

## Inforum Collection Move Survey Data – MUSSA

### *Summary*

From the survey MUSSA sent out to our students, we received 16 responses. One hundred percent of students felt that the Inforum collection moving would not benefit them; 75% felt that making the Inforum a private space for faculty and students if the books were moved was not a satisfactory trade. If the space is re-purposed, majority felt it should be used for individual and quiet study spaces.

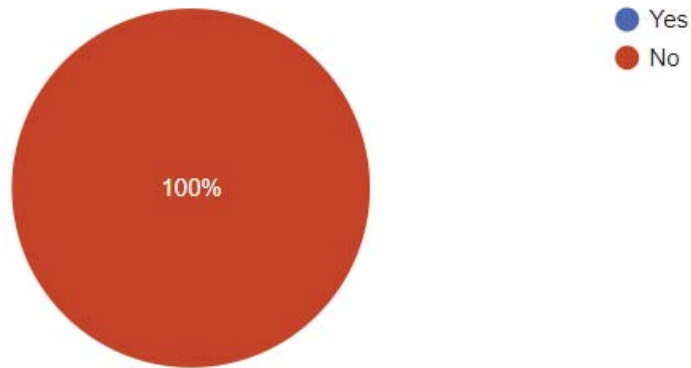
From the comments, there is a common trend of accessibility concerns if the books are moved and that creating 30-35 more study spaces will not help the space concerns of the Inforum. There were also concerns about the fact that having a curated collection so close to their workspaces helped them not only in individual research but especially in group projects, allowing them to continue with work being better informed but not needing to spend long periods of time leaving to try and find books.

There is also a concern about the lack of accessibility to the revitalization plan or that such a plan was underway. However, 25% of students felt that a private study space would be best, but some comments leaned toward finding other ways of creating more space for studying. There is concern over the roles of librarians, collection mandates, and up-to-date books for our students if the collection is moved. Some students did voice that they appreciate the open process now but wished that it had been happening from the beginning, and another liked the idea of the documentary delivery services.

Overall, the data from MUSSA's survey that you can read in more detail below demonstrates that majority of MMSt students would like to see the collection stay due to its accessibility, , ease-of-use in study situations, and pertinence to their studies, and find other ways of creating more study space (suggestions can be found in the comments).

MUSSA hopes that this survey data, while not completely comprehensive of our student body, will give the faculty a better idea of how our students feel about the issue.

1. The Faculty of Information is planning to disperse the Inforum book collection to the other U of T libraries--with most of the MMSt books going to Robarts--to create more study space. Does this sound beneficial to you? (out of 16 responses)



[Summary and Question 1 response extracted from the MUSSA Inforum Collection Move Survey Data. Comments were redacted upon the request of MUSSA.]