Big Changes, Big Moves, Smaller Footprints: Strategies for Rightsizing the Onsite Print Collection for the 21st Century Library

The session

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Library Closures

UC San Diego Libraries are now undergoing an internal restructuring, resulting in a name change to the UC San Diego Library. This follows on the heels of four years of consolidations, spurred by budget cuts and changes in user needs. The Library is evolving from a decentralized model characterized by smaller satellite libraries to a more centralized model—with the Geisel and Biomedical Library buildings as physical hubs. The changes place greater emphasis on digital and electronic resources.
Perfect Storm: The Current Conditions

• Image of many students working in the library
  – Every desk being used
  – Collaborative space
Perfect Storm: What lies ahead?

Geisel Library Revitalization Initiative

The Geisel Library Revitalization Initiative (GLRI) is a major effort to transform and revitalize the most heavily-used interior public spaces on floors 1, 2, and 8 in Geisel Library—the university’s flagship building. To meet the evolving needs of 21st century students and scholars in an increasingly digital world, the Initiative sets out to dramatically enhance the user experience in Geisel by creating modern, technology-rich spaces that advance research and learning.

The Revitalization, which launched in July 2015, is being completed in three phases:

**Phase 1: Audrey’s Café and Lounge** (located on Geisel’s main (2nd) floor) – completed in May 2016

**Phase 2: 8th Floor Renovation** – currently underway; projected to be completed in spring 2018

**Phase 3: 1st and 2nd Floor Renovations** – the largest of the three phases with construction projected to begin in the 2018-19 academic year

**Transforming the Library**

Based on ongoing assessments of contemporary user needs and traffic patterns as well as feedback from UC San Diego students, faculty, and staff, the main (2nd) floor of Geisel Library—the most active learning level in the building—and the 1st floor are being redesigned to more effectively support the academic needs of our campus community.
The project and the process
The environment: peers, partnerships, shared print

A few examples...
Selected Bibliography


I look forward to hearing your thoughts, questions, and the discussion.