From Commons to Classroom: Evolving Learning Spaces in Academic Libraries

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What we’ll cover…

• Who we are…
• Why libraries?
• Background on learning spaces
• Applications
• Practical issues
• Space use
• Discussion activity
• Sharing/Questions
Why Libraries?

“The research library will survive because of the introduction of ever more and newer digital technologies, not in spite of them.”

Bernard Frischer, 2002
Information Commons

- Virtual + physical space
- One-stop shopping
- Campus partners
Weigle Information Commons

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Learning Commons

- Specific learning goals
- Intentional learning
- E-literacy skills (technology + research)

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Education Commons

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Active Learning Classrooms

• Began in science buildings…

MIT’s TEAL Classroom

NC State’s SCALE-UP Classroom

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Active Learning Classrooms

• Came into libraries…

University of Iowa’s TILE Classroom

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Collaborative Classroom

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Again, why libraries?
Applications

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Applications

Surveying student progress in real-time
Applications

Progressive learning
Applications

All-in-one multimedia capabilities

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Applications

Activity fairs

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Practical issues
Practical issues

Creating a tech support plan

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Practical issues

Creating a reservation system

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Practical issues

Instructor training
Practical issues

Setting expectations
Practical issues

Assessment

- Surveys
- Interviews with faculty/students

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Space use

Whiteboard paint/wallpaper
Group tables
Flipped classroom

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Activity: Build your ideal learning space!

Think about:

- Purpose
- Buy-in
- Financial constraints
- Space planning
- Using the space you already have
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