

Albanian College Tirana Library Profile

Collection:

The Library currently has a total collection of approximately 8000 titles with 19,103 books (many multiple copies of titles).

Current year	English	Albanian	French	Mandarin
8000 titles	7248	450	194	108

Databases/Online Resources:

2017-2018	Questia, Ebsco Online Middle, Destiny
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Staffing:

The ACT Library has a Teacher Librarian and a full-time Library Assistant.

Curriculum and Collaboration:

Level	Scheduling	Focus
Primary	Fixed/weekly	Instill the love of reading/using the library, limited research methods, Academic Honesty/Integrity
Middle	Flexible/scheduled by teacher	Reading and using the library/research methods and citation, Personal Project consultation, Academic Honesty/Integrity
Upper (DP)	Flexible/scheduled by teacher	Reading/using library/research methods and citation TOK, EE consultation, Academic Honesty/Integrity

Examples of Collaboration for the 2016/2017 school year:

PYP:

1. Grade 1 reading and promoting of books and collaboration throughout with units of inquiry.
2. Academic Honesty across all grade levels using EasyBib and MLA7
3. Grade 2 and Grade 3 reading and collaboration with units of inquiry.
4. Grade 4 and Grade 5 collaboration with units of inquiry throughout the year.
5. Grade 5 exhibition: research using a variety of methods, digital and print; technology support and individual support as needed.

MYP and DP:

1. Academic Honesty and awareness of plagiarism.
2. Teaching of how to find and use information in the library, print and non-print, searches using Questiaschool and other databases.
3. ENGLISH collaboration with all literature units, including poetry, fiction, non-fiction. How to search in the library. Researching reputable sources including in and outside of the library. Primary sources, using Databases to find reputable sources and how to cite sources using MLA 7.

Extra Projects:

The library has been a center of activity for many levels of the school including:

Grade 10: Albanian class created posters and artwork showing examples of how to locate materials in the library via Dewey classification and examples of proper MLA sources placing them around the library.

DP: The library feels a close working relationship with students working on the Personal Project and Extended Essay. As these projects encompass higher levels of academic writing incorporating specific types of research and data formation, the collaboration between teachers and the library is fundamental and highly promoted individually for students and in group formats. The library plans to take a central, key role in working with

students and faculty to promote all Middle School and DP - level students understanding of primary sources, reputable forms of research, and proper citation methods.

The Librarian is also key to collaborative curriculum planning with teachers to help integrate ATL skills and to organise vertical and horizontal planning across subjects, as they are involved in the big picture, rather than a single subject.