Message from the University Librarian about the SEL Chemistry closure

From the UCLA University Librarian Gary Strong:

"New Locations of Science and Engineering Library/Chemistry Collection

Since the Science and Engineering Library (SEL)/Chemistry closed on June 30, 2010, its chemistry and physics collections have been relocated to keep them accessible to users. Their new locations are as follows:

Reference materials: SEL/Engineering and [...]"

By choffner | January 25th, 2011 | Category: SEL/Chemistry Closure, Spaces & Places | Leave a comment

SEL/Chemistry update: New Collection Locations

The Science and Engineering Library/Chemistry Collection is now housed primarily in the Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library. The UCLA Library Catalog shows the new locations of all Chemistry Collection materials. Books and journals will be at the Biomedical Library, while most reference books will be at the SEL/Engineering and Mathematical Sciences Collection.

By tjaponte | January 5th, 2011 | Category: SEL/Chemistry Closure, Spaces & Places | Leave a comment

SEL/Chemistry update: New locations for Chemistry materials

SEL/Chemistry is on the move! Library staff have begun relocating materials previously housed in SEL/4238 Young Hall. To locate specific chemistry items, search the UCLA Library Catalog.

Books have been temporarily moved to the new Chemistry Book Section of the Biomedical Library.

Example catalog [...]"

By tjaponte | November 17th, 2010 | Category: SEL/Chemistry Closure, Spaces & Places | Leave a comment
Welcome back to another semester...and another view of KSL, as we change some things to make spaces work better for you! Gone are the high carrels on the main floor—now you have expansive views all the way to the windows. Here’s a few more “new” spaces:

- Relax in the new casual reading area, next to the Cafe that is developing.
- Research & Reference staff are now at the Main Service Desk, convenient to other things you do there.
- High carrels on the 2nd floor are gone, opening up the view and study spaces.

Come in and see the new KSL spaces that are great places to read, work, study, relax & gather!

Posted by Karen Oye on January 21, 2011 05:12 PM

Comments

I am very disappointed about the new layout. I feel that the cafe will only create more distracting noise in a building that in my opinion is already too noisy. I don’t know when library etiquette changed but it is very frustrating to study in a library full of chattering students and staff. Private study rooms would be much appreciated and/or carrels for graduate students would be much appreciated, as humanities graduate students do not have offices or graduate lounges that are available 24/7. Also I am confused as to why the book return was moved further away from the door. I don’t have much time to spare between running to classes and now I have to walk all the way around the lobby to return books; it is just inconvenient.

Posted by: Anonymous at February 23, 2011 11:38 PM
Introducing UCit@Langsam

a 24/7 Computer and Study Space

By Melissa Cox Norris, Director of Library Communications, melissa.norris@uc.edu

UC students who are looking for a place to use a powerful computer equipped with the latest software, print papers at 2am, meet with a project group, or study quietly have a new space to do just that – UCit@Langsam, a 24/7 computer and study space located on the 5th floor of Langsam Library. With seating for 219 people, UCit@Langsam offers services students have requested in surveys and in conversation with library and IT staff.

“A 21st-century learning environment requires connectivity to the Internet and its resources, including other learners,” said University Vice President & CIO Fred Siff. “This modern amalgam of the computer lab and the library study space provides that, in a warm, inviting, and comfortable environment, available to students 24/7.”

For computer users, 60 Windows PCs and 40 Macintosh computers, all with network access and the university standard software, are available. For those bringing in their own laptops, wireless access is found throughout the facility. Lab consultants are on site in UCit@Langsam to answer questions.

For students seeking a place to work, a large Quiet Study Room provides a comfortable space for individual study. In addition, four Group Study Rooms, two with SMART Boards, are available for those working on group projects and can be reserved in advance for up to three-hour sessions.

“Working together, University Libraries and UCit have created an exciting and inviting 21st-century learning environment,” said Dean and University Librarian Victoria A. Montavon. “The space is comfortable, flexible, and fully equipped to meet student needs.”

During Langsam Library’s regular operating hours, students enter UCit@Langsam via the 4th floor main library entrance, and proceed to the 5th floor. After the library closes, UC students must enter the facility via the 5th floor Langsam Lobby entrance by swiping their valid UC IDs. A security officer is on site when the library is closed and, upon request, will walk users to their cars in the Woodside (Langsam Library) Garage every hour at the top of the hour.

Outside UCit@Langsam, the 5th floor lobby now includes colorful picnic tables, inviting users to study there, perhaps while enjoying snacks from the new vending machines that have been added to the lobby.

UCit@Langsam is a collaborative initiative of University Libraries and UCit with support from Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Anthony J. Perzigian and funding from UC Student Government (a $5,000 gift) and a UC21 grant ($40,000).

