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Mitosis and the Life Cycle: A Metaphor for the Transformation of the Research Librarian

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Purpose
This poster describes how established and traditional library tools and services at an academic health sciences library served as the “nucleus” for new services and collaborations with university researchers.

Setting
Research and Scholarly Communication Services, Lamar Soutter Library, University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS)

Description
The Department is charged with overseeing four major areas:
- Scholarly Communications
- Library Services to the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS), as well as the larger research community
- eScholarship@UMMS, the University’s institutional repository
- eScience Initiative of the Library

Digitized Collections
- Dissertations
- Student publications
- Special collections
- Posters & presentations
- Conference proceedings

Scholarly Communications
- Funding agency mandates
- Author rights & Copyright
- Open Access eJournal publication

eScholarship@UMMS
Institutional Repository

Prompts Discussion of

Leads to

Future Possibilities
- Data storage
- Data management
- Digitized historical archives
- Collections for underserved populations

Outcome
Leveraging existing relationships with GSBS faculty and administration, a popular institutional repository, and the NIH Public Access Policy, the department successfully integrated itself into the research community of the University, producing a number of expanded and new services.

Prophase

Prometaphase

Metaphase

Anaphase

Telophase