MODERNIZE YOUR LIBRARY’S SPACE

It’s easy to make your library into a modern, welcoming space for users, even with few resources. Involve your community and follow these four easy guidelines.

**MAKE IT FRIENDLY**

Design a place where people will want to stay – open, bright, colorful and comfortable.

**COLOR**
Fill the walls with posters and children’s artwork.

**LIGHT**
Make use of windows. Seating near natural light.

**COMFORT**

**MAKE IT ABOUT LEARNING**

Libraries are places to encourage exploration, discovery and creativity.

**PLACES FOR GATHERING AND INDEPENDENT WORK**
Seating for collaboration, such as chairs placed in circles and quiet, individual spaces.

**PLACES FOR CREATIVITY**
Objects for playing, drawing and building.

**A PRINT-RICH ENVIRONMENT**
Text, labels and words everywhere. Friendly signs welcome and guide exploration.

**MAKE IT EASY**

Users appreciate the library most when what they need is easy to find and use.

**EASY SHELVES**
Placed at users height.

**DISPLAY FOR DISCOVERY**
Face books out, more than 40% of shelf space used means clutter and books hard to find.

**HUMANIZE TECHNOLOGY**
Accessible throughout at heights for children and adults. Visible to librarians so you can help new users.

**MAKE IT ADAPTABLE**

Use a small space best by changing it for changing needs.

**MOVEABLE SCREENS AND BARRIERS**
For private or separate space when needed. Use wheels.

**BOXES AND BINS**
Books sorted by topic, level. Small, mobile containers.

**ZONE THE LIBRARY**
Spaces for kids, for reference, for meeting, for quiet reading.