You’ve probably noticed some changes to the physical space at the Galter Library. Here’s a rundown of what’s happening and what you can expect in the coming months.

**Books relocated**

The long-standing project to move the bulk of our physical book collection to off-site storage in Oak Grove is mostly complete. We’ve transferred the remaining focused collection to the first floor. Anything from the off-site collection can be requested using our order forms on the Galter Library website. Freeing up the space on the second floor allows us to consider ways to make that space more conducive to collaboration.

**Anatomical models more accessible**

We’ve moved the anatomical models to the first floor where they can be found on the shelves. Excess shelving was also removed and furniture was added, opening up this space for collaborative learning.

**Chairs replaced and/or reupholstered**

If you’re visiting the library, you’re often in here for long hours of study. Comfort is key! The worn and torn seats of the oak chairs in the Eckenhoff Reference Room were replaced. We also removed older, fabric covered chairs and replaced them with more comfortable seating at the study bar on level one and in the small group study rooms.

**Carpet replacement and cleaning**

Some of the older carpet (almost twenty years old!) has been replaced while other sections were thoroughly cleaned.

**The mezzanine closed off**

Formerly home to part of the journal collection archive and later, the circulating book collection, the mezzanine has been turned into a storage and workroom for library personnel. In the future, this space will be part of a larger library renovation to support learning and education, enabling team-based learning activities.
Monitors in key locations

You've probably seen new monitors affixed to walls and furniture in various parts of the library. Soon, these monitors will be used to publicize library resources, services, staff, and classes to the FSM community.

Next up: a statistical, analysis, and visualization software station

The 24-hour space will soon be upgraded with a high-level research computing station consisting of 6 high-powered research machines loaded with specialized analytical, statistical, and visualization software. We're adding the finishing touches and look forward to announcing details about this new resource in the near future.

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