Proposed Library/IT Fee

The ideas presented here from the Library and CITES assume a $100 to $200 a semester fee for each student, starting with the incoming freshmen class in 2007-2008 and adding classes over the next three years. Lower fee levels would result in slower implementation and would not allow for all service improvements. Together, the Library and CITES will direct a Library/IT fee toward enhancing their abilities to deliver high-quality library and information technology services to provide University of Illinois students with the integrated information environment they need to succeed in the workplace.

At the $100/semester level, over the course of the next four years, here’s what you’ll get for your money.

Home Away from Home

We can keep the Library open more hours. You can get more ready assistance with research for your classes and a more available quiet place to study. The more out-of-date Library facilities will be upgraded to create new, better-staffed, and more comfortable technology-enhanced spaces.

More IT More Places

We can create additional web spaces to develop extensive web pages (online portfolios) in which your transcripts and your class work and projects are merged. We can provide further quota increases for campus email and file storage systems, making it easier for you to keep your class work and projects on line and more available to your peers and professors. More IT won’t mean more passwords, though. The fee will help implement the single CITES password.

Definitely Digital

Immediate access to electronic journals, books and textbooks is increasingly important to your educational success. The Library/IT fee would be used to acquire more digital resources and enhance digital access. You will have more ways to search through our collections to find the references you need.

Five-Quad Coverage

There are currently no plans or funds for providing wireless coverage to the five Quads (Main, Ag, Bardeen, Beckman, and Business). Wouldn’t you like to be able to use WiFi in more places around campus?

IT Your Way

A Library/IT fee would help us provide a campus portal, a personalized web entry point that will make information easier for you to find. As well, with increased availability of Web 2.0 tools (blogs, wikis, podcasting, videocasting) you can more easily share information for social and academic networking.

Discovery to Delivery

Having Library and campus IT professionals in one place would be a benefit to you and researchers on campus. That is the idea behind the Learning Commons and the Scholarly Commons, new kind of spaces for new kinds of collaboration.
At the $200/semester level, enhancements would occur faster and new services would be more comprehensive.

**Home Away from Home**

Imagine the Library open when you need it, whether that’s early in the morning or in the middle of the night. Whether you need research sources for a paper you’re working on or just a quiet place to study, knowing the Library is open makes it easier for you to plan your activities or deal with last-minute coursework emergencies.

**More IT More Places**

Having enough space for web pages, email, file storage, online portfolios, and class work will help you from your first day as a University of Illinois student through your search for the right job as you prepare to graduate. Not having to wait a couple of years for more space will make it easier for you to keep your entire body of class work and projects on line and more available to your peers and professors.

**Definitely Digital**

The number of electronic journals, books, and textbooks used by University of Illinois students is directly related to the resources available for digitization and storage. The $200/semester fee will make a much greater storehouse of digital resources available to students.

**Five-Quad Coverage**

You’ll be able to use WiFi around campus sooner, with wireless coverage coming to a Quad near you a year or two earlier.

**IT Your Way**

A $200/semester Library/IT fee will help us make more content available to you via your personalized web portal, along with more extensive Web 2.0 tools (blogs, wikis, podcasting, videocasting) to further enhance social and academic networking.

**Discovery to Delivery**

Through expanded Learning Commons and Scholarly Commons, the one-stop shopping pool of Library and campus IT professionals will be able to more comprehensively cover your learning and research needs. Expanded availability of multi-media facilities will greatly expand your options for learning and discovery.

**And More…**

Every few years, a new technology comes along that changes not only how students learn but also how they live (the Internet; the web; iPods; what’s next?). With the $200/semester Library/IT fee, the Library and CITES will be able to respond more quickly to (and even anticipate) the demand for new technologies. Prospective employers will know that University of Illinois students have experience with new technologies that set them apart, in life and in the workplace.