

Subject: Lamar Soutter Library Collections and Refresh Project

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For many years, the Lamar Soutter Library has been moving from a primarily print book and journal collection to primarily an electronic collection. This has come about as technology continues to alter how health information is accessed and used. Amidst these changes, the Library continues to be used as a gathering place for study, course work, exam preparation, and collaboration for students and as a tool in meeting the instructional needs of faculty, researchers, and clinicians. The Library serves the diverse needs of more than 800 visitors each day.

Over the last several years, the Library has continued to modify its holdings, keeping up with the most recent and relevant information. Because of the increase in the number of students we serve and the growing needs of UMMS and its clinical partner UMMHC, the Library continues to evolve in order to meet the future education, research, and space needs of its users.

Beginning in July, bound journals that the Library also receives electronically will be removed from the collection. The space made available by this change will permit the book collection to be moved to the second floor and additional seating to be added on the first, second, and third floors, enhancing our space utilization.

The Library will continue to provide the services and resources you have come to expect in support of your teaching, learning, research, and clinical practice needs. In collaboration with UMMS Facilities, the Library staff will strive to minimize any interruptions to the use of the Library.

With your support through this transition, the Library will emerge as an updated and modern space, central to campus information needs. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Mary Piorun, Lamar Soutter Library Director Mary.Piorun@umassmed.edu; 508-856-2206.