



# A View of Library Resource Use in the VCCCS

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# Agenda

Electronic resources availability

Current use of physical library resources

Use of electronic resources in the VCCS

Over a century ago, John Dewey pointed out that the best learning is not based on simply the transmission of information, but rather on guided discovery, by research and creative exploration. In the academy one of the fundamental services that support this discovery is the library and the resources it provides.

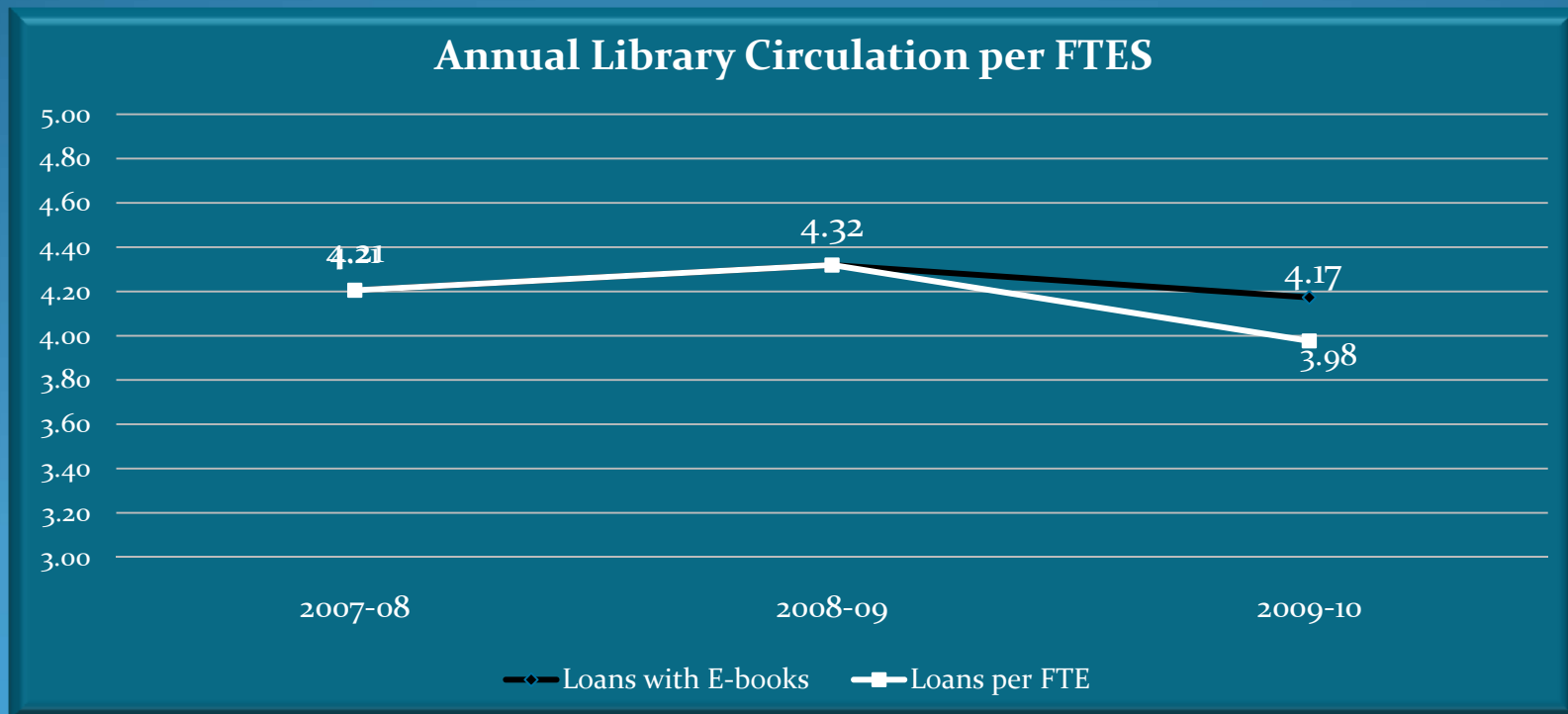
# Electronic Resources

Over the last decade, library services have been greatly enhanced by the availability of electronic resources to supplement the library's traditional physical resources.

