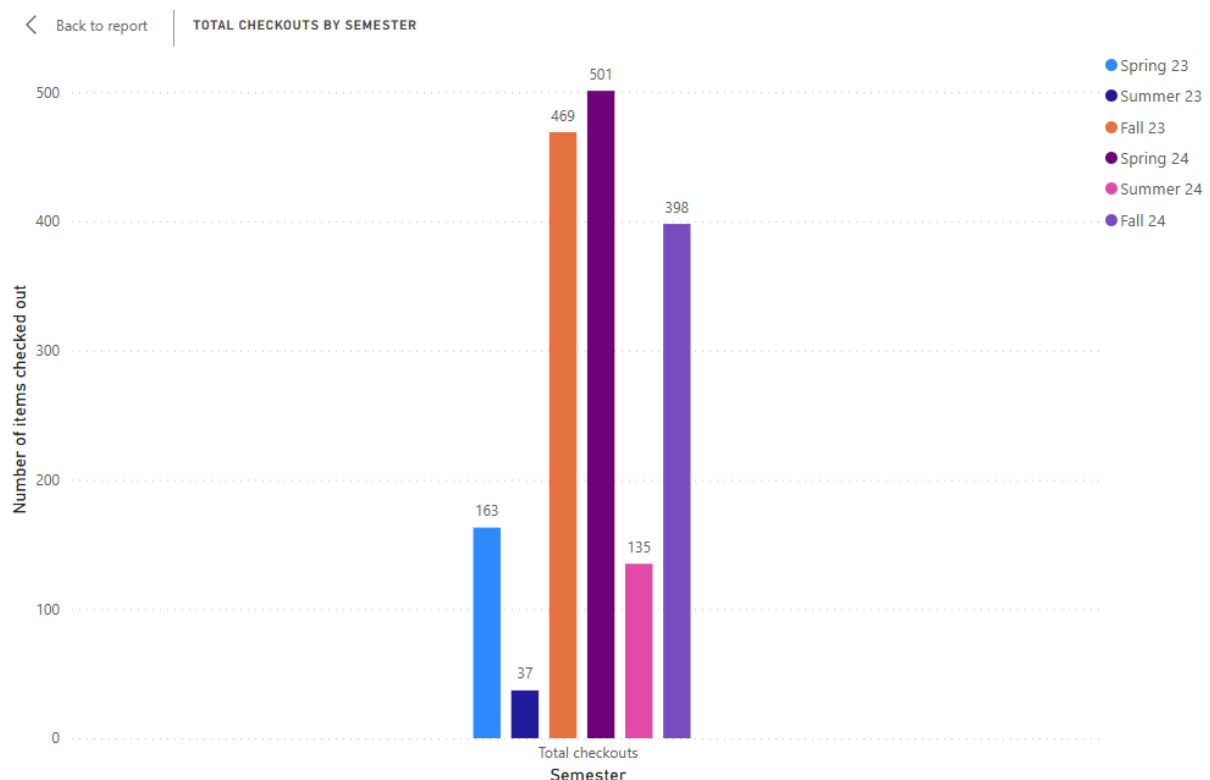
Fall 2024



Circulation

Total Checkouts

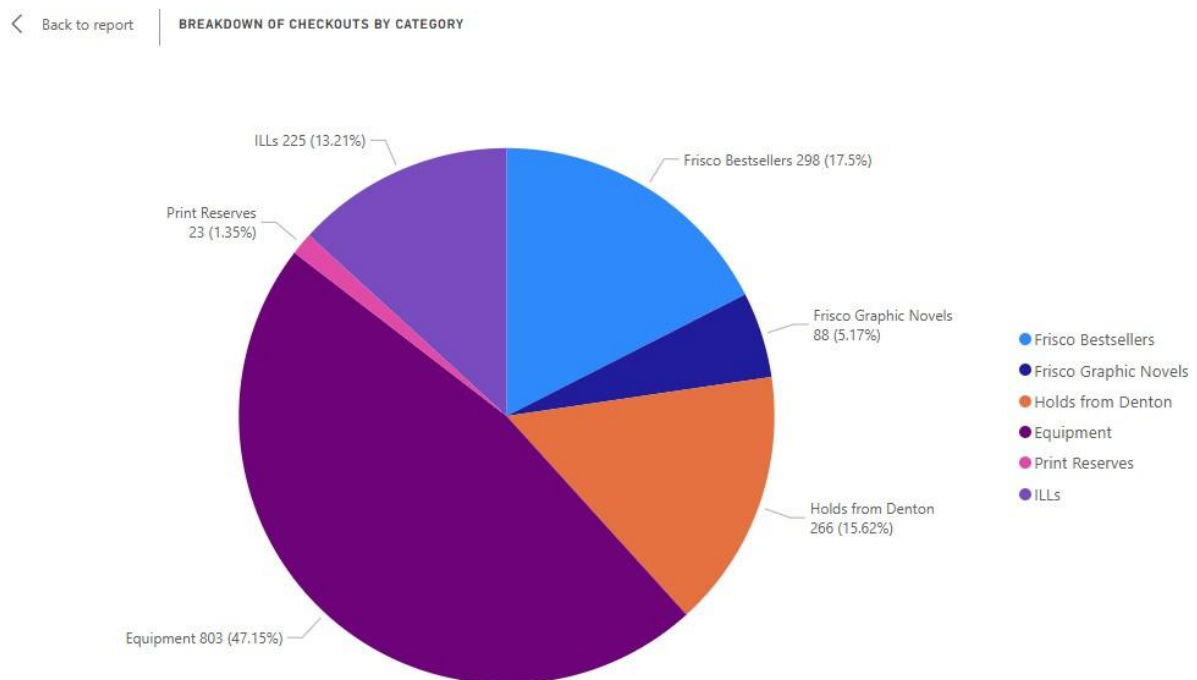
Our circulation stats have grown tremendously from Spring 2023 to now. We circulated almost as many items this past summer as we did during our entire first spring semester!



Fall 2024 saw an interesting change in the student population at Frisco Landing. While the total number of students enrolled at Frisco declined slightly, the number of students taking all their classes at Frisco increased, creating a livelier environment on campus with more students spending time here to study and socialize.

Checkout Breakdown

