TU Delft Library as a vital link
Delft University of Technology

17,000 Students

4 DRI’s

Technical University

(16% abroad)

Health, Environment, Infrastructures + Mobility & Energy

2,600 scientists

Freedom to Excel
Delft University of Technology

Personnel

Library staff: 100 fte
Supporting staff: 19 fte

Locations

Library Learning Centre
Dedicated faculty library Architecture + map room
How did we get there?

Five years ago our wish was: TU Delft Library as the vital link for research and education at TU Delft University
The Library at Prometheusplein was built in 1998.
Ecological design

- Climate façade
- Cold & heat storage
- Books in sunken depot
1998 Not only a building, but also a landscape
Time for a change
Our ambition is becoming a ‘Centre of Belonging’

- Use space more optimally
- Decrease use of traditional library products & services
- Connect with Learning Centre project
Keywords for our Centre of Belonging

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Not only our interior changed, also our programming:

Workshops
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Exam period
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Exhibitions
Not only our interior changed, also our programming:

Interacting with the Rector
Not only our interior changed, also our programming:

More exposure of heritage collection
This experience makes us an expert in creating comfortable and inspiring study and work spaces.
Living campus: Transforming spaces
Living campus: Focus on students
Qualitative Research

Testing if our visitors appreciate longer opening hours

Fieldwork:

- The “Summer tent”: all staff are welcome in the Library to work, meet each other and take workshops

- Asking students what their ideal study space is

Workshops:
- Street picking
- Stop having meetings
- Getting things done

http://www.flickr.com/photos/mhall209/2093970057
Living Campus: 5 areas of focus

- flexible
- attractive (inside + outside)
- available & accessible
- meeting point
- good facilities

- Give people ownership, allow alternatives diversity
- May I, can I? Is it open? Can I get there easily?
- Who will I meet? Is this chill & Hip?
- ICT, sanitary, electricity all OK?
Living Campus: “Camping Guide”

- Ultimate silent study space
- Place to relax
- Place to work with colleagues
- Room for small presentations
- Nice chairs and good coffee
Living Campus: getting there

• Cooperation / co-creation with other TU Delft services

• Working in right order: from strategy to tactics to operations

• Guided by “Social Innovation”
We’re
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“7 of the coolest libraries in the world”!

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