

Resolution:

The Senate thanks the Salisbury University administration for its support of Blackwell Library in 2012-2013 and strongly encourages the administration to make increased funding for the library an annual priority, including providing the additional funds needed to allow the library to maintain current database and journal subscriptions and to support new programs and distance students.

Comment:

The Senate Library Committee would like to point out that a new building, by itself, will not address the poor rankings of Blackwell Library among SU's peer institutions. By almost every conceivable library-related measure, SU is at or near the bottom of its group of performance peers and even farther from its aspirational peers. The library needs additional resources if SU is truly to be *A Maryland University of National Distinction*. Please see the graphs below for details. All data is from the National Center for Education Statistics, Academic Libraries Survey Fiscal Year: 2010 (the most current data available).

Fig. 1--Total Spending per FTE, SU vs. Peers, FY2010.

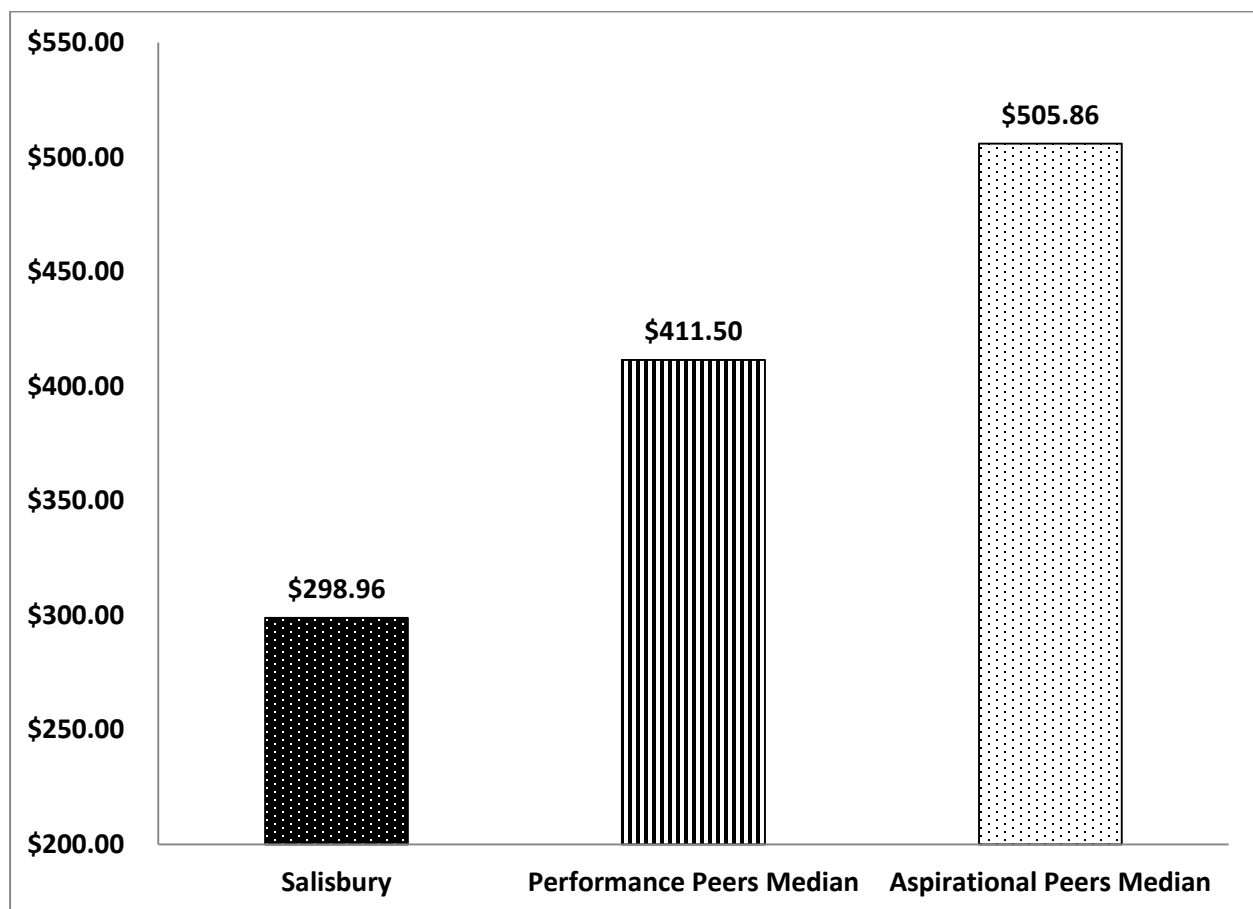


Fig. 2--Holdings of Paper Materials per FTE, SU vs. Peers, FY 2010.

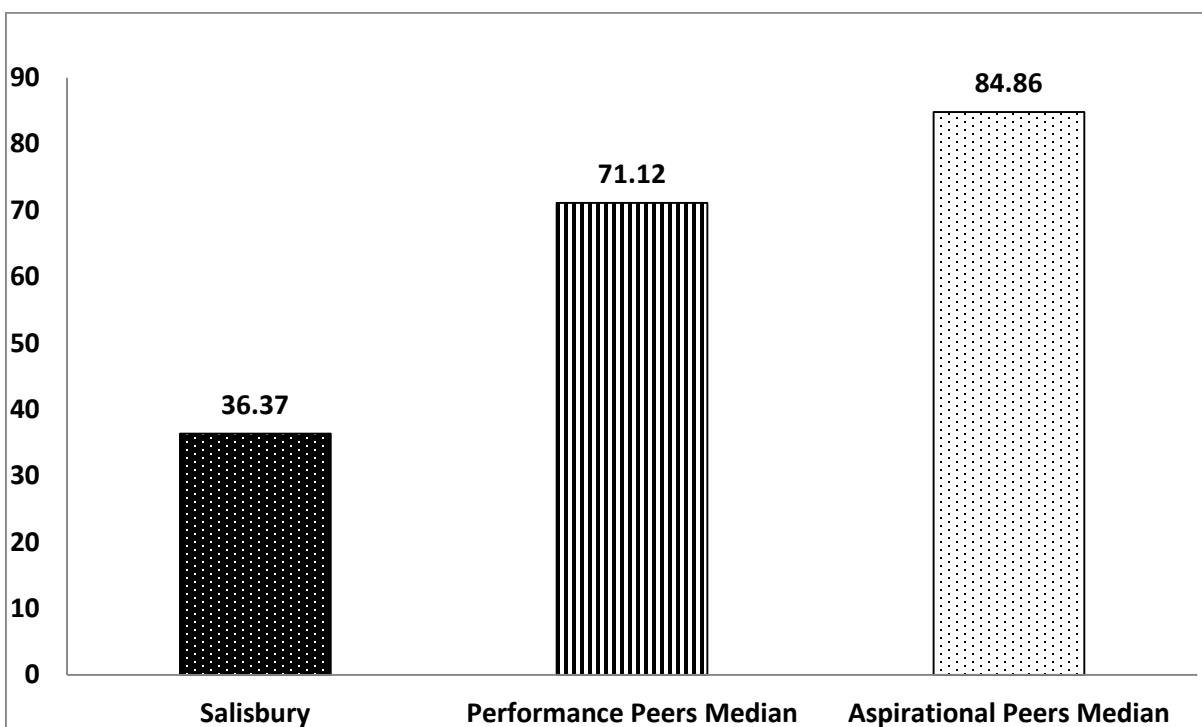


Fig. 3--Number of Serial Subscriptions, SU vs. Peers, FY 2010.

