

Every great city deserves a great university, and at every university's core is a great library.

## Transformational Spaces – Study Rooms - Building the Library of the Future

Transforming spaces inside the M.D. Anderson Library is an important priority for University of Houston, and for UH Libraries. Currently ranked #35 of the largest Public U.S. Research Libraries, over 2.16 million people visit UH Libraries each year. They access over four million volumes and e-books, and download over 4.6 million online resources.



Transforming our spaces to reflect new modes of learning within the digital age is a top priority for UH Libraries because it supports President Renu Khator's strategic goals of national competitiveness, student success, community advancement, resource competitiveness, and national and local recognition.

Libraries empower others and transform lives. And, the spaces in which learning and knowledge creation happen become a key part of our learning experience. Up-to-date study rooms and enhanced library spaces are critical because they promote a positive learning environment.

The ability to gather disparate bits of information into cohesive new thoughts and communicate them to others is an essential cognitive skill that UH Libraries endows into our community. We are shaping a community of lifelong learners who enhance human potential and knowledge enterprise. As a center for knowledge, we teach students about the best ways to synthesize information and present new ideas in ways that are both compelling and comprehensible. The quality and capacity of Houston to

thrive rests squarely on UH Libraries' ability to achieve a vision that serves our city and its people, fostering a community well positioned to make a positive impact on our future.

### Mission

The mission of UH Libraries is to advance student success, knowledge creation and preservation, and to foster globally competitive research. To accomplish this task we must continually transform our library spaces to reflect evolving modes of learning and scholarship. UH Libraries mission supports the activities of our students, faculty and our community while helping to fulfill UH's ability to educate creative leaders with a future vision that is grounded in awareness of the past.

### Vision

Our vision is to be a community nurtured by curiosity and creativity that drives lifelong learning and scholarship.

### Initiatives

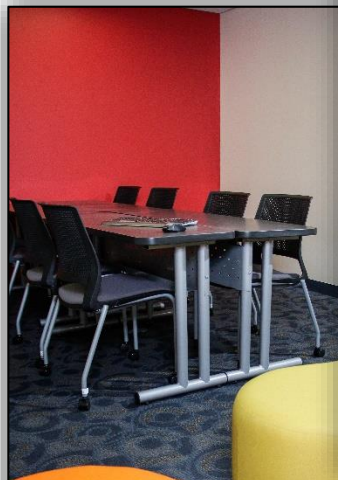
As part of UH Libraries new Strategic Plan, we are introducing new spaces and resources that serve to inspire lifelong learning in UH students and faculty, to educate and inform everyone in the greater Houston region. We do this to

enhance the University of Houston's goal to become the primary engine of social, economic, and intellectual development for our region. And, we do it by focusing on the following strategic priorities.

One top priority is to transform UH Library spaces to reflect evolving modes of learning & scholarship by assuring that physical and online services and spaces are designed to be accessible to all; integrating the physical and online user experience to enable intuitive, rapid discovery of services and spaces; creating exhibit spaces to engage the community with special collections, traveling exhibitions, and student and faculty work; and to develop hands on creative spaces that enable interdisciplinary learning and research. These spaces include:

### **Third Floor - Study Rooms**

Group study rooms are a resource that is heavily demanded by students. The addition of information sharing technology to an enclosed meeting space enables study groups to accomplish more, and to efficiently conduct team coursework and research. For example, students in Dr. Karen Fang's Hong Kong Cinema course frequently use the rooms to screen the films they need to watch. Engineering study groups work collaboratively on tough problem sets, solving the equations onscreen so that everyone can understand the steps in the process. Business students prepare and practice their PowerPoint presentations, and psychology students review footage and data from experiments to code and analyze their observations. Having well-equipped tech-savvy group study rooms with comfortable, eye-catching furniture, and good lighting, creates an inviting and welcoming environment where students can gather the ideas, tools, and equipment they need to succeed.



### **THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LIBRARIES VISION:**

A community nurtured by curiosity and creativity that drives lifelong learning and scholarship.

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