

the path

sustainable development in conjunction with meeting the demands of a changing environment



Starting point: our work space

In 2012, as a consequence of incorporating a new degree course at the Faculty of Library and Information Sciences at the University of Barcelona, the Information Sciences Library has been obliged to meet the needs of an increased number of users and redefine some of its procedures. Simultaneously expanding horizons for its professionals.

Team 6+2 student scholars

Surface 738 square meters

Reading places 143

Computer 24 Pc + 4 iMac + 17 laptops

Bookcase open access 1022 linear meters

Shelving store 142 linear meters

Users at the library (2012-2013) 125.997

Loans (2012-2013) 14.088

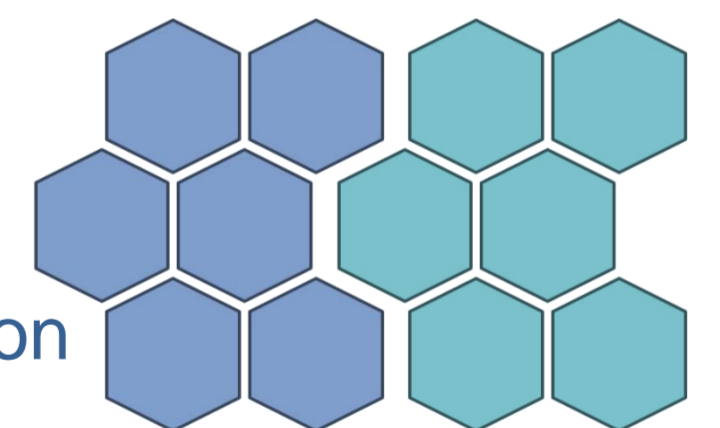
In the context of severe economic recession, the Library is compelled to adapt to this changing environment, in order to meet the requirements and demands of users with very specific needs. Taking the pillars of **sustainable development** as a reference point, and extrapolating them to our domain, we establish the next main goals

Economic growth

- widen the market outreach beyond the university community
- promote access and use of library infrastructures and equipment
- enhance connectivity → collective working tools
- increase in the human yield = multidisciplinary teams + embedded librarian
- optimize budget

New roles as articulating element and an agent for social cohesion

- devise a communication plan → reinforce the brand, highlighting its unique aspects
- optimum efficiency from virtual and remote relationship with their community of influence
- promote the sense of community → social networks: the library listens and gives feedback
- the library as a guide for the users' new needs and constraints to discriminate high-quality information



Continuity of information resources

- an increased use and efficiency of free-access information sources and resources
- production of quality materials → anticipate trends and services
- new skills for organizing and storing ephemeral material with a digital origin
- effort to digitalize the collection and to preserve the acquired heritage

Conclusion

We are on **the path** of changing the way we retrieve and manage information, of taking the maximum advantage of the resources and the services offered and of widening the professional profile and the skills of the members of our library team. Moreover, we act as an integrating force that obliterates the boundaries between both fields. We will contribute efficiency and we will strengthen our distinctiveness.

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