Visualizing the Galter Health Sciences Library of the 21st Century

The exhibit currently featured in Dollie’s Corner on Level 2 of the Galter Health Sciences Library complements the larger Places and Spaces: Mapping Science exhibit, on display through September 23, 2015.

Items in the Dollie’s Corner display visually highlight the continuum of change that the library has undergone through the years. The Galter Health Sciences Library has not only gracefully weathered name changes, mergers, administrative and service changes, but has also updated, expanded, and renovated its physical space more than once. The library is currently planning the latest renovation of its space. Through photographs, blueprints, and commemoration publications, the display highlights the present, past, and (possible) future of the library as a place. View blueprints, sketches, and snapshots from the past, of staff, stacks, and user areas of the library, as well as views of the renovation that resulted in the library we work and study in today. What does the future hold for the Galter Library? The display incorporates sample documents, dated July 2014, from the renovation planning project now underway that include blueprints as well as architects’ sketches. These help us visualize what the physical Galter Health Sciences Library might look like in the not so distant future. Come see the list of features, prepared by the architectural team, that distinguish the traditional library from the 21st century library.

In one corner of the display is an apt quotation by then medical school dean, Dr. Irving S. Cutter, from the 1930 Archibald Church Library dedication ceremony booklet. It encapsulates the place of the Galter Health Sciences Library and other academic libraries in their institutions:

“The heart of this, as of any institution of higher learning, is its library.”

Read more about the origins of the Galter Health Sciences Library and take a moment to check out all the library’s current exhibits.