



BROOKHAVEN
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Note: try not to duplicate data or information from the benchmarking report or the Working Group reports.

Budget and staffing changes – *discuss any substantial or significant changes in library budget or staffing since last annual meeting and the expected impact on your library/organization.*

We have had no significant changes in budget or staff from last year.

Organizational changes – *discuss any changes in your immediate or organizational mission or management structure and the expected impact on your library/organization.*

We were notified at the beginning of the year that Information Resources staff offices and the library stacks would be moved to accommodate a new Quantum Computing group. At this point there is no concrete plan as to how much of the physic library will be reduced and where the remaining books and staff will move.

Current initiatives – *discuss significant library initiatives, accomplishments, awards or collaborations (internal or external). These can be on any topic including library operations, projects, research and development, physical space, just cool stuff, etc.*

Due to the potentially drastic reduction in physical space, library staff are aggressively weeding the collection and have set aside a very small set of books with high usage to be kept if the library loses its stacks.

Regardless what happens with the physical collection and office space, staff will continue to support the lab by purchasing and maintaining journal subscriptions, ebooks, engineering standards, and articles, as well as acquiring books through ILL.

The new library catalog in SharePoint that was being developed in-house for the past few years was finally put into production this year.

Trends – *have you noticed anything changing, mutating, fluctuating or shifting in your library or in your organization? Changes in customer or staff habits, needs, collection use, expectations? Changes in the external information world that might affect your library or libraries in general? Please share.*

The reduction in the library space at Fermilab reflects a growing trend towards digital-only library services. With the lab's focus shifting to the DUNE experiment (which already has 1000+ collaborators) and the DOE's Quantum Information Science push, office space is at a premium.