Where Did the Books Go?
Exploring E-Library Models at the Engineering, Math and Physical Sciences Libraries at Cornell University

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This presentation is a “Choose your own adventure” game. How it will go largely depends on the questions you ask and what you’re interested in learning more about. So, don’t be shy! We’ve provided some starter questions for you to get you thinking about what we can tell you about, but you can certainly ask a question that’s not on the list. Here’s how it will work. We’ll talk a bit, and you get to pick where we go next. Ask us a question. We’ll answer, and you get to ask another question.
Just to give a bit of structure, we’ve divided the questions into themed sections. And now, we’re going to begin.

You are in your library. You see stacks and stacks of books, but as you watch, a moving crew arrives and begins to pack up the books and take them away. Your director told you the library was closing. The students were angry, the faculty were angry, but the library is still going to close. In a few months, all the books will be gone. You will be in an empty room, with empty stacks. What do you do next?
Episode 1: How the Library Changed
Episode 2: How the Librarians Changed
Events Calendar

problem solved
blog of the engineering, math and physical sciences libraries
Outreach programs

- ACS on Campus
- PubCon
- Workshops
- Book Talks
- Cookies and Grads
Episode 3: How Interaction With Patrons Changed
New tools and Services

On the Physical Sciences Library site, we have added

• Database Finder
• eBook Collections
• eJournal Finder
• Virtual Shelf Browser
Browsing the Stacks Virtually

- Virtual Shelf Browser (still in beta) allows users to scroll through a “stack” of books, arranged by call number and somewhat proportioned to the books’ original dimensions.
Evolution of the unit website since closing the library
In-house tools for curating content
Agile development
Compare and contrast
Additional tools for building eLibraries

• Publisher APIs (Keep requesting them!)

Welcome to the Springer API portal
Epilogue
Relationships

- Increased relations
- Deeper relations
- Cross-collaboration
"I wish I had more to do at work. All I do is read books all day."
Said no librarian ever.
NOW
PANIC
AND
FREAK OUT
Further Reading

Transforming a Library into a Bookless Branch and Increasing Discoverability of the Virtual Library, by Jill Powell. ASEE Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, June 2012.

Thanks!

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