The Rolex Learning Center

A new building for a new vision in « collection development »

Thomas Guignard@epfl.ch
Head of Collection Development and Academic Support, EPFL Library

XXX Annual Charleston Conference
Charleston SC, Nov 6, 2010
The Rolex Learning Center

A new building for a new vision in « collection development »

Thomas Guignard@epfl.ch
Head of Collection Development and Academic Support, EPFL Library

XXX Annual Charleston Conference
Charleston SC, Nov 6, 2010
The Rolex Learning Center

So we got this cool new building

A new building for a new vision in « collection development »

Thomas Guignard@epfl.ch
Head of Collection Development and Academic Support, EPFL Library

XXX Annual Charleston Conference
Charleston SC, Nov 6, 2010
So we got this cool new building

A new building for a new vision in « collection development »

Now what??

Thomas Guignard@epfl.ch
Head of Collection Development and Academic Support, EPFL Library

XXX Annual Charleston Conference
Charleston SC, Nov 6, 2010
Contents

The Rolex Learning Center...

... and its implications on collection development.
Who we are

Charleston, South Carolina

Lausanne, Switzerland
Who we are

http://www.flickr.com/photos/swisscan/1151244129/
Who we are
Who we are

Austria

Liechtenstein

Geneva

Zurich

Basel

Bern

Lausanne
A local campus... gone global

5’000 Ba+Ma students – 1’600 PhDs – 270 professors – 3’500 staff

112 nationalities – 60% faculty from abroad – 40% foreign students

300 M€ funding + 100 M€ grants & contracts
An ever-expanding campus

- Total # students (1990: 3'500, 2000: 8'000)

- Conference centre (2012)

- Rolex Learning Center (2010)

- Business centre, hotel, housing...

- Science

- Public

- Economy
Teaching models evolve: the Bologna Equation

1 credit = 30 hours student work

problems
exercises
lecture

technical tools (lab)
computers
time
open mind, interdisciplinarity
space (group work)
space (personal work)
space (teaching)
information
information literacy

Learning Center
Transforming learning experiences
**Functional Program**

- teaching space
- student + alumni associations
- career centre

**LIBRARY**

- working space (830 seats)
- Collections Ma + research level
- Collections Ba + general public
- library offices

**SERVICES**

- bookshop
- bank
- newspapers
- café
- rare books

**OFFICES**

- PPUR
- EPFL Press
- space for group work

**CATERING**

- self-service restaurant
- restaurant
Functional Program

- teaching space
- student + alumni associations
- career centre

LIBRARY
- working space (830 seats)
- Collections
  - Ma + research level
  - Ba + general public
- library offices

SERVICES
- bookshop
- bank
- welcome desk
- newspapers
- café

MAIN ENTRANCE
- exhibitions
- rare books

CATERING
- self-service restaurant
- restaurant

MULTI-PURPOSE HALL
- PPUR
- EPFL Press
- CRAFT
- space for group work
Map of the Rolex Learning Center

- **LIBRARY**
  - Collections: Main + research level
  - Collections: Ba + general public
  - Working space (830 seats)
  - Main desk
  - space for group work
  - Library offices
  - PPUR EPFL Press
  - CRAFT

- **SERVICES**
  - Teaching space
  - Student + alumni associations
  - Career centre
  - Bookshop
  - Bank
  - Welcome desk
  - Newspapers
  - Café

- **CATERING**
  - Multi-purpose hall
  - Main entrance
  - Self-service restaurant
  - Restaurant
  - Café
  - Rare books
  - Exhibitions
  - Space for group work
  - + underground: movable stacks, parking, storage...
An architectural landmark

Japanese architects – Swiss know-how – a civil engineering challenge
Living space

Open 7/7, 7:00-24:00 – 3 restaurants – 1 bookshop – 1 bank ...
Working space(s)

15’000 m² – 830 seats – silent zone – quiet zone – group work
Working space(s)

WiFi access – printers – scanners – copiers – laptops on loan ...
Library services

Library open 7/7 – professional advice 8:00-20:00 weekdays
Collections

500’000 documents – 11’000 e-journals – 20’000 e-books ...
Collections
Change motivates change

more space for users

less space for books

more relevant content

better selection

new models
Evolution of « Collection Development »

Selection of content

Selection of access
Evolution of « Collection Development »

selection of content

just-in-case model
(accumulation of resources)

selection of access

just-in-time model
(delivery of resources)
Just-in-time delivery at EPFL

**paper**
- core collection
- on demand
- acquisition proposals

**electronic**
- core collection
- eBooks on demand
- + economic (if well selected)
- + (usually) DRM-free
- + broad publisher coverage
- + quick buy or rental
Transparency for the users

1 week

2 days

2 hours

Available now!

Buy & ship

ILL

E-book rental

On shelf

...
When in Rome...

don’t try to bring users to your OPAC

put your OPAC right where they are (without them noticing)
When in Rome...

Try it out !

http://library.epfl.ch/tools/?pg=plugin-nebis
Thank you

Rolex Learning Center
EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland
Open 7/7 since February 22, 2010
Visitors are welcome any time :)
References

- The Library of the Rolex Learning Center: considered as the “best place to be” on the campus @ EPFL. David Aymonin. Presented at LIBER 2009 annual general conference, Toulouse, June 30 – July 3, 2009. Available at http://infoscience.epfl.ch/record/139230

Photo credits

Reto Fretz @ flickr
Laurent Gilléron / Keystone (SwissCube)
Alain Herzog / EPFL
Ivo Rovira / Alinghi
Blue Brain Project / EPFL
Trevor Pat @ flickr
Apple Inc. (iPad)

Brian Talbot @ flickr
Emilie Eagan @ flickr
Steven James @ flickr
Dano Nicholson @ flickr
D'Arcy Norman @ flickr
HBO (Rome series)