

Education Library (Fall 2017 – Summer 2018)

As part of the Normal Hall project, the Library received a total renovation, including fire sprinklers and improved lighting throughout, a lactation/family care room (the Libraries' third), an assistant accessible restroom, four renovated restrooms, a computer lab, a maker space, and an ADA accessible service desk. There is now variable types of comfortable seating throughout, each seat with access to electricity, and improved aesthetics for a space in that was in serious need of a refresh.

HSCL (Summer 2018)

Major renovation of library staff and faculty spaces. The more efficient use of space not only improves the working conditions for these employees, but has made for more efficient course reserves (including a highly used collection of skulls) and technology loan services, and permitted the creation of a centrally located computer lab and instruction space. This heavily used multi-purpose lab, named the Biomedical Information Teaching Space, has more than doubled the number of user computers.

Marston Science Library, 3rd floor (Spring 2018 – Summer 2018)

Building upon the renovation of the ground floor, which created the Collaboration Commons and the Made@UF space, and the extensive second floor refurbishments, the third floor has been completely refurbished. The multi-style seating, with electric access for every seat, provides options for collaborative and individual study and includes bar height seating around the perimeters taking advantage of the excellent views of the campus and Payne's Prairie.

Library West, Room 211 (Summer 2018)

The Library Instruction Lab has been refurbished and the technology refreshed. The design of this heavily used instruction space and BITS reflects standards for library instruction technology and furnishings developed during the 2017 renovation of the instruction room in Marston Science Library. The new LIL is a much brighter and effective instruction room, more conducive to student learning.

UF Common Space Projects program (Summer 2018)

The Libraries were one of numerous beneficiaries of special targeted funding from the university administered by UF Facilities Services. The program was aimed at improving and enhancing visitor experiences in the common areas of campus buildings, including entry ways. This represented not only impactful improvements to some somewhat uninspiring library spaces but also the latest in a series of investments by Facilities Services and what has grown into a great partnership for the Libraries.

- Smathers Library: The entry, and the common areas and lobbies on the first and second floors, including the exhibit gallery, were thoroughly cleaned and polished, much of the space was repainted and the lighting was much improved. This work included new flooring and associated asbestos mitigation in numerous areas including the lobby on the second floor which serves as the entry way to the Grand Reading Room. The improved lighting extended to the exterior of the building. The results are a remarkably fresher and inviting experience.
- Library West, Café: This popular public space received new lighting which has allowed for the very low overhead clearance to be raised substantially. This change has converted the heavily used space into a much brighter and inviting seating area, affording natural light and views of

the Plaza of the Americas and the green space adjacent to the Libraries. The increased use is notable.

- University Colonnade: The 50+ 1960 era light fixtures, which cast inadequate light, were replaced with comparable LED fixtures. The result is a much brighter and comfortable experience for library visitors at night.
- Marston Science Library: The adjacent covered area north of the library and that approximate to the Starbucks were essentially empty real estate and underutilized. Facilities Services provided 6 new exterior tables, matching the style of the Plaza of the Americas seating, which include wheelchair accessibility. The new seating is extremely popular and not only provides much sought after shaded seating, but connects the Library with the Turlington Plaza. Additionally, extensive lighting was added to the exterior of the Library, addressing long-standing safety concerns.

Auxiliary Library Facility (Spring and Summer 2018)

A sizeable section of the existing shelving in this off-site storage facility was replaced with higher density shelving that is taller and allows for arrangement of materials by size. The section of shelving previously had a capacity for approximately 177,400 volumes. With the new shelving, there is a capacity for 505,102 volumes. This type of efficiency results in increased capacity in the existing facility. The result of these improvements is the opportunity to place lower use library materials off campus, allowing for repurposing of campus space for other priorities, like the expanded seating areas. This capacity was a critical element in the Education Library and Marston Science Library projects described above.

Smathers Library, Elevator (Spring 2019)

The 4 story, historic building relies on one aging elevator, which requires frequent down time for maintenance. The mechanics and interior of the elevator will be replaced during the spring through university funding.