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CNI Fall Membership Meeting
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Learning & Teaching

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And special thanks to Jessie Sher, Project Coordinator.
Spaces & Services
Strategy Development
Why Now?

Take a strategic approach to physical space planning

Create welcoming, accessible, safe buildings and services

Transform organizational culture

Why brightspot?
Engagement

**CONNECT**
organizational goals and user needs

**UNDERSTAND**
space, service and organization

**APPLY**
short and long-term efforts

**TRAIN THE TRAINER**
through hands-on practice and guidance

**GAIN TRUST AMIDST CHANGE**
by embedding touch points throughout


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Deliverables

**Strategy Report**
Space and Service Principles, Philosophy, Framework

**Playbook**
Flexible scenarios to consider piloting/prototyping guidance

**Research Report**
User research conducted by the team
Space and Service Principles

1. **Enhance the Platform for Discovery** through foundational changes to physical and digital space usability, access, and navigation.

2. **Accelerate Partnerships in Scholarship** by engaging with library users and working them throughout the service experience.

3. **Deliver as One Library** with a shared service philosophy and improved library staff workspace.

Fall 2017
Engagement Activities
Service Design Strategy “Champions” Workshop

Purpose

To develop a shared understanding of the service philosophy and principles in order to begin to build a network of champions for this work in current and future service design.
Neighborhood Block Parties

Purpose
- To connect colleagues to our service design work
- To showcase potential areas of collaboration with informal displays of work examples
- To build community in different areas of the library
- To get feedback

Lessons Learned
- Timing is important
- Training on design thinking and service design is critical
- Need more effective staff engagement opportunities with concepts
- Engage with library leadership for the planning and thinking about the service design platform as a shared vision

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Library of the Future Design Challenges, Workshop, & Exhibit

Engaging the Student Community

- Two design challenges
  - Physical design
  - Narrative and visual design
- Bicentennial Expo workshop
- Embedded exhibit
  - Physical prototype scavenger hunt
  - Vinyl displays of work in Hatcher and Shapiro

Library of the Future Design Challenges

Students were asked to imagine what the U-M Library might look like in the future.
Designing Libraries 6

Organizational Change

- Invest in staff retraining
- Identify partnerships with similar goals
- Create teams and structures based on emergent needs rather than departmental structures

Library Space Design

- Visualization technology needs to be connected to user experience
- Acoustic and lighting considerations
- Storefront-style spaces can establish proof-of-concept services

Inspiring Peer Organizations

- Duke University Library’s Edge digital scholarship commons
- University of New York, Rochester Library’s pop-up programming
- Harvard Science Center’s Discovery Bar and Ice Cube


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DESIGNING LIBRARIES 6
DESIGNING LIBRARIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
Service Design Task Force Retreat

Purpose

To reflect on service design work and interactions thus far, create a timeline, and to prepare our recommendations for Library Executive Council
Challenges
Challenges

- Building a bridge from virtual to physical
- Moving from collections-centric to service-centric
- Engaging leadership in a large, complex organization
- Using the physical locations on central campus to influence the library’s organizational culture library-wide
- Creating a shared understanding of the context for the work and communicating goals

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Recommendations
Recommendation #1: Continued Adoption and Integration

At the leadership level, continue to embed the service philosophy in the work of divisions, with a focus on diffusing these principles for good service into continuing work.
Recommendation #2: Identified Priority Plays

Activate three service teams focused on deep dives and pilot/prototyping work around three plays identified in the Hatcher-Shapiro Library Service and Space Strategy Playbook:

- Digital Scholarship Lab
- Consultation Hub
- Staff Innovation Hub
Recommendation #3: Non-brightspot Mini-Play

Apply the same principles of service design and service teams to the problem of citation management services under discussion by the Library Public Software Taskforce.
Recommendation #4: Library as Research Lab Play - Research Scholars Hub

The Service Design Task Force will partner with the Shapiro Design Lab’s Library Lab to guide graduate students working under the IMLS Library as Research Lab project, using the Research Scholars Hub play as an area for design work in the Design Thinking for Library Services Lab.
Service Teams
Priority Play Service Teams

Purpose

Align related expertise from across divisions into a collaborative group that can more seamlessly design and deliver services for our users, accelerating our ability to partner in scholarship and deliver services as one library.

