

Concerns re: Inforum Collection Relocation

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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 11:55 AM**To:** iSchool Dean**Cc:** Nalini Singh; Elisa Sze; Kathleen Scheaffer; Lari Langford

Dear Dean Duff,

In addition to supporting the Doctoral Student Association's noted concerns on behalf of its membership of PhD students, I want to write to express my personal concerns around the decision to relocate the Inforum's collection.

I have relied upon our collection to support my studies and research throughout my time at the iSchool both as a masters and PhD student. Having quick, easy, and 24/7 access to these resources has enabled me to complete the work necessary as a student, teaching assistant, and research assistant. My work has also benefited from the support of dedicated librarians and staff who have helped with services like taking recommendations for additions to the collection, ensuring that we have access to the latest literature in my relatively niche fields within information studies like digital preservation and web archiving.

While I understand that certain changes to the physical spaces of the Bissell building are necessary to support the growth of the iSchool's academic programs, it is deeply concerning that these changes are being made without student consultation and with a lack of transparency both in terms of what form the collection will take as it is relocated, and how our librarians, library technicians, and staff will continue to provide essential information services to students. I hope that going forward students can expect clearer communication and clarification on how these changes will be implemented, and that there are plans to consider and incorporate student feedback in these decisions.

Sincerely,

Emily Maemura