Resource Maximization

In response to user requests for increased electronic resources and additional study space, the library converted the majority of the print journal collection to electronic format, maintaining a core book collection and added major holdings to the Lamont Soutter Library's print collection. Efforts focused on increasing the University's repository massation effort to develop more effective and efficient operation of various models to generate ideas about study space for the library, user feedback, a process for collaborative study and event space, and reducing overall processing and binding costs.

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100 Seats Added

Approximately 6,000 square feet of unused shelving was removed and 100 new user seats were added. Seating options range from five small group study rooms, with overhead monitors, to facilitate group work, to walled tables and chairs for easy movement and configuration, high style seating, and small round tables. This new user space includes 500 new seats that bring the total availability of library seats (study and computer) to 475, supporting the growing student population.

What's New in Education & Outreach

The library hosted a meeting with staff from the Copyright Clearance Center to discuss the library's role in providing training and coordinating funded projects with other libraries and community organizations that provide interlibrary loan services for students and patrons. The goal was to begin to develop a new service model to support learning and collaboration among science disciplines in hospital and academic health centers.

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