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## **Current and Emerging Space Priorities in University Libraries Across the Globe: An Interactive, Participatory Session with the Special Interest Group (SIG) on Library Space**

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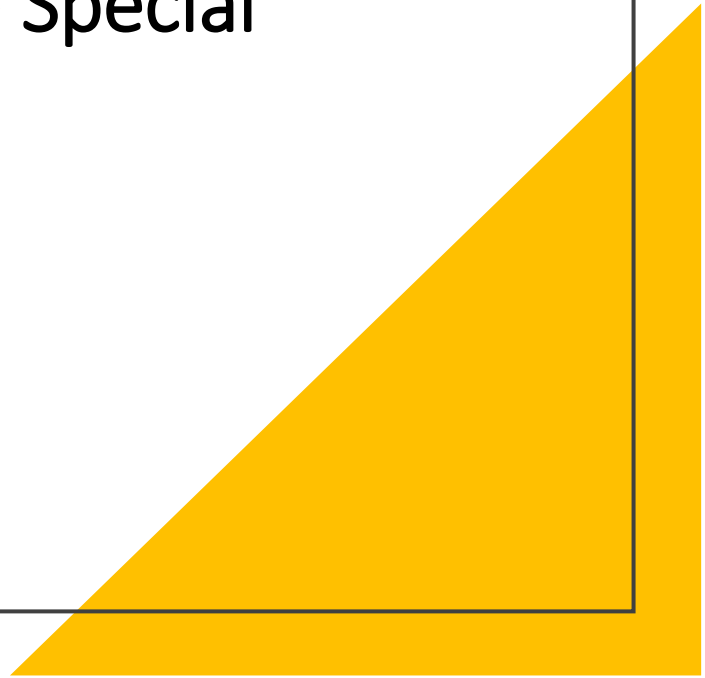
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# Welcome from the members of the Library Space SIG!

The SIG-Library Space charge is to promote discussion and exchange of ideas about the design and delivery of library spaces and services across systems and cultures. Here are our members:



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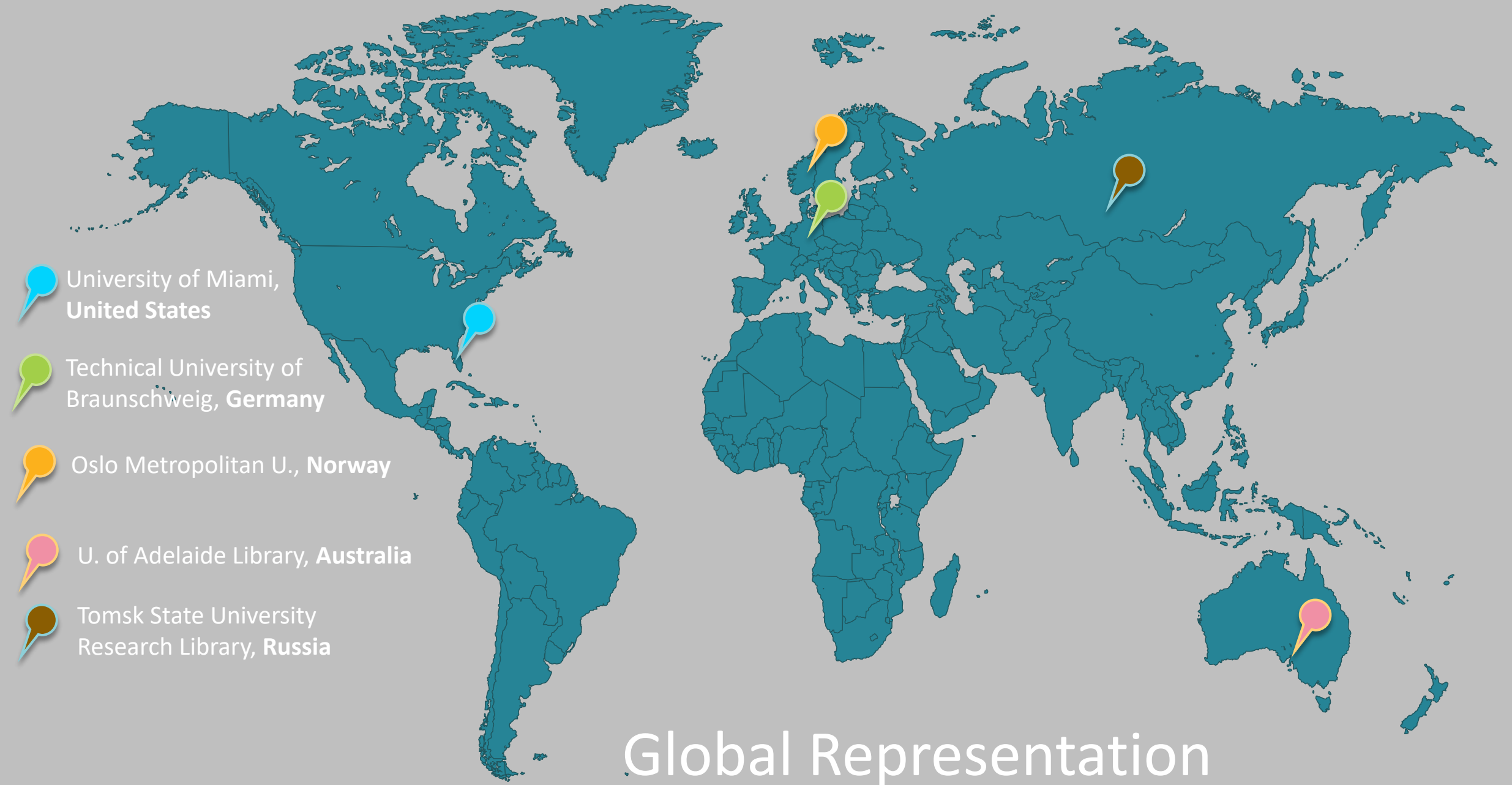
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# Global Representation

