Stacks Service Planning Team

Charge:

The Stacks Services Planning Team will provide leadership for the implementation of improvements to user service environments in the Main Library Book Stacks that can be accomplished within a three to five year timeline. Building upon existing recommendations to open the Stacks to undergrads (2000) and reorganize the Stacks (2005) and taking into account Shepley-Bulfinch’s Conceptual Framework Report (2006) and the progress of the Main/Undergrad Library Feasibility Study, the planning team will:

1) Identify those remaining activities in the Final Report of the Bookstacks Reorganization Task Force Report that should be implemented in order to develop an environment conducive to the maintenance of a “browsing collection;”

2) Develop detailed cost estimates for projects that can be completed within a three-year timeline;

3) Develop implementation plans for short-term projects scoped to fit within a twelve to eighteen month timeline, medium-term projects that will fit within a three to five year timeline and longer-term projects that dovetail with the directions outlined by the Main/Undergrad Feasibility Study;

4) Define a detailed collection profile for the Main Library Book Stacks with the Office of Collections and members of the library faculty with collection development responsibilities that account for the needs of semi-rare items currently housed in the Main Stacks as well as any items that may require transfer to more secure storage;

5) Identify and develop projects related to improving user services in the Book Stacks;

6) Examine the security and life-safety issues requiring resolution before offering broader access;

7) Examine the existing user criteria for the Stacks and either reaffirm or revise the profile for access;

8) Reexamine the Stacks entrance and develop detailed implementation plans for a reconceptualized entrance and service model;

9) Determine the most appropriate process for implementing the recommended changes, finalize budgets for recommended sub-projects, develop an implementation timeline, and recommend an implementation team.

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