From Spa town to City of Culture:
the decommissioning and rebirth of a campus library

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Timeline, 2012 – 2016

2012
- Transition starts, leading to Library pledges
- Start incremental moves of Music, Theatre

2014
- Campus to leave University, 2017, and join large HE/FE Group
- Enrolled courses to be completed by July 2017

2015
- All academic subjects in transition to Hull
- Restate Library pledges

2016
- HE/FE Group withdraws
- FE Group to buy campus
2014: plans for the new partnership

University Library to assist new campus by bequeathing relevant, useful stock and equipment not vital to its own learning, teaching, and research
Maintaining access to books destined for the BJL
2016: the game-changer

The unexpected end of the partnership with the HE/FE Group forced a major rethink of our approach.
The timeline was a major challenge
The goal was to maintain a high quality service throughout
The new plan for the collection
Analyse and compare KDL's holdings to BJL's

What to move

Where to move to

When to move
Management oversight

Campus Task and Finish Group
Campus Management Group

University Library Decommissioning Group
University Library Technical Group
The perfect process

- Identify destinations
- Move collections
- Update Sierra
- Integrate and monitor
2017 in detail

Easter
- 1,325 items to BJL (696 fully updated to HDC, rest to mezzanine)
- 2,811 discards

June
- Exams end
- Create Health & Social Care library (6,000 items)
- Complete discards
- Decant 90% of collection (12th to 14th)
- Hand over first floor

July
- Teaching ends
- Decant HSC collection (10th to 11th)
- Hand over
The keys to our success: planning
The keys to our success: processes
The keys to our success: pragmatism
The keys to our success: people
Other factors in our success!
A new life for the collection, and next steps

Integrate into learning and teaching
Monitor usage
LibGuides audit
Sierra tidy up
NSS 2017
Scarborough up 13 percentage points
References

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