

Embedded Librarianship: the key to
unlocking the research potential at
the Lupane State University

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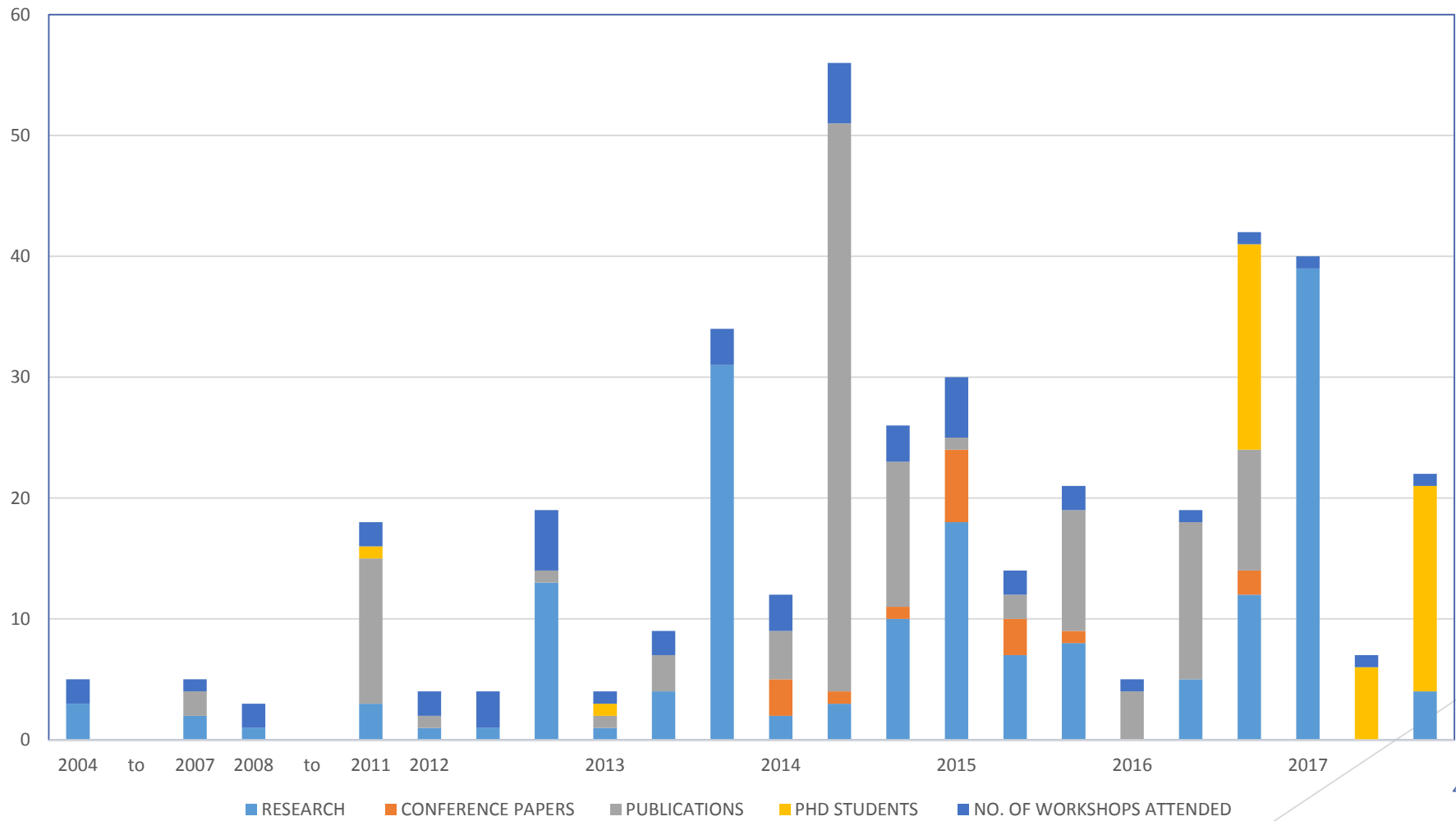
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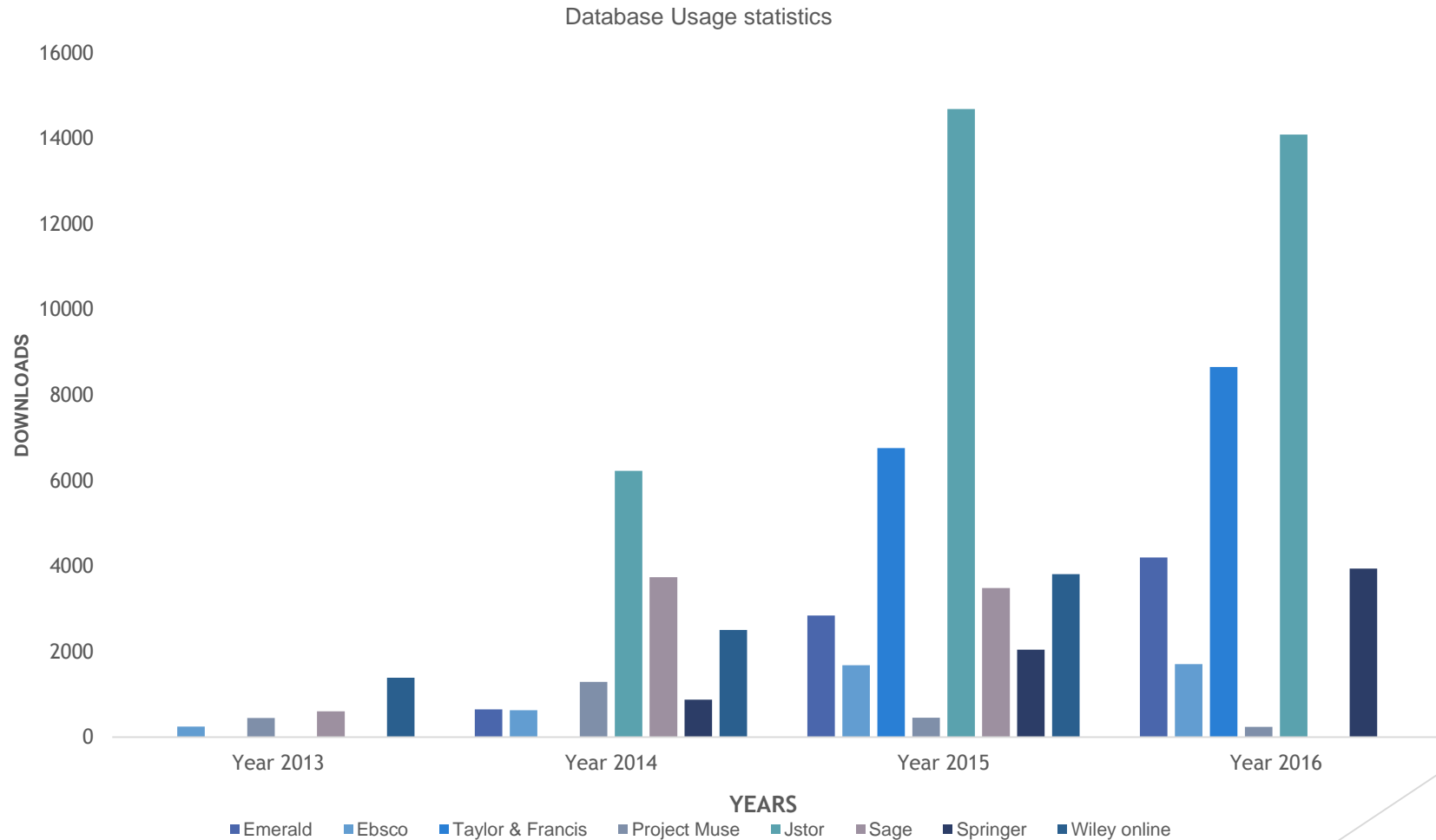
Definition of Embedded Librarian

