Overview of
J Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library's
Space Concerns

for

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What issues in your school or department do you think might change your library's future services or spaces?

- School of Medicine Research Space Needs: An unknown for us is whether or not the university will require the library to shift library space to office space for researchers. If so, we will be pressed to accommodate existing services in a reduced footprint. We would also need to redesign remaining spaces to accommodate displaced functions.
- School of Medicine Testing Growth or Relocation: To what extent the School of Medicine will need to continue testing on first floor of the Health Sciences Library is a question going forward. Will space be identified for this in another location? Or will the growing class size increase the need for it? The space was designed to accommodate first-and-second-year testing only, and yet the space is now also used for third-and-fourth-year testing, which has more stringent requirements. Long-term, this issue will need to be resolved.
- School of Nursing Renovation: The School will be making changes and growing, but plans are not specific enough at this point to imagine how this might impact HSL.
- Removal of Print Materials to Storage: In the future, we would like to relocate materials currently on third floor to the Depository (UMLD) We should also consider removing materials currently in compact shelving on first floor. We need to determine what the optimal print collection size and make-up should be.

What physical features of your library do you feel are outdated or need change?

- The HSL front door, while technically ADA compliant, is cumbersome for patrons in wheelchairs.
- We need to consider after-hours card-swipe access for health sciences badge holders.
- The openness of the library creates sound problems. Sound masking is needed on floors 2 and 3.
- Service desk needs to be revamped and relocated.
- As the onsite collection is reduced, the sorting room behind the circulation desk may no longer be needed in the future.
- Students want more bike desks; there is also interest in treadmill desks.
- The copy room was designed for the print era, and needs to be thoughtfully repurposed.
- The Technical Services area on first floor was designed when our services were print based, and needs to be redesigned, possibly repurposed.
- The Rare Books Room on third floor has never had the needed humidity and temperature controls needed in a special collections space. We would prefer to relocate those materials in a consolidated special collections space where the items could be cared for and curated properly in a purpose-built space.
- Second and third floor study areas need partitions and furnishings that support the dual and conflicting needs for both quiet study and collaboration.
- Staff spaces on second floor need partitions for optimal functioning of staff.
- Patrons need a space for private consultations with staff.

Do you have a desire to offer a new type of service or space that you currently do not? If yes, please describe. What are the space implications?

- We would like to add a small display case for Lottes historical items on the main floor in a visible location, appropriate for our original donor.
- A coffee shop was designed in 2014 to be located on west end of HSL second floor. It is still one of the students' top priorities.

- We just added a new position, Research Support Librarian. If we add more of these positions in the future, it would increase our need for office space.

HSL Points Parsed out by Floor:
Technical Services Space on First Floor:
- Staffing reductions and the way we do our work mean that we need less space for technical services on first floor. Technical Services Staff could be relocated to second floor or consolidated technical services area for the library system as a whole.
- ILL could be relocated. The space could eventually be re-purposed.

Public Space on First Floor:
- The floor plan is no longer coherent. Stack space on first floor is at odds with the testing function that now operates there. When first planned, 3rd and 4th year testing was not to be included. Testing for the upper level students was planned for an offsite location. The number of medical students will to go up to 134 per class, meaning that the numbers of students for both studying and testing will increase. Keeping people out of the library stacks when testing is not good customer service, but it may be moot if we remove the stack area on first floor.
- We have fraternity students using first floor of HSL. Would it be possible for them to create their own shared study spaces? Health Sciences students greatly object to the non-quiet behavior of the fraternity users. Card swipe access only in the evenings for the library should be explored.
- Due to its configuration, first floor is under-utilized when testing is not taking place.

Second Floor:
- The students are always looking for more quiet study spaces, and we need more partitions for study rooms.
- Staff need more quiet spaces in order to function more optimally than they have in cubicles, and they need staff offices.
- As the onsite collection is reduced, the sorting room behind the circulation desk may no longer be needed.
- We need a private space for confidential interactions between staff and users.
- We would like to install bike desks in more open locations.
- What is the potential for the coffee shop, in light of current space priorities?

Third Floor:
- Students need more quiet study spaces including updated carrels and additional study rooms.
- Rare Books room could be relocated to either a new Special Collections addition of Ellis or to the UMLD addition.
- Consider a method for making this floor open to only health sciences students at all times.
- Consider how we might best balance the needs for collaboration as well as quiet.