Dykes Library at the KUMC Academic Health Center

Vision and Transformation

Academic Health Center Libraries are transforming, changing and change is hard. In the past libraries have been about a “place” to find print information or borrow information from other libraries when the “place” didn’t have it. The library was marginally about people who helped those who came to the library understand how to find information or better yet, find it for them.

The transforming Academic health Center Library is about place, but even more importantly about people who connect students, researchers, teachers, clinicians, patients to information and other people. Library employees are partners and collaborators with others in education, research, clinical practice, and outreach. The A.R. Dykes Library vision in April 2013 states:

*Dykes Library staff is committed to KUMC’s strategic goals of education, research, outreach, and clinical experiences as contributors, partners, and collaborators.*

*As people we recognize each other’s strengths and work together to accentuate those strengths.*

*We have employees who collaborate and partner with others in the KUMC community in teaching and learning, research and discovery, caring and healing, and outreach and service.*

*We celebrate each other because our employees are creative, inspiring and awesome.*

*We invite others to partner with us – we’re problem solvers and networkers.*

Ohio State University video

The tour demonstrates how the seemingly diverse occupants blend to provide a comprehensive, enriched customer experience. It also explores the ways in which the Health Sciences Library and its building partners support the education, research and clinical missions of The Ohio State University. Pamela Bradigan, Director of the HSL, presented the video at the 2012 Association of American Medical Colleges Annual Meeting along with co-presenters Sheryl Pfeil, Jim Beck, and Carol Hasbrouck.
Acquisitions
Acquisitions is the largest component of the library’s OOE budget representing approximately 95% of the total State OOE allocation. Acquisitions in the form of journal subscriptions, databases, monographs, non-print, exam resources, bio-statistics applications, etc represent the tools for education (teaching & learning), research, clinical practice, and outreach.

- We understand that the current path of acquisitions spending and budgeting is unsustainable.
- The library is eager to participate in a solution,
- But unwinding ourselves from the current package will be difficult. We will need the unstinting support of KUMC administrators to help manage the reactions.
- Current journal acquisitions are complicated by the all-or-nothing composition of packages, and by the collaborative relationships we’ve entered to negotiate these packages.
- Many of our larger and important packages, notably Elsevier, Wiley, MD Consult and Lippincott, do not have provisions for reducing the size of the collection—and thus our costs. These are currently all-or-nothing purchases.
- Many of our largest purchases—Elsevier, Wiley, Springer—were made in collaboration with main campus, and will require their assent to change the terms. Elsevier is up for renewal in FY2014.
- There are already many initiatives underway to help mitigate the rising costs of library materials:
  o Open Access movement—but adoption of OA has been slow and does require funds.
  o Demand-driven delivery of articles—but this is an expensive alternative at the moment.
- Top five publishers used by our researchers according to Meet Our Experts:
  Elsevier/Academic/Saunders          2,365
  LWW                                 1,200
  Wiley                               753
  American Physiological Society      338
  American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology 307