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Expansion and Renovation of the Darling Marine Center Library

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Expansion and Renovation of the Darling Marine Center Library

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Worked for more than 160 Hours: Yes

Contribution to Project:

Post-doc

Graduate Student

Undergraduate Student

Technician, Programmer

Other Participant

Research Experience for Undergraduates

Organizational Partners

Other Collaborators or Contacts

No other collaborators were involved with this project.

Activities and Findings

Research and Education Activities:

The purpose of this project was to renovate the existing Darling Marine Center Library and add a new addition to it. Construction bids were initially advertised for this project in the fall of 2002 but contractor submissions were very high. As a result, the University sought new bids in spring of 2003. Since then, the construction site has been cleared and all underground utility connections have been implanted. A contractor was selected and a 56' x 28' modular building addition (1848 sq. ft.) is being constructed by a modular home manufacturer in Maine and will be delivered to the site in April of 2004. Meanwhile, the interior of the existing Library is being renovated to improve lighting, to add a study hall, a circulation desk, and computer space. The entire Library project (addition and renovation) will be completed by June 2004.

Findings:

The new Library complex will more than double the current space available to users. The Library will also have the first study hall space, a new computer lab, a conference room with ITV capability, a rare documents room, and a greatly enlarged current journal reading room.

Training and Development:

The new Library complex will accommodate all of the journal and book holdings under the same roof for the first time. This will make it far more convenient for students, faculty, and visitors to access Library resources. The new study hall space will finally allow library users to work with their computers within the same facility. In the past, study space was far removed from the Library.

Outreach Activities:

Notice of the new Library complex will be advertised in local newspapers and in the Center's newsletter, 'Making Waves' to encourage its use. Many people (non-University personnel) in the mid-coast Maine region use the Center's Library because it has the most technical collection available. The University's Orono campus Library is 100 miles away. The Center's library is made available to anyone on a 7-day/week basis.

Journal Publications

Books or Other One-time Publications

Web/Internet Site

Other Specific Products

Contributions

Contributions within Discipline:

The new Library complex will benefit all researchers who work or visit the Darling Marine Center. It is arguably the most important facility on our campus and it possesses more marine-related literature than any other library in the State of Maine.

Contributions to Other Disciplines:

Contributions to Human Resource Development:

The Library is beneficial to the training of our undergraduate students, summer interns, and graduate students, and it is vital to the research of resident and visiting faculty.

Contributions to Resources for Research and Education:

The new Library complex will be available to a much wider community of users and they will have more convenient access to information. The addition of the ITV connection will also permit direct interaction between campuses in the State and elsewhere.

Contributions Beyond Science and Engineering:

Categories for which nothing is reported:

Organizational Partners

Any Journal

Any Book

Any Web/Internet Site

Any Product

Contributions: To Any Other Disciplines

Contributions: To Any Beyond Science and Engineering