We circulate a variety of items including items from our Frisco bestsellers and graphic novels collections, books requested from other UNT Libraries locations, ILL materials, course reserves, and equipment items (calculators, markers, and project supplies).



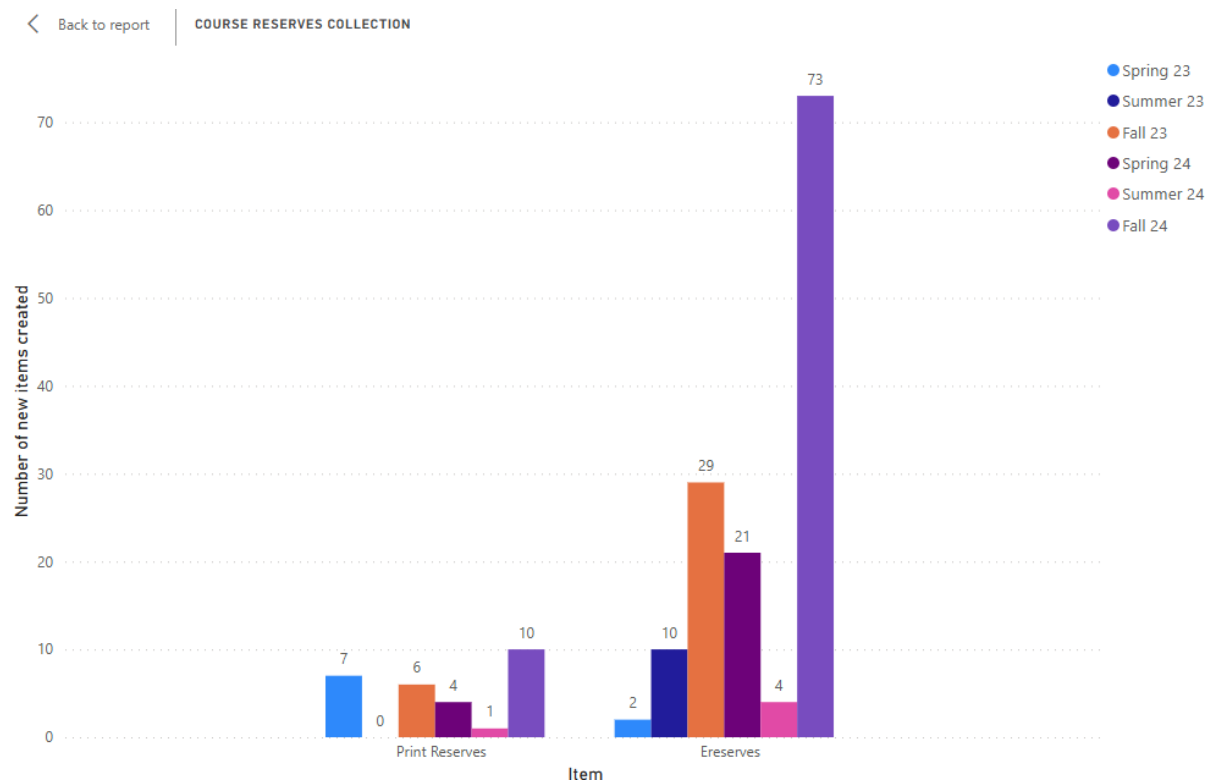
Fun fact: faculty and staff members at Frisco check out just as many popular reading titles as our students (in fact, their numbers are just slightly higher!). Staff from student services, facilities, dining services, and other departments regularly patronize our library and have let us know how grateful they are to have a library right here in their building.

