

Duke Libraries Visioning Workshop

Tuesday, August 21st | Fuqua Faculty Hall | 8:00am - 4:30pm



Background

With the construction of Bostock Library and the renovation of Perkins, the Duke Libraries have become a **vibrant center of intellectual life** on campus. To remain vital and vibrant as modes of research and learning evolve, these libraries must also **evolve**. On August 21 the Duke Libraries convened a diverse group of library staff, faculty and students to participate in a day-long workshop which explored emerging needs and developed a **new vision** for the next stage of library services and facilities.

Workshop

During this day-long workshop, the group went through a series of exercises in both large group sessions and small breakout sessions charged with forecasting the future of research and scholarship at Duke and the role of the Libraries as research partners. Following an afternoon “prototyping” session, the group synthesized the day’s discussions and identified themes to help guide a planning process this fall.



Agenda

- 8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast & Introductions
- 8:30 – 9:50 Large Group Session – Lightning Round
 - Look into your crystal ball...considering interdisciplinarity, globalization, MOOCs, digital scholarship, the pace of change, etc., describe key aspects of the research and learning environment at Duke five years from now...*
- 10:00 – 12:10 Small Group Sessions – Exploring Themes
 - 1 – Transdisciplinary collaborations
 - 2 – The future of digital scholarship
 - 3 – Successful learning / research communities
 - 4 – Possible range of support / services / partnerships
 - 5 – “Wicked problems”
- 12:10 – 12:30 Share Small Group Findings
- 12:30 – 1:50 Lunch / Presentation / Discussion
 - What are we learning from others?*
- 2:00 – 2:45 Small Group Session – Prototyping
 - Using the materials provided at each table, compose a model of an effective research / learning environment incorporating the themes / findings from the earlier exercises...*
- 2:45 – 3:20 Share Prototypes
- 3:30 – 4:30 Synthesis, Priorities, Next Steps

Themes

1. Take Risks

- Provide a broad range of spaces, services and materials as catalysts for innovation
- Foster a community for experimentation through leadership and partnership
- Observe researcher behavior; identify new directions; reinforce and expand services to support them
- Utilize pilots to determine what services are needed and how to make them successful

2. Create Complementary Physical and Online Library Experiences

- Increase consistency between the Libraries' physical and online environments, making each an extension of the other
- Facilitate the serendipity of browsing and unplanned interactions both online and physically
- Pursue an additive culture rather than a replacement culture

3. Host Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Collaborations

- Utilize physical and virtual library spaces for creating knowledge and connecting communities
- Make resources (space, people, equipment) more "grabbable"—i.e., visible and available when needed without advance planning
- Provide reliably available space and resources for longer-term research initiatives

4. Expand Role of Library Staff as Partners, Scholars and Teachers

- Encourage simultaneous engagement with faculty and students working together to create and disseminate new knowledge
- Develop appropriate workforce with the right skills
- Create and implement plans for sustainability as programs become operationalized

5. Celebrate Intellectual Life and Discovery

- Provide a neutral social space such as a pub for informal scholarly discussions
- Recognize and honor researchers' accomplishments frequently
- Facilitate discussions, workshops, and other events that advance digital scholarship

6. Make Research Visible

- Provide physical and virtual exhibition spaces, including flatscreens and whiteboards, for researchers to display their work
- Make work of the library staff more visible
- Highlight the process, not just the end product



Participant List

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Next Steps

The libraries will facilitate an inclusive planning process this fall to explore the themes from this workshop in more detail.