A Brand New Space for Crawford Library of the Health Sciences in Rockford

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Open glass and open concept are the basis for the new Crawford Library of the Health Sciences. A new model in blending the populations of five Colleges on one campus resulted in a 9000 square foot library located on the University of Illinois Rockford, a UIC Health Sciences Campus. This library provides service to UIC Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and BioTech from the Graduate College.

With a growing health-focused consumer collection, the library is gaining recognition in the community as a place where public patrons are welcomed. Here they can find information from health-related databases and books. The public computers are located in front of the user services area so they can have immediate assistance.
The User Services area located inside the front entrance contains the Reserves and Circulation. All the offices are located on the outside of the reading area with a full view of the library which now has 48 inch stacks so patrons can be seen if they need assistance.

![Some of the library offices.](image)

There are two study rooms that provide for small classes as well as a 16-25 seat Seminar room. Video and teleconferencing capabilities exist in these rooms. The library has a 28 station-teaching lab and manages a 50-station key card lab. The Information Commons provides study space for 30 and opens to the building after the library closes.
It’s been an exciting change from the 1972 orange carpet to the new earth tone look. The expansion of space, shelving and computers has been a welcome change for everyone as we look to the future of the library services on this campus.

More photos of the library are included below!

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Conference Room

View of the Library from the User Services Desk.
A view of a portion of the Instruction Lab

Another seating area in the Library