Membership

1 Service design partner
2 Co-leads
2-4 Additional members

Duration

16-17 weeks (May or June)
Expected Service Team Approach

Deep Dives and Pilots/Prototypes

- Deep dive research studies are areas for intense study.
- Deep dive studies will inform pilot and prototype opportunities.

Service Design Tools & Their Socialization
Goal and Intentions

For Our Staff

- Tangible
- Anyone can use (with training)
- Large and local application

For Our Organization

- Adaptive and iterative
- User-focused
- Aligns front and back-of-house service

Service Delivery Canvas & Service Design Blueprint

**service delivery canvas**
(adapted from Business Model Canvas)

3. **Required Infrastructure**
   - What infrastructure does our service value proposition require? (e.g., tools, technology, furniture, staffing)

1. **Key Partners**
   - Who are potential key partners?
   - What are our motivations for these partnerships?

   **Service Value Proposition**
   - For ________ (user)
   - who ________ (motivation)
   - we offer ________

2. **Staff + User Relationship**
   - What type of relationship do our users expect us to establish and maintain? (e.g., personal assistance, self-service, communities)

   **User Profile**
   - For whom are we creating value?
   - (e.g., undergrad, grad, faculty)
   - What are their current problems?
   - Biggest needs?

**Next Steps**
- What do we need to understand in order to implement our service value proposition?

**Pilot Plan**
- How might we test this service value proposition in simple, user-centered, flexible, and measurable ways?

**Future Service Blueprint**
- Service: ________

- User actions:
  - What does the user see or interact with?

- Channels:
  - What are staff doing to respond to user actions?

- Front line of house actions:
  - What staff doing behind the scenes to support user actions?

- Tools & systems:
  - What tools or systems are needed to enable user actions?

- Back line of house actions:
  - What tools or systems are needed to enable user actions?

- Time:
Method 2: Visualizing drivers of change

Purpose
Using this method helps a team identify the drivers of change that are shaping the issue it plans to address. It helps a group articulate reasons why a service innovation initiative might be necessary and provides detail on what team members think are the key principles for change.

Outcomes
A shared view of the drivers of change shaping the context for your issue, service, or organization. Contextualizing the drivers of change grid helps a team see things from different perspectives and supports cross-mapping and creativity. It also highlights important areas of consensus and disagreement and reveals lack of knowledge.

Preparation
Ahead of time, invite an academic, artist, or futurist— or all three—to join the workshop in person or online. Alternatively, a couple of days before the workshop, circulate lists of books, articles, or blog posts discussing future developments from a range of fields, not just your organization’s core area.

Add a visual dimension to this method by printing out a series of images such as photographs, screen grabs, drawings, and icons that you associate with future developments. Cut them up to be approximately A3 size.

Tip
While facilitating such workshops, encourage them to speculate, imagine, and be ridiculous.

Lucy Kimbell, 2015
UX Toolkit Project

Leveraging Existing Investment and Excitement  
Connecting to New Programs and Opportunities

Journey map from the VA Center for Innovation
Recap

Tools

Service Teams

Leadership
Thank you!

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Appendix: Tools & Resources
# Service Blueprint

**service delivery canvas**
(adapted from Business Model Canvas)

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**Direction of service delivery**

- **back of house [staff ops]**
- **front of house [user-facing]**
Recipe 2, from *Service Innovation Handbook* by Lucy Kimbell, 2014
https://serviceinnovationhandbook.org/
A Veteran’s Journey

Journey map from the VA Center for Innovation
See also “Toward a Veteran Centered VA” report
Design Thinking for Libraries