

Libraries Transforming Communities

The Value in an Academic Library Community at
Lincoln University

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About Libraries Transforming Communities Initiative

Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC) is an ALA initiative that seeks to strengthen libraries' roles as core community leaders and change-agents, LTC addresses a critical need within the library field by developing and distributing new tools, resources and support for librarians to engage with their communities in new ways. As a result, we believe libraries will become more reflective of and connected to their communities and build stronger partnerships with local civic agencies, non-profits, funders and corporations. The initiative is made possible through a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Value of an Academic Library Community at Lincoln University

Inman E. Page Library is coined as an, “*Information Mall.*” It houses special collections, archives, general reference services, computers, artistic programming, technological resources and space for different types of events. It is a modern academic library in the 21st century that was built on a legacy of scholarly opportunities for Lincoln University students, faculty, and our community in Jefferson City, MO and surrounding cities.

The value that needs to be placed on this library is that it is an institution within an institution and should be given top priority as it pertains to continued funding, faculty support, and a place of higher learning that has a library etiquette. As well as, students need to understand the importance of how a library will affect their academic careers.

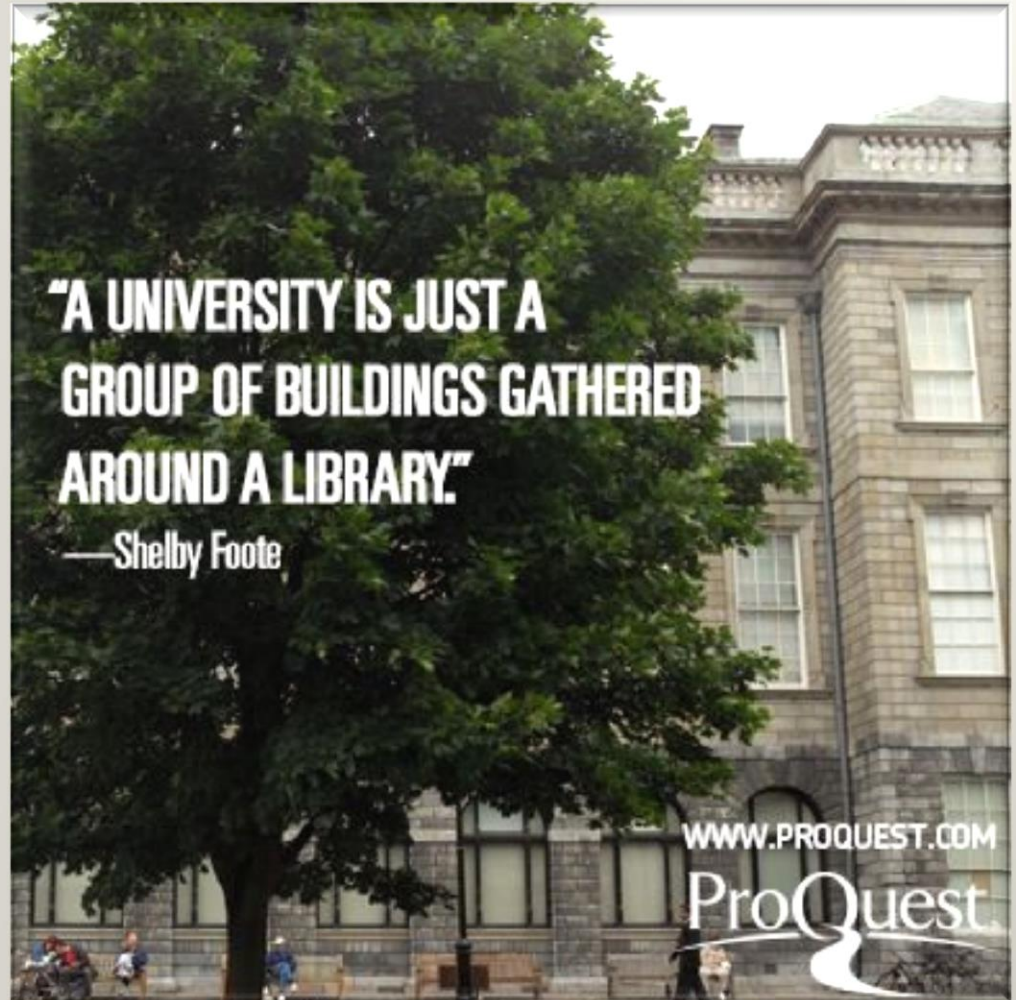
Getting Started

The First 30 Days:
Getting Started

30-60 Days: Going into
the University
Community

60-90 Days: Sharing
What you Learn

90 Days and Beyond:
Taking Action



The First 30 Days: Getting Started

Turning Outward - Mindset Meet with LU Faculty Senate

- Action
 - People
 - My community
 - People as Citizens
 - Progress
 - Engagement
 - People's Reality
 - Impact
 - Coming Together
 - Change
 - Doing Good
- In order to place on our library we need to look at the following words and visualize what is most important for our library and university community. Looking outward means looking at the university as a whole and what it needs from us as an institution within an institution. Some key questions are: What are our aspirations for the university as a resource library | What are our intentions | What are our key engagement paths with faculty?

30-60 Days: Going Into the LU University Community

- The turning outward process helps librarians understand the importance of not looking inward, but outward and recognizing the needs of our university community. This can begin with having a LU Community Conversation about needs for faculty and students as it pertains to Inman E. Page Library. We are modern day change-agents with the opportunity to help our university community with many resources.
- Engage the LU Community
- Find New Partners
- Develop Strategies
- Mobilize resources

90 Days and Beyond: Taking Action

- Still turning outward, we are now heading to the best part of this project which creating INNOVATION SPACES. The conversation that will take place is about learning, not planning in these spaces of conversation. We want people from across campus and the community. It is cool to have this space for 60 minutes – it can be repeated again and again (if warranted). We want the truth in these spaces – because this is the only way that we can see what is really needed for the LU campus with regard to looking outward and taking action to form a partnership with our university campus.

PROGRESS IS
A COMBINATION
OF *forward motion*
AND *taking action.*

- Fabienne Fredrickson

INNOVATION SPACES

Hosting a Space

- THE SPACE FOR CONVERSATION IS ABOUT LEARNING – NOT PLANNING!
- FOCUS: Intentionality and Innovation
- We are still turning outward: Let's Talk about our LU Community Rhythms.
- First Question: Does this library reflect the reality of our LU university life?

The Space Players

- LU President
- LU Provost
- LU Chief of Staff
- LU Library Director
- LU Librarian Leader
- LU SGA President
- LU Institutional Researcher
- LU Faculty Senate Leader
- LU Registrar
- LU Financial Aid Director
- LU MR. & MRS. Lincoln
- LU Freshmen President
- LU Student Representation
- MRR Library Director
- Jeff City State Representative

The Sweet Spot

It's now time to take action about issues the LU community cares about in a way that builds the conditions for change in our university community at the same time.

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MAIN CONCERNS &
Specific ISSUES

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LU Community Capital
(LU Community
Conditions)



Now What?

*I am ready for a conversation;
what about you?*

- Questions, Comments, and
Suggestions

Resources

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