Course Reserves

Faculty at Frisco are slowly (but surely) becoming interested in setting up course reserves.

Reserve Requests

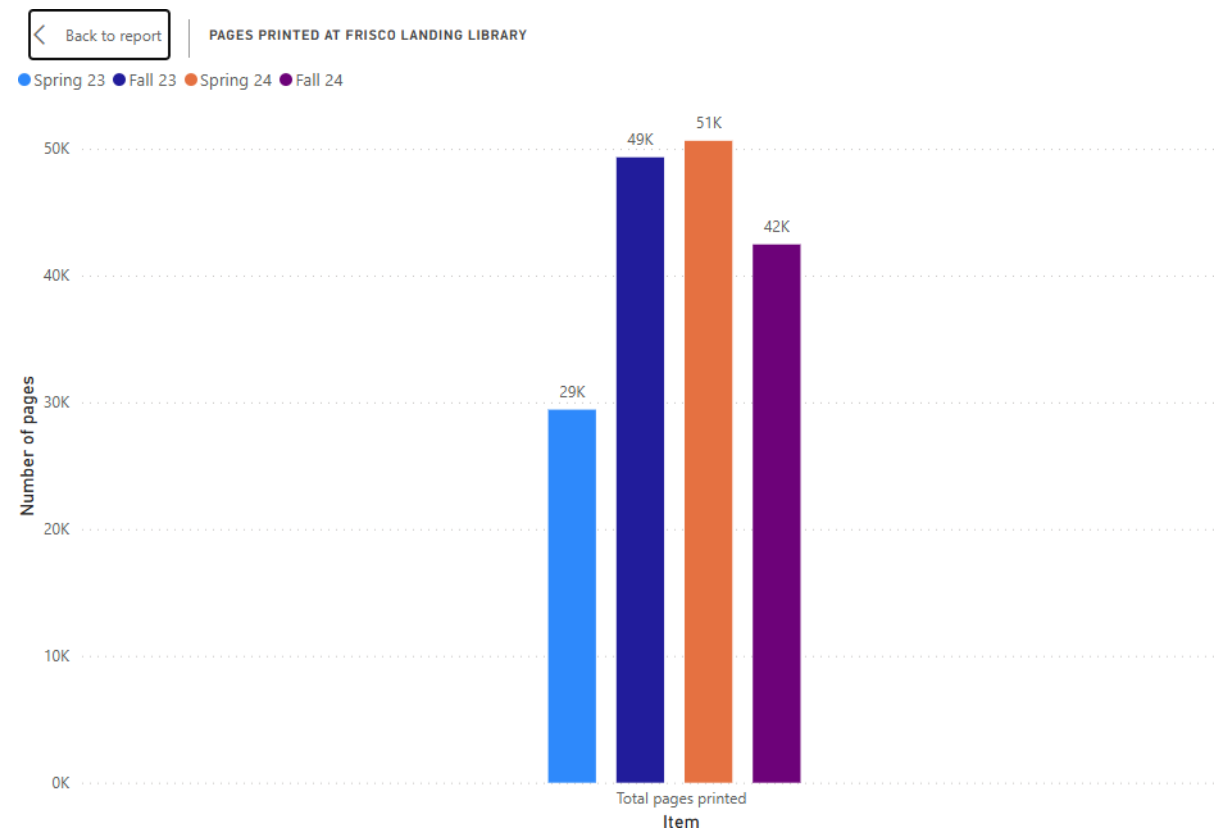
This chart shows new items added each semester, but many items requested are retained for use in future semesters.



