CULTIVATING AN ACTIVE LEARNING COMMUNITY AT THE LIBRARY

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No student may take semester final exams until all library fines are paid.

Total fines due $.08  

Sister Mary Mark, Librarian

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In with the new model...
2014-15 Transition period
Transition…
As the shelves come down, what do you want to see in this space?

Sign here for Ideas

Open space areas where students can sit
Comfy couches with good books and comfy chairs

Make front desk in center and want to add bookshelves

Let’s build a house inside library too!

Also, even a condo!

Coffee, snack bars/sandwiches

Study rooms, circle table, comfy chairs, a comfy, long couch bed for lying down for a little bit.

Study Rooms

Showers

Starbucks, bathtub

Food booth, coffee booth

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Asking Our Community How They Want Us to Use and Envision New Space
An active library is created....
Still a long way to go...

Reimagined and Reopened as an Innovation & Learning Lab

Librarians & Faculty Partner to Teach Research Skills in the New Space
• Background of the Grant

• Our process

• Our application

In the 2016 grant period, each Active Learning Center grant covers the furniture, integrated technology, design, installation and post-occupancy measurement tool for one of four classroom types designed for 24-32 students.

Eligible academic institutions are ones that focus primarily on formal, instructor-led learning in a designated classroom in the United States, Canada or Mexico, serving grades 6 – 12 or within a college or university.

Grants are valued at $62,000, plus all of the innovation and inspiration born of active learning.
Curating an Active Learning Ecosystem: A Toolkit

Toolkit Components: [http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase](http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase)
- Proposal Active Learning Center Space: [http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/space](http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/space)
- ALC Assessment Strategies: [http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcaseassessment](http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcaseassessment)
  - ALC Two Year Assessment Cycle
  - ALC Assessment Rubric
  - ALC Assessment Reflection
  - ALC Ideas and Insights Dissemination
  - ALC Steelcase Education Annual Report Content
  - Faculty and Student Active Learning Center Samples Surveys
  - 2014-16 Library Space and Steelcase Furniture Assessment
- Active Learning Resource Center: [http://stmary.libguides.com/activelearning](http://stmary.libguides.com/activelearning)
- USM Team Credentials: [http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/usmteam](http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/usmteam)
- Grant Narrative: [http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/narrative](http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/narrative)

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USM instructors facilitate the creation of a student learner centered environment through creative active learning curriculum strategies that increase student and social learning, collaboration, critical thinking skills, knowledge creation, creativity, and experimentation. Our pedagogy is centered on continuous instructor to student engagement, peer to peer learning opportunities, metaliteracy, and multiple teaching modes designed to meet visual, auditory, and kinesthetic student learning styles. Instructors utilize innovative, flexible, and interactive spaces and instructional technology tools to facilitate active learning and wisdom formation and espouse a culture of assessment.
Active Learning Resource Center

What Is Active Learning?

Active learning is a process whereby students engage in activities, such as reading, writing, discussion, or problem solving that promote analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of class content. Cooperative learning, problem-based learning, and the use of case methods and simulations are some approaches that promote active learning.

Steps on How to Teach in an Active Learning Classroom...
We won!

Planning with Scott Rice Office Works and Steelcase Education
RESULTS: INSTRUCTION AND ACTIVE LEARNING

Over 240 formal activities reserved in the space.

Courses taught in:

- Physics
- Global Studies
- History
- First Year Experience
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Math
- Biology
- Honors
- Accounting
- Business
- Geography
- Marketing
- Theology
- Philosophy
- Education
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- Service Learning Fair
- New Student Orientation
- Many topical “lunch and learns”
- Hispanic Heritage Luncheon
- Athletic Training Concussion Testing
- CLA Administration
- Yoga
- Physical Therapy Active Learning Exercises
- International Day of Peace Luncheon
Modular Makerspace

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Circulating Active Learning
Bites & Terabytes

Game Design
Social Media
Cybersecurity
MakerSpaces
FYE Honors Pilot Project
Special Collections
Active Learning Projects

• Faculty and Department Partnerships
• Service Learning and Student Participation
• First Year Experience and Honors Students
CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY!?!
SHARE AND TELL YOUR ACTIVE LEARNING STORY!

What questions do you have?
FOR MORE INFORMATION

http://stmary.libguides.com/grantwriting