For more information about UCit@Langsam, visit www.uc.edu/ucitatlangsam.
Library service desk, stacks get makeover

From Staff Reports

The Woodruff Library’s new Library Service Desk, expected to open the week of Aug. 16, will combine Circulation, Reference and Learning Commons desks on the main floor.

There will be two self-checkouts and a separate consultation area for complex questions from patrons. (Reserves and laptop checkout moved to the Music and Media Library on lobby level 4.)

“We’re hoping to get a fuller picture of faculty and student needs,” says Frances Maloy, services division leader.

Stack Tower Project

The Stack Tower Project will store some 200,000 items, freeing up level 9 for the Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library.

The stack tower will remain open, and collections on all floors will be accessible.

Visit the Stack Tower Project on the Emory Libraries website for updates.
Maps, Media, Microforms & Reserve have merged

Over the summer, two previously separate collections in the Parks Library—Maps and Microforms—were merged with the existing Reserve & Media collections to form a unified "Media Center" with a single service desk. The Media Center is housed on the lower level of Parks Library, in space formerly occupied by Reserve & Media Services. Commencing August 25, 2008, the new Media Center offers expanded hours and improved public access to maps, microforms, audio-visual media (CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, etc.) and "hard-copy" course reserve material (books and other physical formats).

The vast majority of course reserve material is available online, via the e-Library. The small "hard copy" reserve collection maintained in the Media Center represents items (such as entire books, DVDs, etc.) that cannot be digitized. Please also note that the staff who process Course Reserve lists are no longer housed in the Media Center. Instead, they are now part of the Instruction Department, with offices in the area formerly occupied by the Microforms Center (Floor 1, Room 140). Please see the related announcement, New home Library 160 & Reserve Processing.

The most efficient way for instructors to submit a new or revised Reserve List is to use the online submission form available in the e-Library. Printed submission forms and/or physical items to be placed on reserve can also be dropped off either in the Instruction Department (Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00) or the Media Center (more expanded hours). However, if you wish to consult with Reserve Processing staff, please do so by email (ereserve@iastate.edu), by phone (515-294-4958), or by visiting their offices in the Instruction Department (Floor 1, Room 140).

Questions or comments about the overall merger of these services points or related issues can be directed to David Gregory, Associate Dean for Research & Access, 515-294-0447, dgregory@iastate.edu.
As part of a campus planning initiative to make more effective use of limited university resources, including space on central campus, the ISU Library will close the Physical Sciences Reading Room (PSRR) at the end of fall semester. The PSRR is located in 208 Office and Laboratory (O&L) Building. The unit’s last day of operation will be Friday, December 18, 2009. After that date, PSRR collections will be integrated with the collections of Parks Library, and all associated services will be provided by Parks Library staff.

The most heavily-used PSRR collections, including currently received journals and popular journal backfiles, will be integrated as quickly as possible into corresponding collections in the Parks Library. Less heavily used items will need to be stored indefinitely in a closed stack until space can be made available in the Parks Library. At all times, the Library’s online catalog will accurately reflect a title’s current location/availability. Items in temporary storage will be retrieved by library staff.

Heather Lewin (hslewin@iastate.edu; 294-1004) and Steve McMinn (hsmcminn@iastate.edu, 294-4789), from the Library’s Science & Technology Department, will continue to serve as the subject librarians for chemistry (Lewin), physics, and Materials Science & Engineering (McMinn). Questions or comments regarding collections in these areas, as well as requests for consultation or instructional services, should continue to be directed to these two subject librarians. Questions of a more general nature regarding library public services or the closing of PSRR can be directed to David Gregory, Associate Dean for Research & Access (dgregory@iastate.edu; 294-0447).
Science Libraries Relocations in Summer 2011

Some science libraries and services will be relocated on the UNC campus during the summer of 2011.

The moves are a response to the serious budget situation confronting the Library and the campus. They also reflect efforts to economize while still preserving priorities conveyed by faculty and students through surveys, focus groups, interviews, and discussions during the spring semester.

“We heard repeatedly about the need to acquire digital content, while also ensuring that print collections would be as available as possible for in-person browsing,” said University Librarian Sarah Michalak. “Also, that if we needed to move collections, we should do our best to keep science materials together.”

As a result of these conversations, the Library has planned the following:

- The collections of the Brauer Math/Physics Library and the Geological Sciences Library will relocate to expanded browsable stacks in Wilson Library. Materials will be consolidated with the biology and chemistry collections already in Wilson Library, providing the opportunity for interdisciplinary browsing. The science collections are accessible from the South Road entrance to Wilson Library, opposite the Bell Tower.