- Currently VCCS users have access to over 47,000 periodicals, e.g., journals, magazines.
- An increasing number of E-books are becoming available to all VCCS users.
  - In 2008-9 had access to about 8,000 e-books
  - In 2010-11 starting off with over 35,000 e-books

# Physical Item Use

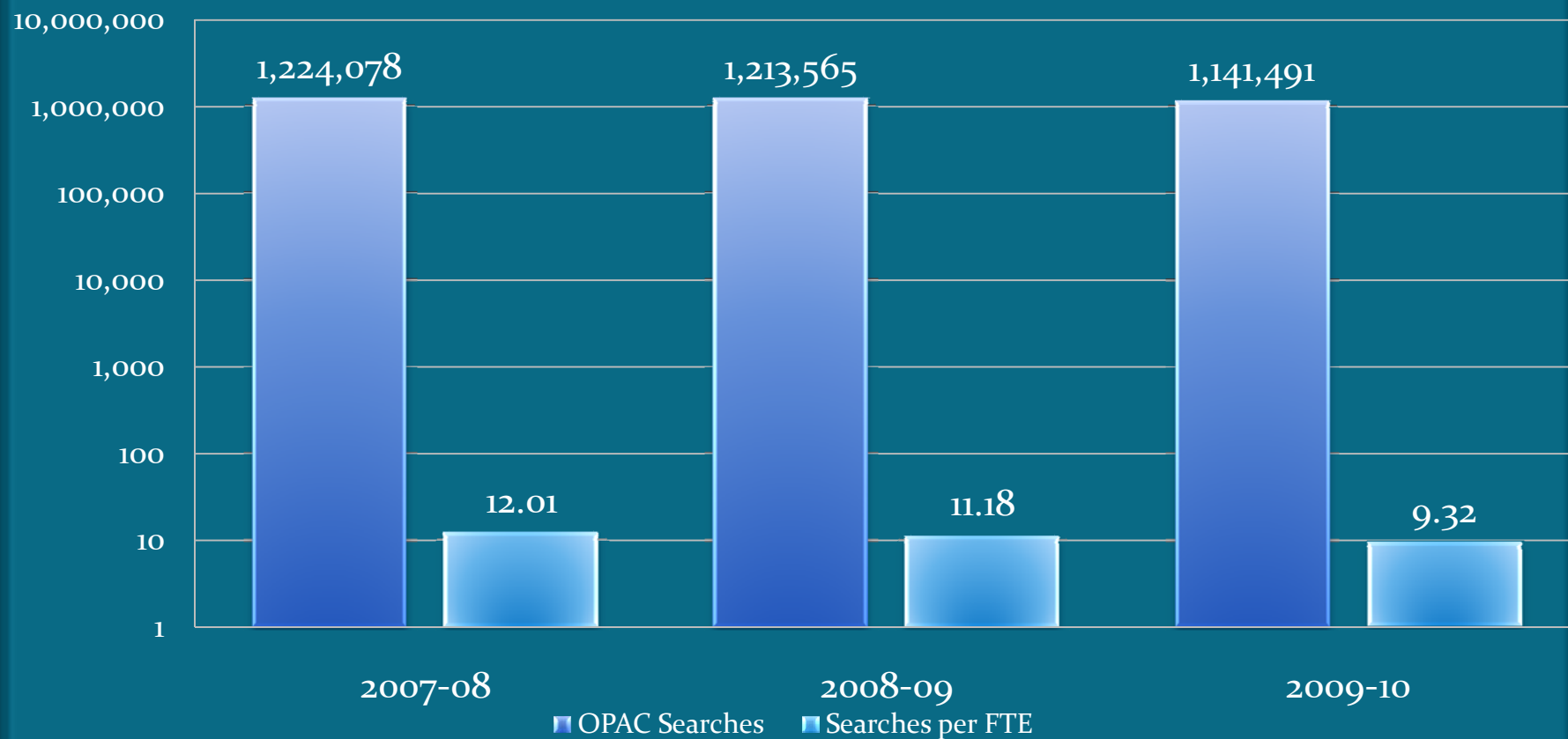
Although e-resources are an increasingly important component of library resources, use of print and other more traditional library materials remains relatively stable over time.



