Moving the Horse before the Cart: Aligning Fundraising with Academic Library Trends

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Key Library Trends

• Library spaces and the trend toward libraries housing tenants including other services on campus directed toward student success.

• Emerging technology including invisible infrastructure; and how to convert these “soft” opportunities.

• Digital Scholarship and resources; seeking support for digitization and non-print materials.

• Virtual services, such as “chat” or ILS systems; and the potential to leverage these effective and desired tools through sponsorship and/or donor support.

• Reimagined and reengineered spaces; how 21st century students present a different set of needs for bricks and mortar fundraising.
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Getting Started

• Vision
• Concept
• Assessment
• Cross over needs
• How it will work together
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Towson University Library Data Studio

University of the Pacific-Center for Teaching and Learning
Digital Scholarship and resources; seeking support for digitization and non-print materials.

Kanji’s Collection at Towson University

Betty H. Carter
Women Veterans Historical Project
Digital scholarship


What might this encompass?

- Digitization
- Research Data Management (RDM)
- Intellectual property and open access
- Big Data
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) support
- Digital collections and exhibits
- Subject-based digital archives
- E-journal publishing
- Media content creation – audio, video, still image, web, and more
Multiple Components

- Hardware
- Tools to create
- Storage space
- Software
- Equipment
- Training
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Reframing TU’s Learning Commons

Muir Experience- Interactive Archives
6th Trend (Overarching)

- Change in leadership
  - At Towson, 5 presidents and 5 provosts in the last 10 years provides opportunity to reframe, reinvent, and reintroduce the Library
  - UNCG – NEW Provost, Chancellor, Dean
- Need to show value/assessment
- New Trends are out there!
Questions??