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Research Commons

The UW Libraries Research Commons is meeting a new set of student and faculty needs that are emerging with the growth of data-driven research, digital scholarship and interdisciplinary studies. The space provides a collaborative environment in which students and faculty can come together to share and discuss research, as well as get support for all steps of the research process: searching, writing, publishing, and funding. The Research Commons is a place to collaborate and connect with fellow students and faculty on research projects. It is a place for workshop and presentation opportunities, and a place to discover what peers and colleagues are researching.

QUICK FACTS

SIZE
The Research Commons is 15,524 square feet (entire Ground floor of Allen South Library).

RENOVATION COST
$360,260 (see below)

SEATS
201 Total: 164 work seats, 25 computer seats, 3 booths. Max Occupancy: 267

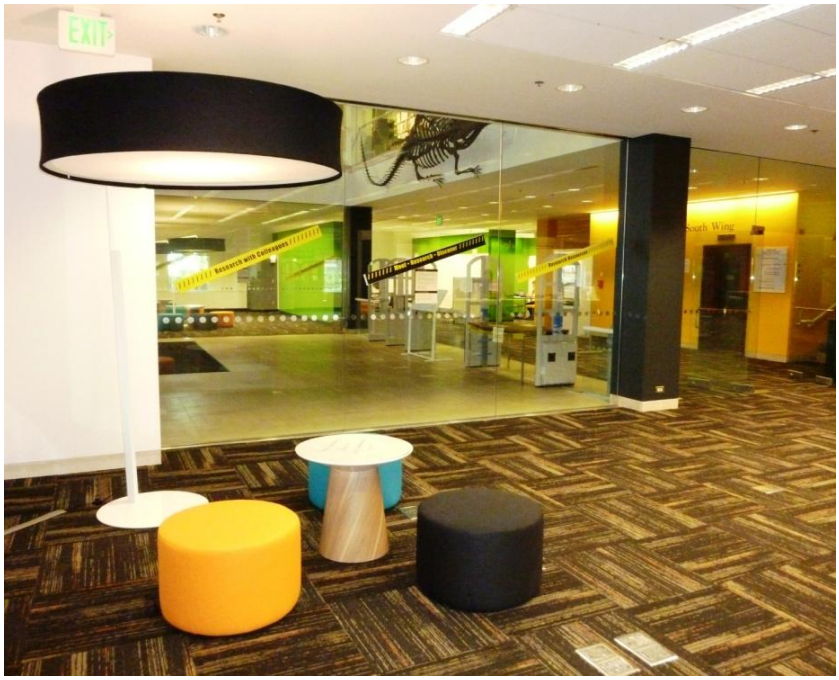
ARCHITECT
DLR Group. Andrea Johnson, Interior Designer.

RENOVATION
July - October 2010

STAFFING
The Research Commons Help Desk is staffed Mon-Thurs 7:30am-10pm, Fri 7:30am-6pm, Sat 1-5pm, Sun 1-10pm.

FEATURES
Walltalkers whiteboard walls; Steelcase furniture: whiteboard tables, mobile chairs and Media:scape; Collaboration screens; open Presentation Place

www.commons.lib.washington.edu
uwresearchcommons.wordpress.com



PARTNERSHIPS

- Research Commons Advisory Board
- Graduate School
- Undergraduate Academic Affairs
- The Odegaard Writing Center
- Center for Commercialization
- Microsoft Research
- Center for Social Science Computational Research (CSSCR)
- Capital Projects Office
- UW IT
- Classroom Support Services
- Faculty Council on University Libraries

FUNDING SOURCES

Capital Projects funding from the Office of the Provost: $300,000 (Design, Construction and Furnishings)

In-kind from UW IT: ~$15,000 (Data and Wireless Upgrades)

Allen Endowment Grant: $11,440 (Furnishings and Equipment)

Student Technology Fee Grants: $28,820.86 (Computers, Plasma Screens, Additional Technology)

Friends of the UW Libraries: $4,480 (Information School Graduate Student Assistant)

Private Gift from Wayne and Anne Gittinger: $5,000 (Furnishings)

In-kind from UW Libraries (Facilities Management, Program Support, Furnishings, Ongoing Staffing)

VISION

FOSTER INTERDISCIPLINARY CONVERSATIONS AND COLLABORATION

HUB OF SUPPORT FOR EACH STEP OF RESEARCH PROCESS

EXPERIMENTAL, CREATIVE, PARTICIPATORY SPACE

Talk. Share. Connect. Research.