

Regional Library Facilities Planning Task Force

The University of California supports two Regional Library Facilities dedicated to the storage and preservation of materials not housed on the campuses. The Los Angeles Facility serves the Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, Santa Barbara, and San Diego campuses; the Richmond Facility serves the Berkeley, Davis, Merced, San Francisco, and Santa Cruz campuses. In this time of rapidly changing technologies, expanded scholarly publication output in various formats, reduced funding for UC libraries, and the prospect of minimal additions to current library space, the University Librarians appoint this Regional Library Facilities Planning Task Force to consider and plan for the future of the facilities through the following charge:

Develop and propose an action plan for the future of the UC Regional Library Facilities.
The plan should include:

- 1a. Consideration of shared space requirements and storage for the UC Libraries including estimates of type of need for the next ten years;
- 1b. Consideration of the issues surrounding use of the RLFs by non-UC institutions;
2. Management and governance of the two facilities including consideration of one board instead of two;
3. New initiatives for the facilities which would maximize the effective use of space and staff and meet current and emerging library service needs;
4. Consideration of possible roles for the RLFs in supporting shared collection management strategies;
5. A funding model for the facilities including protocol for requesting support for new initiatives or dealing with budget reductions.

Membership:

- Chairs of Northern and Southern Regional Library Boards to serve as task force co-chairs
- University Librarian for System-wide Library Planning & Scholarly Information
- Managers of the two facilities
- One faculty member
- One LAUC representative
- One representative from the Steering Committee of the Collection Management Planning Group

Timeframe:

Complete and submit to the ULs the Action Plan by June 1, 2003. The Action Plan will be discussed by the ULs at their first meeting after June 1, 2003, with next planning stages to be determined at that meeting (Regional Library Boards report to Senior VP King, so Boards and LAUC would review and comment on the plans before recommendations go to SVP King).