Fall 2024 saw a sharp uptick in items requested due to a faculty member who arranged with us for their entire 68 item reading list to be made available through the library so that students wouldn't need to purchase any textbooks. This faculty member has also been spreading the word to their colleagues about library services!

Printing Services

We've helped a lot of patrons learn how to print!



Fun fact: around 10-15K pages printed each semester at our library are printed by faculty and staff members at Frisco who need just as much assistance learning to navigate papercut as our student patrons.

Outreach Highlights

Book Displays

For Black History Month, Hispanic History Month, and for our Wellness display we collaborated with Frisco Student Services for students to earn Frisco Engage credit by reading the books from our library display.



We also partnered with the Eclipse Event Planning Committee to create a solar eclipse display, the Frisco Career Coaches to create a job skills display with information about career coaching appointments, and with the Frisco Academic Success center to create a writing skills display with information writing center appointments and a college success display with information about academic coaching appointments.



In Fall 2024 we partnered faculty teaching the North Texas Now! dual credit program to put up a display focused on the “Wicked Problems” their two cohorts would be studying: AI and Placemaking.

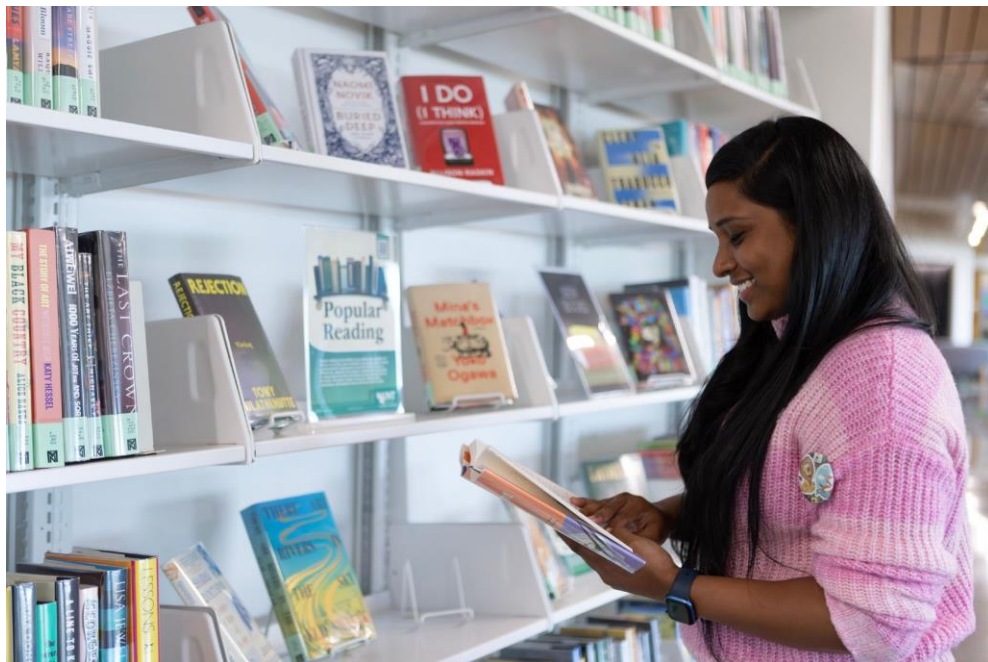


Also in Fall 2024, we shifted our bestseller collection to allow space for cohesive displays within this collection and promote engagement.

Before



After



Events

We represented the libraries at many campus-wide events in Frisco such as numerous orientations, Transfer Debut, three Frisco Fests, two You + UNT recruiting events, two homecoming celebrations, the Frisco Landing grand opening, and more!

We have also partnered with individual departments within Frisco for events as well such as frequent lobby tabling activities with Academic Success and two patron book swaps with Student Services.

See us here making bookmarks with students at Homecoming 2023.



Thank you!

We want to give a huge thank you to all at the Libraries and UNT at Frisco who helped us with opening this library and setting up operations during our first two years - it was a monumental task! We've had a great start and can't wait to see what the future holds for UNT at Frisco and Frisco Landing Library.