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## The Hybrid Library Before and Beyond the Pandemic

Long before COVID-19, the SPU Library strategically focused on enhancing the digital dimension of our work. We have been providing access to e-books, e-journals, research databases, and other digital resources for decades. Within the last 10 years, we have enhanced our instructional and research services through new online [teaching](#), [research](#), [discovery](#), [publishing](#), and [service](#) platforms. All of this prepared us for suddenly shifting most of our work online in 2020, and over the last year we have been discovering new hybrid strategies for supporting students and faculty.

Our [Educational Technology and Media](#) department, which has provided instructional design training and educational technology support for years, helped make possible the University's pivot to remote learning and created new training resources to support both faculty and students. Librarians developed new pedagogical approaches for embedding library instruction in courses, increased access to online and open content (including streaming video and resources for new [Data Analytics programs](#)), and connected with faculty in new virtual venues. (See, for example, the [case studies](#) presented through the Faculty Life Office.) The [Research, Reading, and Writing Studio](#) implemented a mobile app to facilitate online consultations. Our Access Services department started contactless pickup, a seat reservation system for students, and new scanning services. We also redesigned our [website](#) to emphasize these and other hybrid shifts.

As we look beyond the pandemic, and toward a fuller presence in the Ames Library, we are reflecting on the new ways we have discovered to enhance further the hybrid nature of our work. Many of the innovations we have explored during the pandemic will be retained in some form, and new opportunities and projects have emerged. A grant-funded virtual [symposium](#) we hosted last fall on high-impact learning practices led to plans for a learner-centered library student worker project. And the [2020 Days of Common Learning program on the future of work](#), organized by the Faculty Life Office in collaboration with both the Library and Computer and Information Systems, will be followed by other projects. One of these projects, Faith and the Future of Work, will use our distinctive [Work and Faith Collection](#) as a theological resource for student and faculty reflection on the future of work.

We will feature Faith and the Future of Work during SPU's Day of Giving on April 7, 2021. To support or learn more about this project, [visit our campaign site](#).

The last year has been hard and full of challenges for all of us. We are grateful that we have been able to provide robust and creative support of our students and faculty during this turbulent time — and we are grateful for all who partner with and support us.

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