

# Is library space worth saving? Why or why not?

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## **YES, space is worth saving**

The majority of clinical staff work onsite all the time. Having a space available is good for them as they have limited options

### **A mix of both virtual and in-person services will reach a wider audience of learners**

### **Not having physical library space could be a slippery slope - who's to stop higher-ups from removing the library altogether?**

#### **Yes**

I would worry about promoting a virtual library - out of sound, out of mind?

Can be used as touchdown space, multipurpose, study, wellness, work.

### **Staff and students who have questions still look for someone to talk to in person**

**yes, absolutely, but to follow up on the previous question, we need to know, from our users or potential users, why? What do they want? How are they using the space now and what could be improved?**

#### **Yes**

There needs to be a space for those without offices, ability to assist clinicians directly, studying, etc.

### **Yes, for study, collaboration, working.**

*Having a space gives you the flexibility of doing different activities that requires space including outreach or partnership with other department* – ANONYMOUS

## **MAYBE**

### **Sitting on the fence**

Space to gather will be important post-pandemic when we've been so isolated.

But, space for print collection can be reduce/repurposed.

### **Maybe**

Maybe not ALL of the library space needs to be saved - especially stack space

**I think the pandemic has given us an opportunity to learn about new (dare I say improved?) ways that we can engage with our clients, and it turns out 90% of our work can be done from home. Maybe it's time to think about altering library spaces to reflect user needs.**

**There is definite need for library space, but we don't need as much as we once did to store print.**

### **Hard to say**

So much of our work can be done remotely, maybe we don't need any space

# **NO, space is not worth saving**

**Not for print materials**

**Do staff like working from home more?**

**Electronic library resources are available  
from non-library computers and from off-site  
anyway**

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