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**Subject:** FW: IFSI Library and UI Main Library Website Reorganization RE: library website  
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Hello Mr. Laskowski,

It has been brought to our attention that a working group within the University Library is considering removing the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) Library from the main directory of libraries on the front page of the library website. Together with IFSI Director Royal Mortenson and IFSI Library Head Librarian Lian Ruan, we strongly oppose the removal of the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library from the University Library main page.

We also support the addition of other special libraries affiliated with the University of Illinois—the Asian Education Media Service, the Giertz Education Center at the Krannert Art Museum, and the Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse—not currently included. We agree with Sarah Isaacs at the Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse that there is a way to include these special libraries that are part of the University of Illinois on the University Library main page. Sarah has pointed out that these special libraries, like the IFSI Library, all have institutional membership to one of the major library systems in Illinois, participate in systematic statewide resource sharing, and have a physical space with professional staff that offers public hours for individuals on campus and in the community. As part of the University of Illinois, the IFSI Library not only serves fire service professionals in every corner of Illinois, it also circulates its physical collection to all residents of Illinois and answers reference questions from users worldwide. Like the University Library, the IFSI Library is staffed by employees and students of the University of Illinois and contributes to the University’s mission because we are all part of the same University.

In the University Library’s Framework for Strategic Action, 2015-2021 ([https://www.library.illinois.edu/geninfo/libraryinit/framework\\_for\\_strategic\\_action/](https://www.library.illinois.edu/geninfo/libraryinit/framework_for_strategic_action/)), the University Library “advances the University’s goals by ensuring unfettered access to information and by providing a network of expertise that ensures value, quality, and authenticity of information resources.” If the goal of the University Library is to provide “unfettered access to information” and a “network of expertise,” why make it more difficult for users to locate information and specialized expertise that is currently provided by the IFSI Library and the other above mentioned libraries?

Since we are listed on the main University Library webpage, University Library reference staff working at the main reference desk have on many occasions referred users seeking fire service information to the IFSI Library, ensuring that these users benefit from the specialized expertise that the IFSI Library provides as the only fire service dedicated library in Illinois.

We ask that the above points be brought to the attention of the library website redesign working group in the hopes that they will reconsider removing the IFSI Library from the University Library main page and excluding the other libraries mentioned above. We welcome the opportunity to be included in this decision-making process.

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Lian,  
I completely agree with you! The IFSI Library link should not be removed from the main UIUC library web site!  
Please keep me informed on this issue so I can help.

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Hi, Diane,

I believe that IFSI Library has an important role to support the University's mission and help the UI Main Library to achieve its goals of supporting the University's mission in public engagement, research, learning, and teaching. I also believe that IFSI Library should NOT be removed from the Main Library website reorganization.

Please keep me closely posted.

Thank Shuyi for bringing this discussion to our attention.

I'm copying Director Mortenson, Jim and David.

Thanks,  
Lian

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Hi Diane,

I'm writing to let you know that here is a discussion about how to redesign the university libraries website. It talks about they probably will remove the IFSI Library from the university library directory. I'm also copying Lian here.

All the discussions are below.

Thanks,  
Shuyi