The Emerging Global Research Library and Library Assessment

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Mission of Libraries World-Wide



...to enrich the quality of life and advance intellectual discovery by connecting people with information and knowledge.

Connected around the Pacific Rim



Early Connections





Seattle Closest to Japan



Japanese Immigration to Seattle





Interrupted Lives







Baseball Connects



I-CHI-RO!



University of Washington



- > Established in 1861
- Campuses in Seattle, Tacoma, and Bothell
- Public research university

Students and Learning

- > Diverse students
- > 30,000
- undergraduates > 9,300 graduate

> 1,700 professional



Research and Discovery



- Collaborative and interdisciplinary
- \$1 billion US in grants and contracts for research
- Engineering, technology, forestry, aerospace, marine sciences, health, biosciences

Seattle and Innovation

- Microsoft
- > Amazon
- RealNetworks
- > Serials Solutions
- Starbucks
- Boeing
- Biotechnology firms
- > And more...



University of Washington Libraries

- > Large, public research
- > 50,000 serial titles
- Digital collections
- Excellent service
- Expert staff
- Innovation
- > Global collections
- > Assessment and planning





Vision 2010

- An international leader in imagining, creating, and realizing the promise of the 21st century academic research library. As the intellectual and physical commons of our great University, we advance discovery and encourage the growth of knowledge.
- knowledge. We anticipate and meet the information needs of our diverse communities, at any time and in any place. We prepare students for success in life as information smart global citizens.







The Soul of the University



Library of the Future > The library of the predict the university of the future.

Redefining Space





Look into the Future



Preferred Future

- When, where, and how it is needed
- Available in perpetuity
- Any time, any placeAccessible and
- affordable





Emerging Global Research Library



Strategic Investment

- Collaboration and collective action
- Building a culture of assessment
- > The global research library
- > People





Hard Work



- It's a choice
- > Barriers abound
- > Boundary crossing
- Different than cooperation
- Reward itself

Consortia and Cooperatives





Culture of Assessment

...is an environment in which decisions are based on facts, research and analysis, and where services are planned and delivered in ways which maximize positive outcomes and impacts for library clients. A *culture of assessment* is an integral part of the process of change and the creation of the 21st century research.

All assessment is local



Methodological Diversity

- > Qualitative and quantitative methor
- Surveys
- Focus groups
- Observation and interviews
- Usability
- ➤ LibQual
- > And more...



We learned that...

- > Remote use preferred method
- > Self-reliance and unmediated
- >Online resources=productivity
- > Desktop delivery is top priority
- > Undergraduate value place

Bioscience Findings

- > Print is dead, really dead
- > The library as e-journal provider
- Bioscience faculty don't come to the physical library
- > Bioscience graduate students and undergraduates come to the physical library
- > Subject databases greatly underused
- Personal information management
- > Buy what books they need from Amazon

More Findings

- > Transaction cost from discovery to delivery is too high
- Integrate fragmented systems and processes
- > Multi-disciplinary collaborators
- > Everywhere, in scattered locations
- > Researchers are independent and selfsufficient

Assessment Outcomes and Impact



For more information: http://www.lib.washington.edu/assessment/____





What Would it Entail?

- > Being Global
- Global Infrastructure
- Scholarly Communication and Peer Review
- > Data, data, and more data
- > Global Regulatory and Policy framework



Core Values

- Information drives discovery
- > Public valu
- Selection, sharing and sustainability
- > Long-term curation of content



Critical Risks



- The Divide
 Information co
- and dissemination
- Data management, infrastructure and curation
- > Do nothing
- Singular focus

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- > www.grl2020.net
- March 2008
- > Pisa, Italy



New Perspectives



People



Workplace of Choice



- Compensation
- Diversity
- Transparency
- Inspiration
- Self renewal

Develop the Entire Organization

- > Focus on the whole
- > Continuous learning
- New categories of colleagues
- > Renewal



Certainty and Uncertainty

- > Virtual and real
- Flexible and
- > Clear, dependable,
- comprehensible
- > Multidimensional and integrated
- > An ecosystem



Imagine Create Realize



- Global Research Library People

Arigato! Thank You!

