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Current and Emerging Space Priorities in University Libraries Across the Globe: An Interactive, Participatory Session with the Special Interest Group (SIG) on Library Space

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Welcome from the members of the Library Space SIG!

The SIG-Library Space charge is to promote discussion and exchange of ideas about the design and delivery of library spaces and services across systems and cultures. Here are our members:

Kelly Miller, U. of Miami Libraries, United States; Chair

Simone Kibler, Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany

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Veronika Dmitrievna Schubert, Tomsk State University, Russia
Key Questions in 2022

- What are **current and emerging space priorities** in University Libraries across the globe?
- What **types of spaces** are libraries developing or renovating? Are these priorities geographically or culturally specific?
- How might we **learn from our global counterparts** to improve our spaces and expand our thinking about them?
Goals and Structure for Today’s Session

Goals:

- Foster international conversation about library space planning and design
- Share ideas about 4 topics:
  1. Planning and Renovation
  2. Emerging Library Space Types
  3. Virtual Library Spaces
  4. Resources: Toolkits, Conferences, etc.
- Gather your input
Example 1: Planning a New Library

The University Library as the heart of the campus.

The planning of a new library at OsloMet.
Example 2:

- Master Planning at the University of Miami Libraries with architectural firm, Shepley Bulfinch
  - Holistic
  - Inclusive
  - Responsive to trends
  - Includes benchmarking
  - Supports informed decision-making about future renovations
Question for Discussion

What types of space planning and renovation are you conducting at your libraries?
Topic 2: Emerging Library Space Types

• Example 1

  Indigenous Australian cultural space; University of Adelaide Library, Australia

• Example 2

  Meditation Room; University of Miami Libraries – with cubbies for yoga mats, etc., and a Grow Wall provided by the Student Eco-Agency
Topic 2: Emerging Library Space Types

• Example 3: Cyber Classroom at Tomsk State University

• Example 4: Open air venue at Tomsk State University
What new types of spaces are being planned or created at your libraries?
Creating the Barr Smith Library

The University of Adelaide Library originated in the Mitchell Building in the 1850s. In 1899, the University Council decided to name the library after one of its benefactors, Robert Barr Smith, in honour of his father, Tom Elder Barr Smith. Barr Smith financed the construction of the striking building to house his library, and the new Barr Smith Library was officially opened in 1932.

Example 1:
Virtual tour of the Barr Smith Reading room at the University of Adelaide (Australia)

Link to Tour: https://www.adelaide.edu.au/library/collections-archives/exhibitions/reading-room
Topic 3: Virtual Library Spaces and Programs

Example 2:

A Self-Guided Library Tour using a mobile phone app

University of Adelaide Library, Australia
Task 3: Virtual Library Spaces and Programs

Example 3:

ComPass - to find a conversation partner for foreign language learning using a mobile phone app


Tomsk State University, Russia
What types of virtual library spaces and programs are being created at your libraries?
Topic 4: Resources: Toolkits, Conferences, etc.

- Toolkits
- Publications and Inspiration
- Upcoming Conferences

Technische Universität Braunschweig
University Library
Learning Space Toolkits

- provide collected information on the design of learning spaces to assist practitioners in their work
- provide resources to support the full lifecycle of a project planning process
- are freely available on the web
- exist as community-driven, "living" documents
- available in **US**, **UK** and **Germany** (English and German languages)
Examples of recent and upcoming publications


Inspiration

• [Library Buildings in Europe](https://www.librarybuildings.eu)
Conferences and Organizations

US
- Designing Libraries (conference), Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, November 2022 (more details to come)
- SCUP conference (Society of College and University Planning)

Europe
- LIBER Architecture Working Group Seminars

Global
- IFLA Library Buildings and Equipment Section
Question for Discussion

What resources have you found helpful as you plan and design your libraries?
What’s Next?

Project for the Coming Year:

• Continue to foster international conversation about library space and design
• Develop relevant resources to share via the IATUL website
• Invite applications for new members to join us. Add link to survey form.
Thank you! and Questions?

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