- ▶ Relocated Librarian
- ▶ Field Librarian
- ▶ Mobile Librarian
- ▶ Personal Librarian
- ▶ Immersed Librarian

Research Trends at Lupane State University 2004 - 2017



E-Resources Usages at LSU



New Research Strategic Direction

- ▶ New Leadership effected the change - 2015
- ▶ Establishment of a Directorate of Research & Innovation Office
- ▶ Commitment of University funds to the Research Board Budget
- ▶ Participate in the National Research Database of Zimbabwe

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- ▶ Hosted the Database of African Theses and Dissertations (AAU initiative)
- ▶ Workshops on how to write PhD proposals
- ▶ Research Agenda for LSU

New Breed of Librarians

- ▶ Proactive
- ▶ Collaborator
- ▶ Seek partnerships with Faculty
- ▶ Built relationships
- ▶ Provide highly customized information services
- ▶ Communicate the value of Library Services through increased research output.

LSU Library Strategies to support Research Initiatives

- ▶ Transform Subject/Faculty Librarians to become Embedded Librarians
- ▶ Change offices of the former Subject/Faculty Librarians to where the Faculties are located.
- ▶ Close the gap between the campus community and the academic library (Schulte, Stephanie J. 2015)
- ▶ Have purposeful interaction with the Faculty
- ▶ Built a strong service ethic

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- ▶ Employ Librarians whose basic first degree is of the subject of the Faculty where one is to be embedded.
- ▶ Integrate Library instruction into the curriculum
- ▶ Be on-call or do one-on-one research consultations
- ▶ Become co-researchers and co-teachers with the Faculty
- ▶ Exhibit expertise to Faculty
- ▶ Increase Advocacy for acceptance of Embedded Librarians by both Faculty and University Management.