Collections Management at Edinburgh

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• 40,000 students
• Main Library
• 8 site libraries across the city
• Library Store – (University Collections Facility)
• Physical collections:
  • Special Collections
  • Museum Collections
  • General Collections
Context

• Growing student population
• Increased demand for study spaces
• Ongoing move from print to electronic resources
• Increase in Online Distance Learning
• Growth in physical collections
• Need to preserve and improve access to our unique collections
Current and future projects

• Estates-related projects
  • Vision to create “an estate that matches expectations, responds flexibly to changing student and staff needs, and showcases the University”.

• Collections Rationalisation Project 2016-2019

• De-duplication

• Print Journals management beyond UKRR
Law Library

• From Old College to DHT
  2016

• From DHT to Old College
  2018
Law Library project

• Challenges
  • Moving a Library twice!
  • Festival
  • Sequencing

• Opportunities
  • Weeding collections
  • Relocating journals to store
  • Ongoing collection assessment
University Collections Facility
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Collections Rationalisation Project

• "Knowing what we have and keeping what we need."

• Moving towards targets to create shelving space through collection rearrangement and appropriate disposal, to catalogue items and to stabilise the condition of linear metres of collection items through conservation.

• 2016-2019
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