GOAL:
The Library will support and initiate interdisciplinary interests and activities throughout the UIC community.

THRUSTS:
The Library will develop physical and virtual spaces that are conducive to interdisciplinary efforts.

The Library will sponsor interdisciplinary programs and events.

The Library will partner with other groups on campus who promote interdisciplinary activities.

The Library will promote and provide access to collections that are especially relevant to interdisciplinary interests.

Some of the details discussed related to these strategic thrusts are:

Facilities:
Physical
Library spaces -- especially learning or information commons
Other campus spaces (sites where library space is incorporated)
Library as ‘neutral’ territory
(‘neutral’ = ‘omni-disciplinary’)
Virtual
Website (passive)
Blog (interactive)
Other

Programs/Events
Lectures/Forums
(introductions to special collections [incl. Newberry, CRL, etc.] especially for new faculty, graduate students, and Honors UGs)
Nakata Lectures
Seminars
Colloquia
Exhibits/displays
Bibliographic Instruction
-- in cross-discipline courses
-- for several courses together
-- that is not course-related

Other UIC cross-disciplinary 'stuff'
Honors College
Graduate College
Humanities Institute
Great Cities (CUPPA)
External/Continuing Education
Office of Univ. Historian (future of? Endowed Lib Chair?)
Alumni Association collaboration
Other........

Collections that may be particularly supportive/relevant:
UIC Special Collections -- Rare Books, Manuscripts
   particular subj. strengths: Chicago, Hull House,
   Architecture, etc.
UIC Archives: UIC-specific
Chicago Special Collections (e.g., CRL, Newberry, etc.)

COMMENTS from others on the Planning Group:

"By virtue of the fact that the LHS sites are housed in College of
Medicine buildings, [library colleagues there] have a very integrated
relationship and are extensively involved with committees, work groups,
task forces, grants, technology, and the overall conduct of business
in these buildings." [Jo Dorsch]

"...the graduate college and the honors college are doing some of the
most visible inter- or cross-disciplinary work. The Honors College
has cross-disciplinary and interdisciplinary seminars, e.g. HON 111
offered spring 2006 by Virginia Wexman and Sylvia Vatuk and HON 401
that is designed to explore interdisciplinary topics, see
http://www.dria.uic.edu/scep/content/files/HON401II.htm

"The graduate college launched a set of interdisciplinary seminars
last spring.
See http://www.uic.edu/depts/grad/summerseminars/index.shtml

"Perhaps getting involved with one of these would be a concrete, if
relatively small scale way to promote intellectual exchange and
discourse." [Steve Wiberley]
“I never know if these URL’s will work, but there is a new article out that discusses the Library and Collaboration Centers to bring other disciplines together. It was very interesting and had some “doable” ideas.


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