Transforming library space – serving modern nomads

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Transformation of Library Space
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Brief information about Kyrgyzstan:

Location - Central Asia along the Silk Road;
Population - 6 millions;
Capital - Bishkek;
Tian-Shan mountains dominate (cover >80%)

Extreme mountain sports;
amazing landscapes;
unique lakes;
rare animals;
World Nomad Games.
“Located at the beginning of the ancient Silk Road, AUCA is a modern trading post of ideas. The design trio of highly visible, flexible and dense spaces serves to promote participation, collaboration and interaction, key ingredients for learning. Like good students, each area is flexible and hardworking. Classrooms double as workshops. Wide hallways are study lounges, flowing into cafés and art galleries. Spaces are shared, not owned. Density unlocks the energy between people.”

Henry Myerberg, Architect
• Current academic space - 6400 m² / 68889.03 ft²
• Students – 1450
• Faculty – 200
• Staff - 154
Common nomads’ features:

Ancient nomads

Modern nomads

• space
• freedom to move
• mobile infrastructure

Nomads move around a lot and have everything to arrange space to their needs
Rethink our library space (495 m² / 5328.14 ft²)

**Textbooks storage**
(151 m² / 1625.35 ft²)

There are study places there. We are planning to create open space there and arrange it into more friendly and functional place.

**Multimedia Hall**
(144 m² / 1550 ft²)

This is main flexible and experimental library hall.

**Core Collection Hall**
(200 m² / 2152.78 ft²)
Multimedia Library space

Transformation

- Study space
  - individual
  - groups
- Private space
- Relax space
- Group study room

Functionality

- Academic activities
  - master classes
  - library workshops
- Extracurricular activity
  - exhibitions
  - meetings and discussions
  - art galleries
  - library events
- librarians' professional meetings
Study place: at the beginning....
Relax space
Meetings with well-known people
Cupboards on the rollers are used for
- creating new zones
- decorating space
- holding books exhibitions
Group study room
Functionality: staff meetings
Functionality: Master classes and workshops by AUCA faculty
Functionality: Meetings with well-known people
Functionality: 2018 AMICAL Conference
Community Idea Exchange

#OCLCEMEARC19
Functionality: Extracurricular activity
To be continued…

**Results**
- flexible functional space;
- balance dense and open;
- increasing visiting.

*AUCA library visits in three academic years*

**Challenges**
- explore potential physical changes;
- what students really think about our space and design;
- what is missing in the space that might impacts to students’ experience at the library.
THANK YOU

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