# Physical Item Use

Another measure of traditional library material use are Online Public Catalog (OPAC) searches.

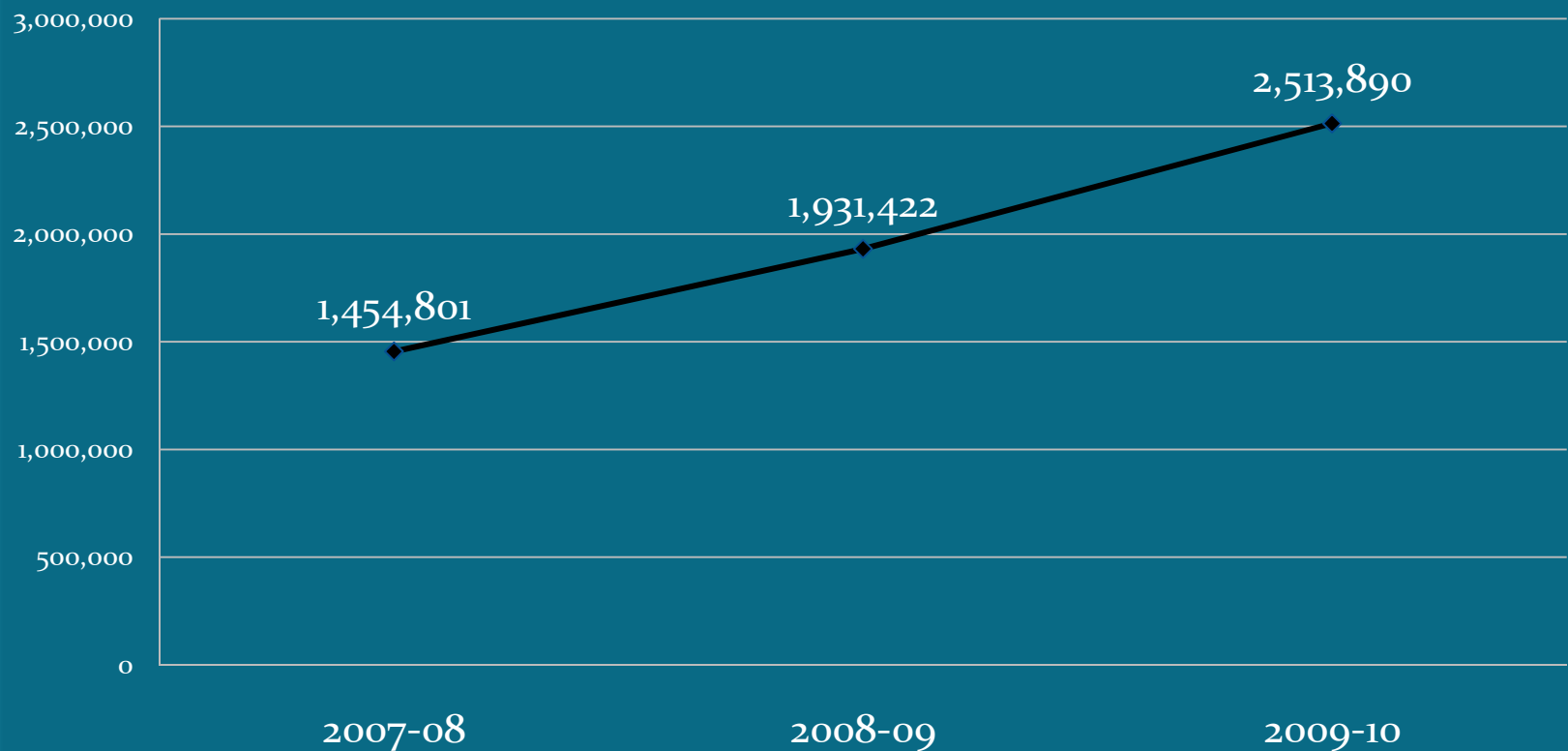
Annual Number of Library Catalog Searches



