

'Library as Place' Post-Pandemic: SWOT

Roundtable Discussion hosted by THLA

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STRENGTHS

Ask yourself:

- What do you do well?
- What unique resources can you draw on?
- What do others see as your strengths?

24/7 networked computer access – ANONYMOUS

Space is used by clinical staff who do not have an office.

a quiet place – ANONYMOUS

printing, photocopies, computer access – ANONYMOUS

Strengths

Study space - still a need

Often the only space that learners can go. – TIM TRIPP

We offer computers/internet access for all staff.

WEAKNESSES

Ask yourself:

- What could you improve?
- Where do you have fewer resources than others?
- What are others likely to see as weaknesses?

access to library may be limited to certain users who have access granted by security – ANONYMOUS

Library outreach - to make library resources known across departments

Our weakness is the relative invisibility of our spaces; they're not front-and-centre or likely to be encountered without directions

Having our spaces used as respite centres has raised their profile.
– TIM TRIPP

Have not been able to bring seating back in due to lack of space for social distancing.

Good Library location is also sometimes weakness, other depts would like to have your space and get priority

Not being able to advocate for more library space or keep the library open for library specific resources because despite networking with other departments, other hospital needs are still higher priority

OPPORTUNITIES

Ask yourself:

- What opportunities are open to you?
- What trends could you take advantage of?
- How can you turn your strengths into opportunities?

increase in consult - more accessible to many users – ANONYMOUS

Repurpose space

If print collection was not used during pandemic, repurpose space for collaboration/meeting space instead of print journals which can be switched to eJournals.

Working with others

More opportunity to let other departments use space for activities

we've allowed nursing skills day to happen in the library - brings in new employees – ANONYMOUS

Leverage the use of the library space to support mental wellness activities for staff who need to be away from clinical areas.

we used to bring therapy dogs :) – ANONYMOUS

Great idea! Especially once offices reopen and staff need to re-connect – THLA CHLA

THREATS

Ask yourself:

- What threats could harm you?
- What is your competition doing?
- What threats do your weaknesses expose to you?

Slow re-integration of volunteers – ANONYMOUS

Construction and lack of space for other departments in the hospital

lack of office space is a definite issue – ANONYMOUS

Threats

Clinicians still slow to return to using library space - is that due to workload of Covid or knowledge that we were closed part of last year

if we are not there in person, administrators may ask, why not just eliminate the physical space?

Library requests have gone down due to Covid and focus on implementation of new electronic health records system (other projects put on hold).

Decrease of in-person orientations across organization, shift to virtual

Being left out of discussions about library space use
