

Transforming our Library Reading Room for a Leisure Reading Collection



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Introduction—A Plan



Goals:

- Attract students to library
- Entice students to read more
- Update reading room for comfort, reading and studying
- Keep up-to-date with reading materials, displays and weeding



A Plan Comes Together Leadership

“I had an unexpectedly wonderful moment two weeks ago when in the middle of a presentation about my library’s short-range strategy I displayed a photo of Dominican’s lovely popular reading room...The change-making image from Dominican wasn’t a comparison of what money can do. That photo was a comparison of what leadership can do” (Schneider, 2009).



Beginnings

- carpeting
- shelving and kiosks
- chairs with laptop tables
- additional electrical outlets
- study tables
- ottomans



Budget & Purchasing

- \$3000.00 annual budget
- Buy from local bookstores and online when necessary
- Purchase paperbacks when available
- Decisions based on book lists from newspapers, library journals, and patron and staff suggestions
- Ongoing weeding



Shelving & Display



- Genre designations
 - Genre sticker on each book for shelving
 - Labeled with LC numbers for tracking
- New books displayed on kiosk
- Books faced out to browser
- Stands for paperbacks
- Rearrange frequently



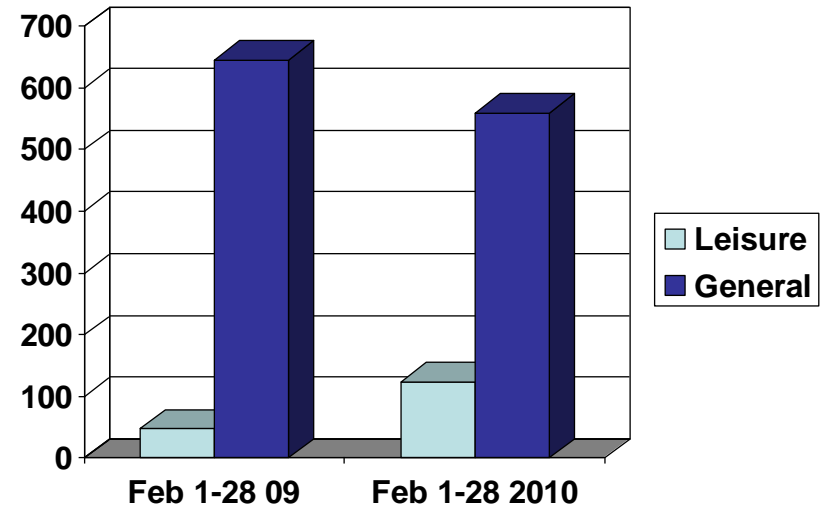
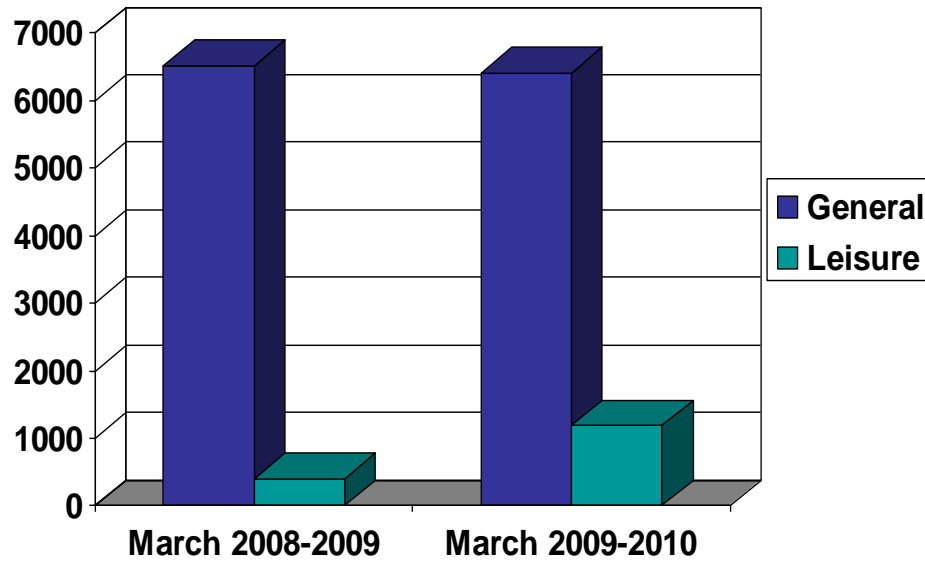
Marketing

- Blog
 - Updates on newly added books
- Library Thing
 - “Catalog by genre” as first word in tags
- Facebook
- Suggestion Box
- Events



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Statistics



Student Satisfaction



Graphic Novels

Browsing the Kiosk

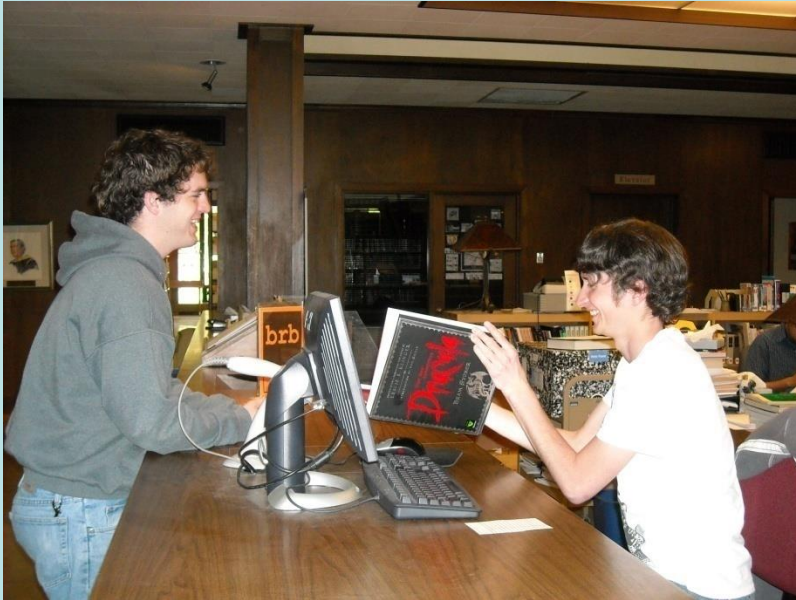


Student Testimonial



Results

- increased usage of reading room
- improved check out of reading material
- not only student, but also faculty and staff approval of collection



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