Reflections on Space

UCD Health Sciences Library

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Overview

- Background

- Overview of the spaces provided

- Special Focus (Spaces):
  - Problem Based Learning Rooms
  - Groups Study Rooms
  - Information Skills Room

- Services:
  - Health & Wellbeing Collection
  - Laptop Lending

- Collections

- Review

Designing the Health Sciences Libraries

- Factors incorporated into the design:

  - Pedagogical shifts in the UCD environment

  - Creating spaces to support multi-disciplinary teams

  - Create flexible & varied student spaces

  - Reflect the library's shift from print to online collections

- Collaborative service offerings:
  - Anatomy Specimen Library
  - Health & Wellbeing collection

Spaces provided

- Lounge spaces

- Study spaces (Levels 1 & 2)

- IT Services Computer Room

- Laptop Room

- Information Skills Training Room

- Group Study Rooms

- Problem Based Learning Rooms

Student Study Spaces

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Problem Based Learning Rooms

- Aim: to support teaching

- 5 rooms located on the Ground Floor

- Teaching spaces

- Priority given to PBL, CBL, EBL modules

- Currently can only be booked by academic staff

Usage Statistics:
Problem Based Learning Rooms

	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	Totals
September	32	44	33	109
October	56	90	39	185
November	62	87	59	208
December	25	35	14	74
January	23	16	15	54
February	25	44	19	88
March	16	47	32	95
April	33	32	24	89
May	38	6	29	73
June	50	5	39	94
July	12	14	N/A	26
August	2	11	N/A	13
Total	374	431	303 (to end of May)	1108

Problem Based Learning Rooms: The future

Reflection:

- Statistics indicate varied usage across the academic year

- Bookings made by a small cohort of staff

Future Plans:

- Advertise availability of the rooms

- Considering expanding booking option to research postgraduate students

Group Study Rooms

- Aim: to support collaborative project work & group study

- 6 rooms, located on L

- Learning spaces

- No priority booking, first come first served

- Min. 3 per group, max 10

- Booking max 3 hours

Usage Statistics:
Group Study Rooms

	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	Totals
September	14	28	91	133
October	106	207	272	585
November	186	287	273	746
December	190	196	125	511
January	48	17	53	118
February	177	116	154	447
March	84	147	175	406
April	332	304	249	885
May	173	66	106	345
June	12	23	3	38
July	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0
Total	1322	1391	1501	4214

Group Study Rooms

Reflections:

- Usage maps neatly to students workflows

- Issues with the physical spaces provided

- Statistics captured sometimes inadequate to inform service development

Future Developments:

- Newly developed in-house room booking system

- Review booking options available

- Further review of the suitability of the spaces

Information Skills Room

- Aim: Protected teaching space for library staff

- 36 PCs

- SchoolVue software

- Whiteboards

- Flipchart pads

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Usage Statistics: Information Skills Room

	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	Totals
September	21	39	50	110
October	48	34	50	132
November	27	23	21	71
December	11	9	6	26
January	19	16	25	60
February	33	17	30	80
March	23	18	12	53
April	20	19	15	54
May	6	5	10	21
June	6	3	N/A	9
July	6	4	N/A	10
August	8	12	N/A	20
Total	228	199	219	646

Information Skills Room

Reflection

- Heavy usage in Semester 1

- Increasing number of sessions to support embedded information literacy elements

- Valued by Liaison Librarians

Future Developments

- Review booking policy

- Explore potential revenue generating services especially during summer months

Laptop Lending Service

- Aims: to support access to the 24/7 electronic library & to support student project work in the library environment

- Introduced in 2007

- 15 laptops available in the Health Sciences Library

Usage Statistics:
Laptop Lending (Health Sciences Library)

Year	Months	Number of Loans
2007	Jan – Dec	2378
2008	Jan – Dec	4038
2009	Jan – Dec	1672
2010	Jan - May	634
Total		**8722**

Laptop Lending

Reflections

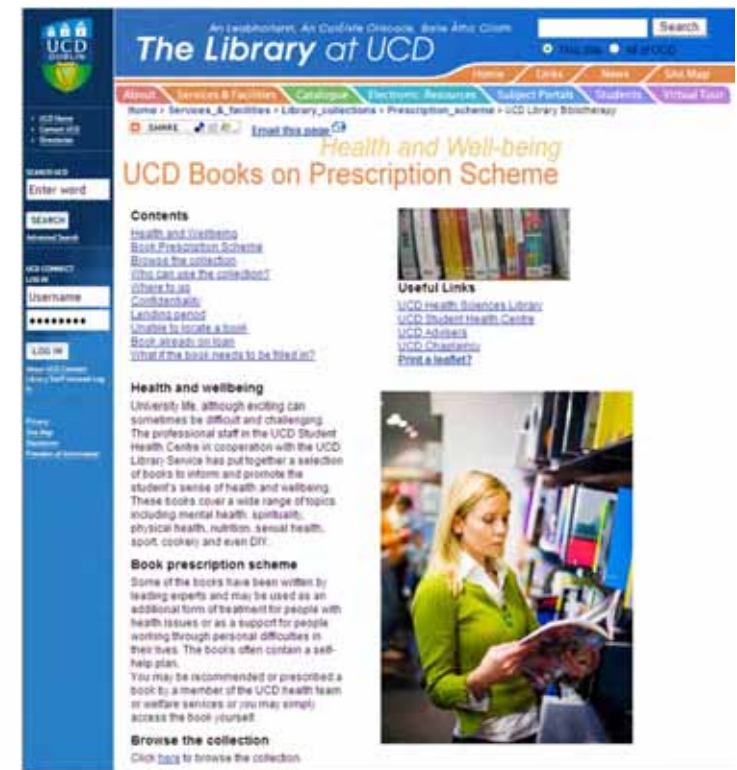- Negative impact of the introduction of charges

- Well used service

Future Directions

- New laptops Summer 2010

- Will now lend chargers

Health & Wellbeing Collection

- Collaborate service with UCD Student Health Services

- Bibliotherapeutic books selected by student doctor

- First bibliotherapy collection in an academic library

Usage Statistics: Health & Wellbeing Collection

Total number of items in the collection	**212**
Total number of loans	**916**
Total number of reservations	**51**

Health & Wellbeing Collection

Reflections:

- Collaboration

- Well used service

Future Developments:

- Expansion of the collection

- Replication of the collection in the James Joyce Library

Collections

- Library policy is to move to an online collection

- UCD Library member of the IReL consortium

- Increasing demand for electronic access to research

- Mixed response to ebook collections

- Creation of deep store on campus

Spaces for the print collections

	Volumes	Linear metres
Standard Shelving	28,300	1,132
Compact Shelving	21,504	860.16
Current Journals	440 titles	132

Collections

Future directions:

- Ebooks – embed on VLE and aim to increase visability

- Review collection holdings

- Review collections in deep store in light of IReL cancellations

- Collaborative collection storage at a national level

So how have we done…

- Did we map to user need?

- Is the space successful?

- Do users engage and utilise the various spaces provided?

- Can the library support the strategic goals of the parent organisation?

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