

## SF College's library gets national award

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Santa Fe College has earned another national award, this time for its library.

The Association of College & Research Libraries this week gave SF College's Lawrence W. Tyree Library the 2015 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award.

During a brief ceremony at the library Tuesday, ACRL President Ann Campion Riley said the Tyree Library's commitment to students made it a frontrunner for the award.

"It shined through everything," she said.

One prominent project to that end was securing a grant last year to offer financial literacy classes, library director Myra Sterrett said.

The Tyree Library acts as a liaison to 30 academic departments and has assisted with 23 program accreditations in the last five years.

In 2014, library faculty and the education programs department teamed up with the Alachua County Public Library to create a program called DiscoverREAD, which teaches science through children's literature.

A major focus of the library is helping students find out what resources are available to them, librarian Lisa Campbell said.

Library faculty host scavenger hunts designed to show college students how to use databases and other resources, and to meet librarians.

They also offer for-credit courses, and information literacy classes that reached 5,000 people last year.

Another student-centric project is the Library Research Award, Campbell said.

Run jointly by the library and the Research in Undergraduate Education Workgroup, librarians review student research papers in any discipline and award students for outstanding use of library resources and other demonstrated information literacy.

"Instead of grading it based on the (content), we're awarding their research," she said.

Yankee Book Peddler Library Services, a bookseller for academic libraries, gave Tyree Library a \$3,000 check Tuesday in honor of its ACRL award.

Sterrett said she knows exactly what to do with the money -- students have been asking about renovating a study room so it's better equipped for filming themselves speaking or doing demonstrations for online classes.

The price Sterrett was quoted for renovating a room was almost exactly \$3,000, she said.