

BC IRL Update
for Science & Engineering Library
Advisory Committee

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How are other research libraries building storage capacity?

Sampled 21 libraries with sole-ownership HD facilities

Calgary	Michigan	Stanford	<i>Excluded:</i> Joint-owned facilities such as ReCap (Columbia-Princeton) and Harvard which has a 50-year plan for storing its entire collection.
Carleton	Missouri	Texas, Austin	
Chicago	Ohio State	Toronto	
Cornell	Pennsylvania	Virginia & W Virginia	
Duke	Rice	Western	
Illinois UC	S Carolina	Utah	
Indiana		Yale	

Q: What percentage of library holdings are currently in storage, and for what percentage has capacity been built?

Findings were that during last 5 years, libraries are, on average:

- currently housing 24% of collections in storage
- planning capacity for 53% of collections in storage

UBC is near these averages, with 25% currently housed and planning capacity for 54% in storage.

Study conducted by Jonathan Strang, 2010.

BC IRL Summary

Phase 1 of a multi-phase facility

- 1.6m vols or equivalents
- processing, digitization areas
- contaminant controls, freezer
- small public reading room

\$10M construction cost

- shared 50/50 between University & Library
- land value \$2M also donated by UBC

Site on Nurseries Road near NRC, UBC Farm and TRIUMF

Construction: fall 2012- fall 2014

- architects are being engaged
- UBC steering committee and internal Library working group

Faculty and student input to be coordinated with the Senate Library Committee