- Hours for the science collections in Wilson Library will be: Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Sun. 1 -6 p.m. This represents an increase in staffed hours over any of the current science libraries, gained from efficiencies in staffing only a single browsing point.

- The campus delivery (Carolina BLU) program will deliver books to faculty campus boxes, and to the library of choice for students. High-impact undergraduate science collections will remain in the Undergraduate Library, which also provides reserves services in all disciplines.

- The science librarians will have home offices in the newly opened Kenan Science Library in Venable Hall. They will continue to serve the departments in their areas of expertise with consultations, instruction, collection development, and customized services for the departments they work with.

- The Library has purchased expanded backfiles of 42 e-journals in physics and the physical sciences from the American Institute of Physics (AIP), the Institute of Physics (IOP), National Research Council (Canada), and Elsevier.

Relocation of and access to science collections in Wilson Library will not be affected by the recently announced installation of sprinklers in the Wilson Library special collections stacks during 2011-12.

For more information about science libraries on the UNC campus, contact Carol Hunter, Associate University Librarian for Collections and Services: (919) 962-1301, cfhunter@email.unc.edu.
Wilson Library Reading Room Update

The opening of a new Reference Center and consolidated reading room in the Wilson Special Collections Library will not take place in March, 2011, as previously announced.

Library administrators have determined the need for additional study of student and faculty use patterns and broad solicitation of input in order to guide future development of Wilson Library services.

The search room on the fourth floor of Wilson Library will continue to provide access Mondays through Fridays for the Southern Historical Collection, Southern Folklife Collection, and University Archives and Records Management Services. The reading room on the second floor of Wilson Library will continue to be used for those collections on weekends, and at all times for the North Carolina Collection and Rare Book Collection.

For information about Wilson Library and its collections and services, please contact the Library staff.

Related Links
- Reading Room Changes (information from Wilson Library)
- » Appointment: Associate University Librarian for Technical Services and Systems
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Evans Library Reopens Renovated First Floor

After three years of "reimagining" and a summer of major renovations, the Sterling C. Evans Library welcomed the Class of 2014 and returning students during the first week of classes.

"We've redesigned our space to ensure that teaching, learning and research take place in a stimulating, comfortable environment that offers the latest in information technology along with the amenities of a Starbucks," explained Colleen Cook, dean of the University Libraries. "Students and their parents support the library through user fees, and we want to have the best resources available, even in difficult times," she added.

The ever popular, but overcrowded Poor Yorick's coffee shop has expanded seating from 16 to 85 with direct entry into the Evans Library. New tables, benches, booths and chairs offer a more relaxed ambiance for individuals and groups. The renovation brings 12 new group study rooms with erasable whiteboard walls for brainstorming and conceptualizing projects in writing and diagrams.

A favorite study lounge and relaxation spot, sponsored by the Aggie Moms, has been made larger and refurbished with colorful, comfy furnishings. New accessories, furnishings and technology were funded by the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers’ Clubs Library Endowment.

A warm, earthy color palette throughout offers a calming effect in this high traffic crossroads where library services and serious study intersect. The use of plants, natural light and soft furnishings also add to the ambiance and comfort of the space. Users of laptops, cell phones and other electronic devices will find more electric outlets for convenient operation and recharging.

A new all-in-one service desk will offer a personalized experience for users seeking assistance. Unique consultation areas nearby will provide users with a focused service by library professionals with expertise in subject areas from art to zoology.

Rubber floors will help control noise levels and provide comfort to sore feet. Two large monitors display student-focused information such as hours and announcements.

"We're very excited about the makeover of this space and the innovative features," commented Dennis Clark, head of Public and Research Services. "The response from students in the first days of classes has been overwhelmingly positive."
Reimagine the Library

You asked for it, we did it! Based on students' feedback, the Sterling C. Evans Library underwent renovations this summer. As you begin the new semester, you'll notice the first floor of Evans has received a makeover. Enjoy this new space and consider it yours!

So, What's New:
- New earthy color palette - no white walls
- More electric outlets
- More computers
- Wireless access
- Quiet and loud zones
- All-in-one information desk
- Consultation area with expert help in subjects ranging from art to zoology
- More natural light
- New comfy furniture
- Rubber floors for noise reduction
- Whiteboards - write on!
- Large digital displays for announcements
- A living room feel and room to stretch out in the Reading Room
- More outdoor seating, tables and desks
- Plants
- Recycling time
- More group study rooms
- Enhanced lounge with new furniture sponsored by the Apple Mews
- Hillwork
- Functional furniture - taller chairs
- Fun furniture - bean bags