

Facilities Notes

Information Science Building



The original ISB building was expanded twice, and this is reflected in the layout of library space, with exterior walls embedded in the floor plan. For many years the main library, ISB is now the home of the Science and Technology Library. The Sci/Tech Library formerly occupied two floors in the ISB building but recently reduced its occupancy to the first floor at the request of the campus.



The stack tiers are self-supporting and as is typical in such a design don't correspond to the regular floors of the building. The stacks include some individual study spaces, but are very inflexible.

The reading room has current periodicals shelving mixed in with user seating. An adaptive lab formerly embedded in the library space has moved to the front of the building for better access. The space formerly occupied by the lab will be returned to library use, offering an opportunity to develop some group study and technology-enabled learning space. Planning for this initiative is currently underway.

Media Library

Located in Chilton Hall, the Media Library has audiovisual holdings and facilities for individual and group use of media collections, including access for those with disabilities. The Library hosts a variety of film screenings throughout the year. Staff spaces are distributed around the library. While the Media Library has a relatively fresh and modern look, its collection spaces are reaching capacity, and its staff spaces could be consolidated.

Discovery Park



Housed in a portion of a contemporary, sprawling, former Texas Instruments manufacturing facility, the Discovery Park Library offers library resources and services to a number of engineering, computer science and related departments at a location several miles from the main campus of UNT. The Library operates out of two locations, one location devoted primarily to access to physical collections housed on compact shelving,



and the other to staff and user space and services. While it would have been desirable to combine collections and services in one location, sufficient space was not offered to the library to do so.



The spaces are high-ceilinged and benefit from the light-industrial high-tech office environment of the parent facility.



A large loading dock area and several receiving rooms at one end of the Discovery Park complex house large numbers of unprocessed 78's and LP's, primarily the result of acquiring a collection from the Library of Congress.

Library Annex



A former cosmetics factory, the Annex is



home to the Library's Preservation and Conservation Lab, and Technical Services.



The Technical Services space is scheduled for some retooling of staff workstation furniture in the very near future.



The bulk of the Annex is given over to collection storage, including significant LP holdings, unclassified but shelved by record label numbers.

The collection space is nearing capacity. Staff in Technical Services echoed two big challenges that the UNT Libraries face:

- Running out of space for collections
- Lack of collaborative workspace for students and staff