Social and Applied Health Sciences Planning Team
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Background

As part of the New Service Models activities conducted during Spring 2009, discussions about opportunities to further integrate and enhance Library services delivered in support of research, teaching and learning in the social and behavioral sciences have proliferated. These conversations built on earlier discussions in the Social Science Division of the potential to develop a “social science hub” within the Main Library. The imperative to build stronger relationships among library services for the social and behavioral sciences, the Applied Health Sciences Library and the UIC Library of the Health Sciences also emerged as a recommendation from the Winter 2010 Health Information Services Planning Team report.

With recent changes to the service models for social science disciplines and professional degree programs, e.g., Labor & Employment Relations and Library & Information Science virtual libraries) and the current campus-wide review and consolidation of programs in order to more effectively leverage human and financial resources, it is the right time to review Library service to the social and applied health sciences, and to identify opportunities to enhance support for these fields and for allied, applied fields of study.

Charge

Engaging with faculty, staff and students representing the academic communities in the full range of social science disciplines, including all those served by librarians in the Social Science Division and throughout the Library, including the Law Library, and in health-related educational programs and research areas, the Social and Applied Health Sciences Planning Team will:

- Identify Library services and resources that are essential to current and emergent areas of research, teaching, and learning in the social and applied health sciences on the Urbana campus, specifying those that are currently available as well as those currently not made available that should be features of the new model.
- Identify tangible ways in which social and applied health sciences libraries can collaborate in the design and delivery of Library services supporting the social and applied health sciences across the University Library. This work should extend the review of complementarity and redundancy in service programs across the Applied Health Sciences Library, UIC Library of the Health Sciences and other Library units (Appendix E of Health Information Services Planning Team report) to include services provided by the Business and Economics Library, Communications Library, Education and Social Science Library, Labor & Employment Relations virtual library, Library & Information Science virtual library, Map and Geography Library, the Veterinary Medicine Library, the Scholarly Commons and other related service points.
- Recommend a sustainable (effective and cost-efficient) model for providing consolidated library services and resources across the social and applied health sciences in the east wing of the 1st floor of the Main Library, taking into account whatever recommendations may come from the NSM Reference Services Team.
- Provide a report of the Team’s discussions and planning recommendations to the University Librarian and Dean of Libraries by September 30, 2010

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