Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, Gustavus Adolphus College

Strategic Plan, Section 3, Strategic Initiatives, Goal 3
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Goal 3: Enhance the library’s learning spaces and integrate them with other campus resources.

3.1 Plan an addition to the library in conjunction with other building projects (e.g. the renovation of Anderson, museum, etc.) so that features that would be more effectively situated in the library are not preemptively placed in other buildings without evaluating best placement in future. Bring in an experienced library consultant to have informed discussions during the planning process.

3.2 Increase and enhance learning spaces including improved group and individual study spaces (white boards, modular furniture, etc.) and events/programming/exhibit space.

3.3 Expand and improve instructional spaces including space for archives and special collections, and space for high-end technology experimentation, such as GIS, video editing, and digital humanities.

3.4 Improve infrastructure including increasing the number and convenient placement of electrical outlets, Wifi, and lighting.

3.5 Provide a 24/7 study space for students that can be part of the library during regular library hours, but restricted after hours. When students complain that the library has insufficient hours, they are really seeking space that is conducive for study, not for access to the print collections.

3.6 Consider locating allied student and faculty services in a significantly expanded library as appropriate – academic advising, the Writing Center, the Kendall Center, tutoring services, disability services, the Diversity Center, instructional technology, etc.

3.7 Include a café in the library to encourage faculty presence in the library and the kinds of accidental conversations that happen in places where good coffee and books are available.

Longstanding Goal: Continue to improve, preserve staff work space, service points, and collection space.