# Key Questions in 2022

- What are **current and emerging space priorities** in University Libraries across the globe?
  - What **types of spaces** are libraries developing or renovating? Are these priorities geographically or culturally specific?
  - How might we **learn from our global counterparts** to improve our spaces and expand our thinking about them?
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# Goals and Structure for Today's Session

## Goals:

- Foster international conversation about library space planning and design
- Share ideas about 4 topics:
  1. Planning and Renovation
  2. Emerging Library Space Types
  3. Virtual Library Spaces
  4. Resources: Toolkits, Conferences, etc.
- Gather your input



# Topic 1: Planning and Renovation

## Example 1: Planning a New Library

The University Library as the heart of the campus.

The planning of a new library at OsloMet.



Photo: Benjamin A. Ward / OsloMet

# Topic 1: Planning and Renovation

## Example 2:

- Master Planning at the University of Miami Libraries with architectural firm, Shepley Bulfinch
  - Holistic
  - Inclusive
  - Responsive to trends
  - Includes benchmarking
  - Supports informed decision-making about future renovations



Richter Library, University of Miami Libraries, USA



## Question for Discussion

*What types of space planning and renovation are you conducting at your libraries?*

# Topic 2: Emerging Library Space Types

- Example 1

**Indigenous Australian cultural space;**  
University of Adelaide Library, Australia



- Example 2

**Meditation Room;** University of Miami Libraries  
– with cubbies for yoga mats, etc., and a Grow Wall provided by the Student Eco-Agency





