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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/HON401ll.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]

[from Ellen Schellhause...]

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"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.

"Developing an Interdisciplinary Collaboration Center in the Academic Health Sciences Library by Margaret Moore, et al. in Medical Reference Services Quarterly, Vol 24 (4), Winter 2005 p99 - 107."

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