

SOPAG TASK FORCE ON UC LIBRARIES COLLECTIONS SPACE PLANNING

Space to house UC's legacy and prospective print collections is becoming critical. Both campus space and the Regional Library Facilities (RLFs) are reaching capacity. Based on current allocations, SRLF Phase 2 is projected to be filled by the beginning of 2012. Phase 3 of the NRLF opened in Spring 2005 and will fill by mid-2015 based on current allocations. It is becoming clear that the State fiscal crisis will delay a timely opening of the SRLF Phase 3.

Given the imminent space dilemma created by the uncertainty of SRLF Phase 3, it is necessary to identify short-term options for print collections space. UC Libraries must also develop a new long-term plan to manage the shared collections space available across UC and with potential partner libraries outside UC.

The Collections Space Planning Task Force is charged to:

1. Identify opportunities and challenges within UC for better managing RLF space in coordination with campus space plans, both in the short and longer term.
2. Investigate what other academic libraries and national organizations are doing to address space issues. Identify opportunities for partnerships outside UC and options for developing collections regionally and nationally.
3. Provide recommendations on defining the nature of the RLF collections in the future. Take into consideration:
 - The types of materials that should be given priority for RLF storage;
 - How retrospective and prospective shared collections fit into RLF strategies, including the potential for decentralized shared collections that could be housed across campuses and/or RLFs;
 - Potential of de-duplication across the RLFs, among collections on campuses, and, potentially, with non-UC partners;
 - How mass digitization projects and digital preservation services relate to print storage needs;
 - Integrity of collections in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies.
4. Recommend long-term options, actions, and policies for best managing RLF collection space in coordination with UC campus space plans, and that take into consideration how mass digitization projects and digital preservation services will impact print storage needs and physical storage facilities.
5. Provide analysis of costs and benefits of each recommendation.
6. From these recommendations, prioritize the top 5 options to actions to explore and/or actions to implement.

The Task Force should consult with CDC, HOPS, the Next-Generation Technical Services Steering Team, the CDL Shared Print Program, and the CDL Preservation Program in particular, and more broadly as needed.

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