# Topic 2: Emerging Library Space Types

- Example 3: Cyber Classroom at Tomsk State University



- Example 4: Open air venue at Tomsk State University



## Question for Discussion

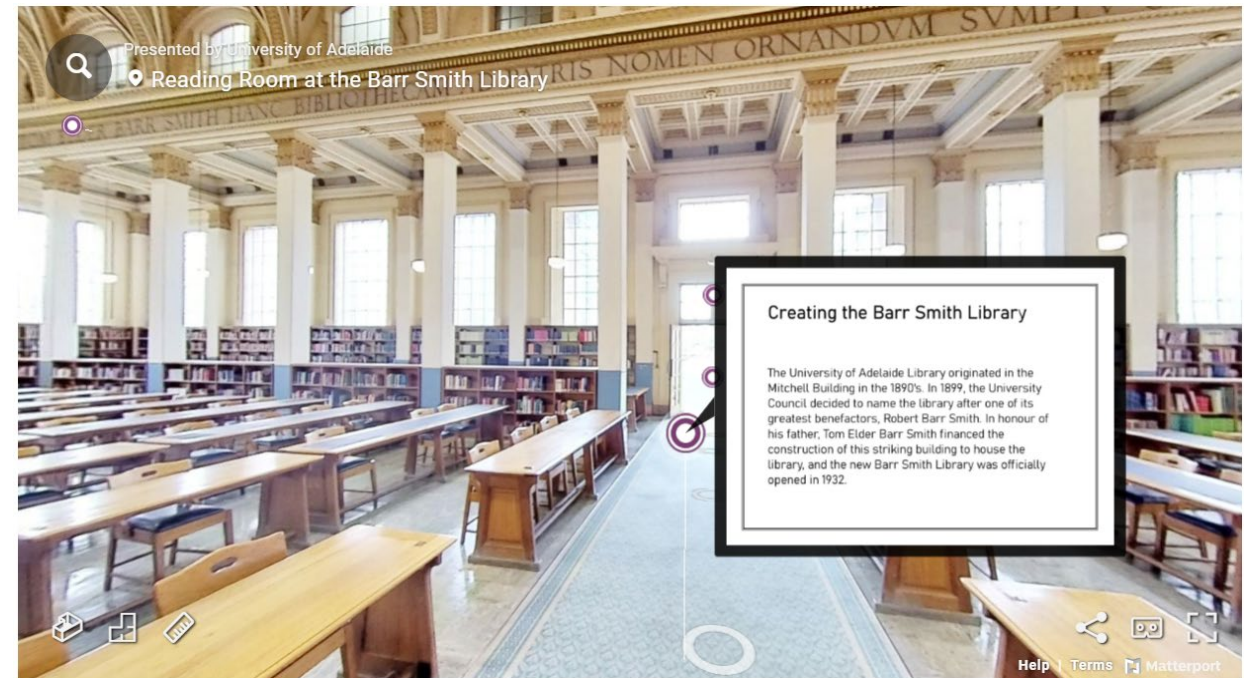
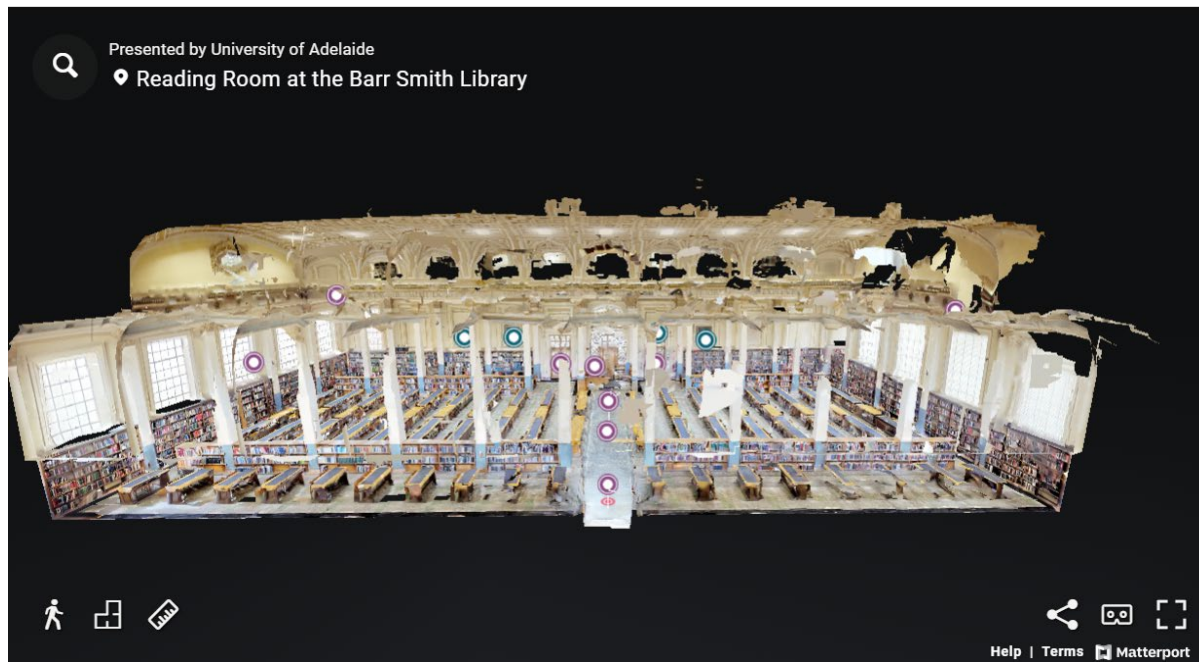
*What new types of spaces are being planned or created at your libraries?*



# Topic 3: Virtual Library Spaces and Programs

Example 1:

Virtual tour of the Barr Smith Reading room at the University of Adelaide (Australia)



Link to Tour: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/library/collections-archives/exhibitions/reading-room>



