



## The Medical School Library Improves and Expands Space

To meet the demands of a thriving medical school, the Medical Library serving the Oakland University William Beaumont (OUWB) School of Medicine updated and reconstructed its workspaces in a recent renovation project that more than doubled its size.

Located in the lower level of Kresge Library, study carrels replaced tables. Relocated bookcases hold hard copies of the school's required textbooks with the library's database also providing electronic access to many of the textbooks.

New counter-height spaces give users the option of standing or sitting as they navigate their laptops. The furniture – tables and life-size white boards – has wheels so students can easily rearrange for group work sessions. A mobile podium station is equipped with electronic devices for mock presentation purposes. Two conference rooms accommodate groups for private discussions.

In total, there are five 46-inch flat screen TV monitors and a ceiling mounted projector. The library purchased the software Workware by Haworth for two large-screen monitors to offer collaborative working environments for students who need to share and compare notes during group study sessions.

"The software allows students to pull up the information they are viewing on their laptops and place it in a quadrant of the larger screen so everyone at the table can view and discuss the information on the screen at the same time," explained Keith Engwall, assistant professor and web & emerging technologies librarian.

### Enhancements Enrich Study Area

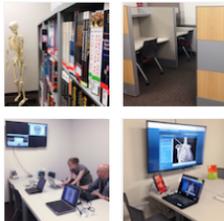
Near the entrance, there is a space to recognize faculty members' research and publications. There are nine frames with each one featuring a different faculty member. Down from this area, a blank wall will soon be the canvas for Capstone poster displays.

"There are plans to rotate completed Capstone poster presentations to illustrate and motivate students through the Capstone journey," said Nancy Bulgarelli, Interim Dean of Libraries and Director of the Medical Library.

The Medical Library offers instruction on how to locate and learn the skills for evidence-based medicine and to identify the best clinical information. With the new and improved format, the library team, its tools and resources are positioned to make an even more powerful impact on OUWB medical students.

### Free Lunchtime Learning Series

*As a means for providing instruction beyond the curriculum, the library team will continue to host its brown bag series for OUWB faculty. The first gathering is scheduled for September 17 from noon – 1 p.m. in 478 O'Dowd Hall. A full schedule is available in the library. The popular medical library lunch 'n learn series for students will also continue in the fall.*



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