# Electronic Resource Use

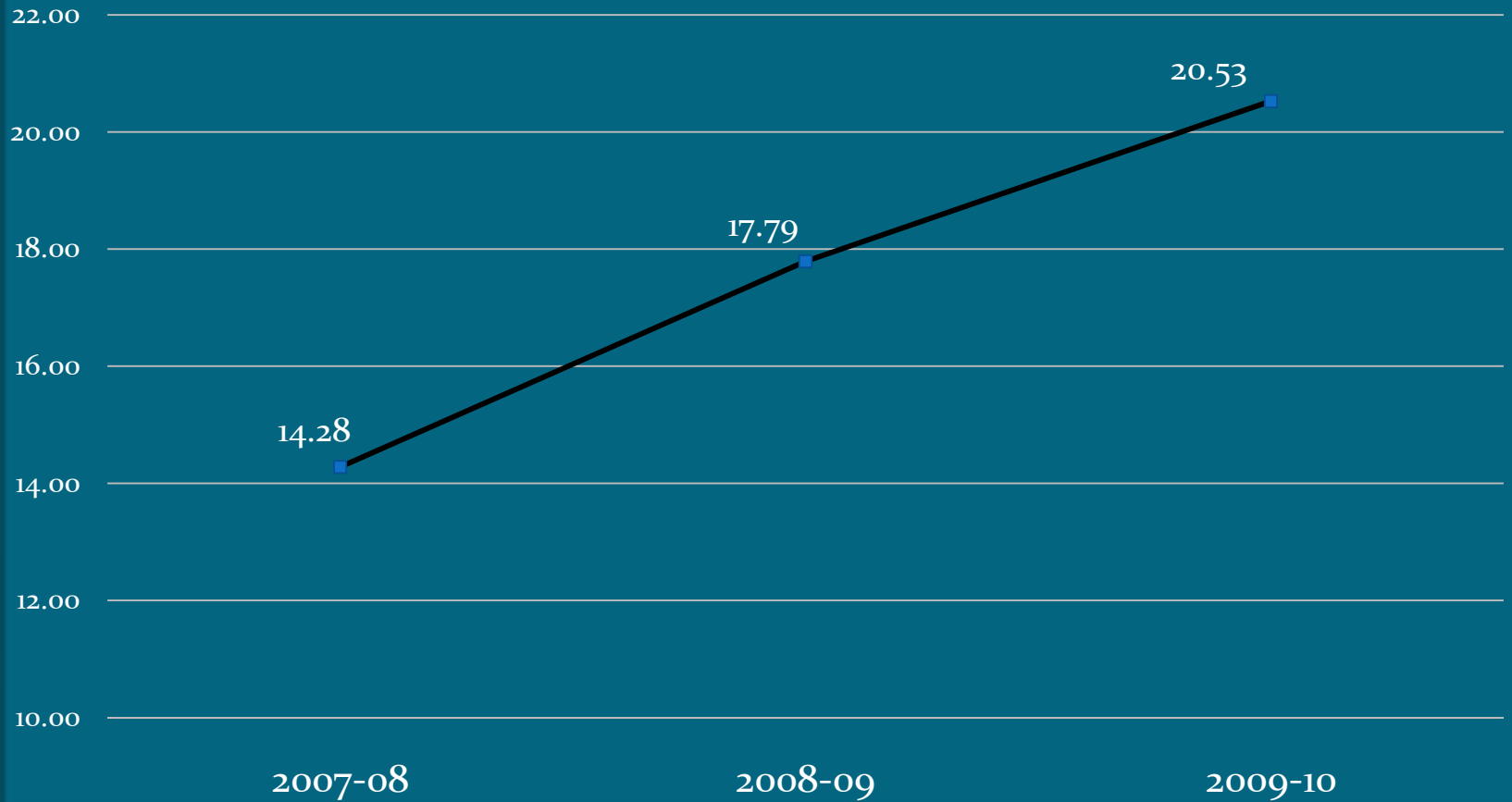
The real growth in library use is in the electronic resources, especially the use of periodicals.