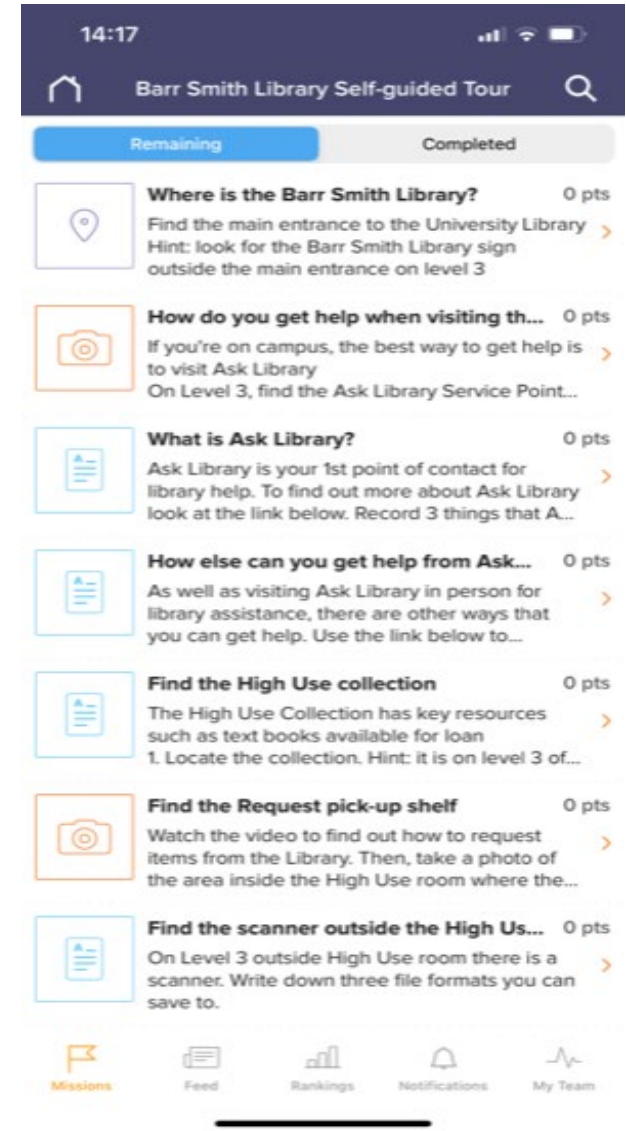
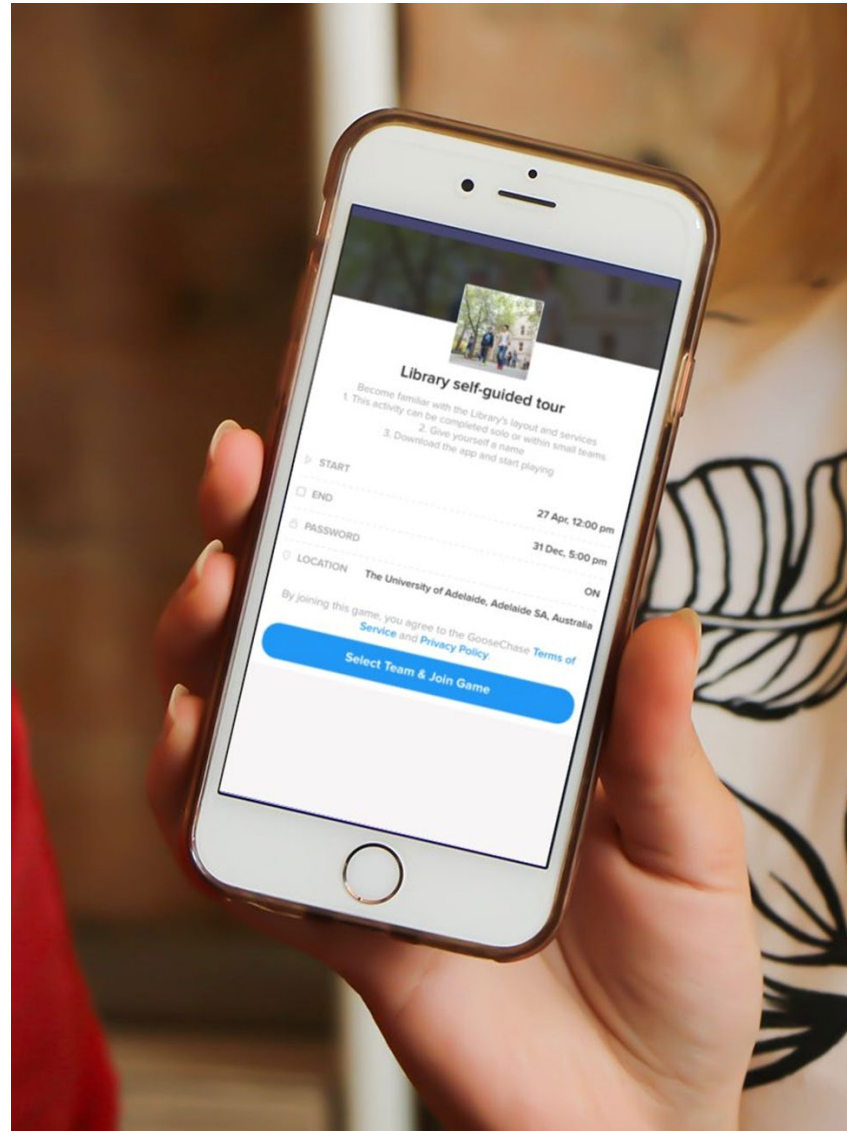
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## Example 2:

