U. Grant Miller Library Transformation to an Information Commons

Digital Transformation – In Planning

In this phase, the Library will increase its database collections and upgrade the Interlibrary Loan system. This will accomplish the following goals:

- Satisfy student and faculty demands for digital content.
- Maximize space by greatly reducing the need to bind and house print subscriptions.
- Provide portable access to peer-reviewed content anytime, anywhere.
- Increase Library staff productivity by reducing physical tracking / processing.
- Support student and faculty research with up-to-date technology.
- Increase Library holdings.

Physical Transformation – In Planning

In this phase, the Library will move approximately 80,000 volumes into remote storage or compact shelving and make minor renovations to accommodate current study habits. This will accomplish the following goals:

- Encourage student and faculty library use and group research.
- Satisfy student and faculty demands for flexible space.
- Create adaptable teaching space.
- Reduce scheduling conflicts for Library Digital Classroom.
- Reinforce learning in a comfortable relaxed environment.
- Correct structural settling.
- Provide a central location for copyright center.

Staff Transformation – Completed

In this phase, the Library staff will adopt new roles to support the physical and technical changes. This will accomplish the following goals:

- Create a patron-focused environment.
- Increase staff visibility and availability.
- Encourage creativity in Information Literacy instruction and professional development.
- Solidify interdepartmental relationships.
- Recognize and incorporate individual abilities to benefit the College.