Vision into Practice at Cal Poly

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Duderstadt Center

- Opened 1996
- 250,000 sq. ft.
- 24/7 operation
- 600,000 vols.
- 2,000 journals
Duderstadt Center

- 400+ computers
- 3D & Virtual Reality Labs
- Audio, Video & Electronic Music Studios
- Teleconferencing Suites
- Computer Classrooms

One of 24 UM Libraries!
• U-M one of the leading digital libraries
  • Digitize ~5,000 volumes annually
• Michigan Digitization Project
  • Partnership with Google
  • 7M vols. digitized in 6 years

• Revolutionary change, transformative for academic libraries & the academy
Big Research Libraries

• Opportunities:
  – Build on strength of their collections
  – Build on strength of their staff
    • Experiment with new technologies and develop new digital services
  – Tackle major changes in technical services
  – Re-conceptualize facilities in a grand way
Cal Poly
Robert E. Kennedy Library

- Opened 1981
- 203,000 sq. ft.
- 7/midnight operation
- 764,000 vols.
- 7,300 serials
  • (paper & electronic)
Then & Now

- 1984
  - 71 total staff
  - 26 librarians
  - $3.9M base

- 2006
  - 49 total staff
  - 13 librarians
  - $5.4M base

- Base budget down $1M, last 4 years
- Supplemental budget up $500k
Cal Poly Challenges

- Recast the image of the library
- Transition librarian skills for the 21st century
- Re-conceptualize the use of space
- Leverage the power of technology
- Get money from somewhere!
Changing the Library’s Image

• Needs to be…
  – Perceived as providing **value** to the institution and the academic process
  – Seen as providing services, collections, and facilities that faculty and students feel they need
  – Putting the user at the center of our thinking
How

- Formation of Provostial Task Group on the Future of the Library
- Formation of Dean’s Student Advisory Committee
- Working closely with other deans & department chairs
- Foster engagement at all levels
- Continuous assessment
Kennedy Library has a new dean: Michael D. Miller Selected to Lead. Begins August 14

Try out new databases: New Resources Available for Trial

PolyCAT searches are now even easier: Add the PolyCAT engine to your Firefox search bar

Access to databases from off-campus has changed: Library now uses portal authentication
Off campus? On campus?
Use our online services.
From home, from your dorm, from anywhere.

Get Started
- PolyCat — Find books
- PolySearch — Find articles
- All Databases — View alphabetically
- Databases — View by subject
- Research Guides
- Course Reserves — Find materials reserved for your class

News
- Kennedy Library is looking for an Architecture & Environmental Design Librarian
- Library upgrades its online catalog servers for better performance and to allow for future improvements
- GIS Day a success
- New graduate student study room

Make Winter Quarter the Best
- Jump start winter quarter!
- We're open EARLY!
- We're open LATE!
- Databases by Subject
- Research Guides

About
- More about the Library

Computing
- About Labs, Laptops, and more about the Library
- Winter
- Make Winter Quarter the Best

Research
- Guides
- About
- Winter
- Make Winter Quarter the Best
Librarian’s Role

• Grow the College Librarian model
  – A consistent face(s) for each college
• Move beyond building bound behavior
  – Every librarian a field librarian
• Hire those who value innovation and experimentation
  – Expand pools beyond the MLS
Curatorial Model

- Adding value to resources
- Projecting library resources & brand into student info sphere
- Library 2.0 projects
- Library presence in LMS
  - Shut down library eReserves in favor of Bbd access
  - Other library services too
Evolving Collections

- Weeding book collection
- Digital only serials
- Digital only GovDocs
- Right sizing Learning Resources Collection
- Enhanced support for Special Collections
- Online media access - images, music, spoken word
- Converting VHS to DVD
- Adding foreign TV broadcasts
- Launched Institutional Repository!
Student Engagement

• Exhibits
• Events
• Receptions
• Gaming
• Concerts
Changing Facility

Short term:
• 24 Hour Study Room
• Group Project Spaces
• Media Viewing
• Coffee Shop
• Pervasive access to technology
• Rethinking staff space
Changing Facility

• Building Partners
  – Academic Skills Ctr.
  – Ctr. for Teaching & Learning
  – Honors Program
  – ITS
  – Research Scholars
  – others

• Master Building Plan
  – Transition projects

• Building Expansion
  – Planning 2007
  – Construction 2010
Technology

- Pervasive access to technology
  - (not just labs)
- Consistent environment with what students find elsewhere on campus
- Access to special peripherals, format conversion
- Collaboration with ITS
Fundraising

• Added first full-time Advancement Director position
• Located in central advancement office
• Dean will devote ~ 50% to $$
• Need librarians to look for grants
  – Grants = projects
Vision for CSU

• CSU Collaboration - *the power of numbers*
  – COLD strategic planning essential
  – The work of EAR/SEIR is critical
    • Central licensing = more buying power
    • Portico = less pressure on stack space
  – CSU Dspace server, IR for all
  – Shared remote storage for last copies?

• Why not state collaboration?