Annual Number of Full Text Articles Downloaded



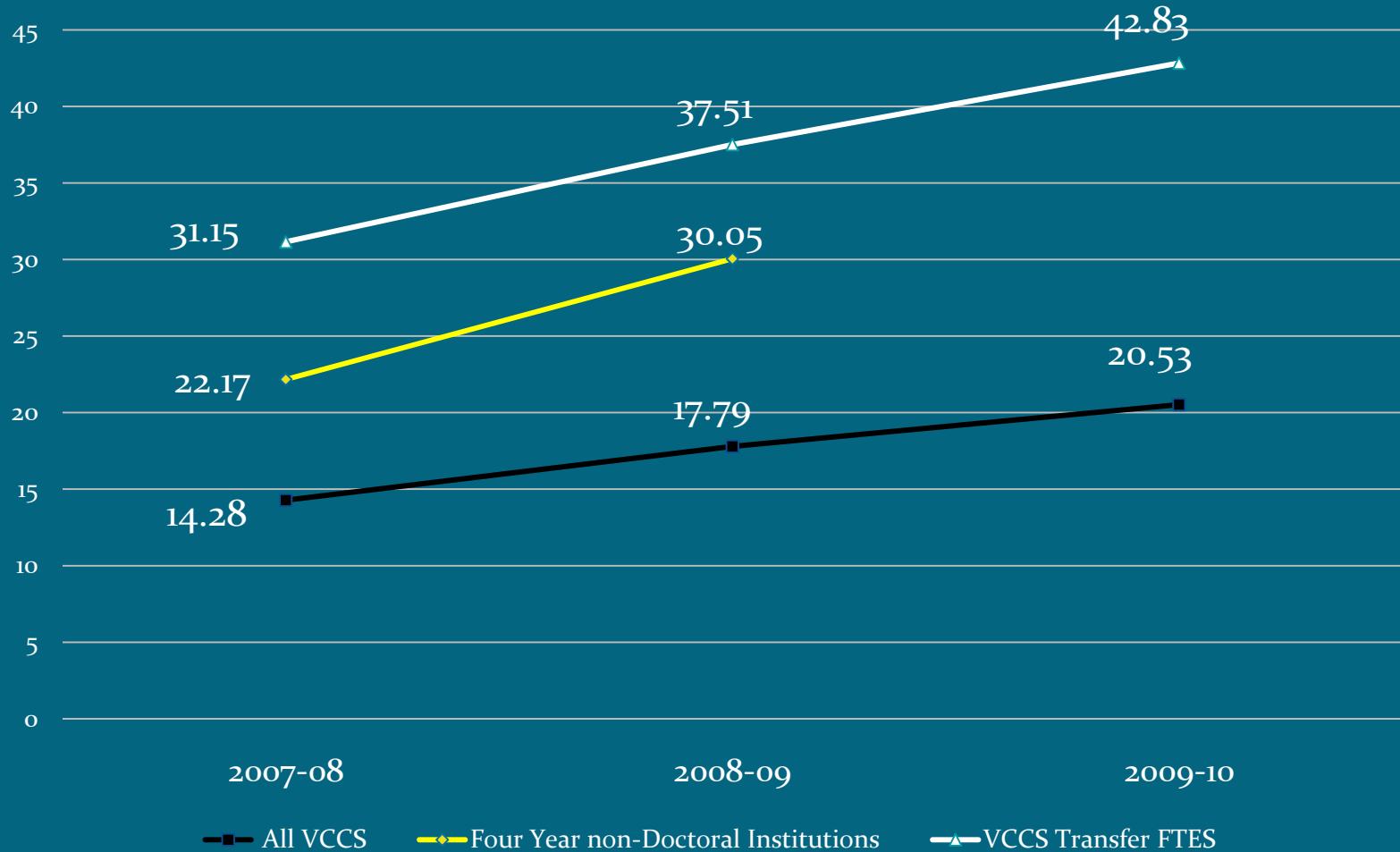
# Electronic Resource Use

Annual Number of Full-text Articles  
Downloaded per FTES



# Electronic Resource Use

## Comparison of Annual Number of Full-text Articles Downloaded per FTES



# Off-Campus Use

One of the major advantages of the electronic resources is that they are available anywhere, anytime.

On average, about 35-40% of the use of these resources is conducted from off-campus locations.

Questions?