A Self-Guided Library Tour using a mobile phone app

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/library/library-services/library-tours>

University of Adelaide Library, Australia



## Topic 3: Virtual Library Spaces and Programs

### Example 3:

ComPass - to find a conversation partner for foreign language learning using a mobile phone app

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tsu.bible>

Tomsk State University, Russia



### Научная библиотека

Томского государственного университета



← ComPass

ComPass – функция, которая позволяет пользователю найти собеседника для изучения иностранного языка.

#### Как это работает?

Вы заполняете анкету, и алгоритм автоматически рекомендует вам собеседников с совпадающим запросом.

Назначайте встречу на специальном мероприятии библиотеки – Language Wednesday.

Мероприятие проходит по средам в Международном ресурсном центре Научной библиотеки.

Информация о ближайшем мероприятии находится в уведомлении результатов поиска.

Организатор мероприятия онлайн и офлайн – Международный ресурсный центр НБ ТГУ

Группа ВК [https://vk.com/irc\\_libtsu](https://vk.com/irc_libtsu)



Меню



Мои брони



ComPass



Профиль

## Question for Discussion

*What types of virtual library spaces and programs are being created at your libraries?*

# Topic 4: Resources: Toolkits, Conferences, etc.



Technische Universität Braunschweig  
University Library

- Toolkits
- Publications and Inspiration
- Upcoming Conferences

# Learning Space Toolkits

The screenshot shows the Learning Space Toolkit website. At the top left is the logo: "LEARNING SPACE TOOLKIT" with a stylized flower icon, and the subtitle "A Resource for Designing and Sustaining Technology-Rich Informal Learning Spaces". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: "Roadmap", "Needs Assessment", "Space Types", "Services", "Technology", and "Integration".

Below the navigation is a large photo of three people in a meeting. Below the photo is the caption: "Digital Media Lab, NCSU Libraries".

To the right of the photo is a section titled "LSTK STORY" with the text: "The toolkit contains resources for: planning, evaluating, & supporting technology rich, informal learning spaces".

Below that is a section titled "LSTK ON FLICKR" and another titled "LSTK AT-A-GLANCE" which shows a thumbnail of the toolkit cover.

Below the photo and navigation is a "Getting Started" section with the sub-heading "Orientation". It contains the text: "Not sure where to begin? Get oriented to the Toolkit. Below are the six components of the Toolkit:". Below this are six boxes, each representing a component of the toolkit:

- Roadmap**: Typical project phases, stakeholder roles and communication resources to successfully plan and implement learning spaces.
- Needs Assessment**: What activities are envisioned for a learning space and assessing how well spaces are working to support those activities.
- Space Types**: The building blocks that make up technology-rich learning spaces.
- Services**: Services provided within spaces to support their users.

- provide collected information on the design of learning spaces to assist practitioners in their work
- provide resources to support the full lifecycle of a project planning process
- are freely available on the web
- exist as community-driven, "living" documents
- available in [US](#), [UK](#) and [Germany](#) (English and German languages)



# Selected Publications and Inspiration

## Examples of recent and upcoming publications

- Todaro, J. *The Post-Pandemic Library Handbook*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2022.
- *Designing Libraries for the 21st Century*. Edited by Tom Hickerson, Joan Lippincott, and Leanora Crema. Association of College and Research Libraries, forthcoming 2022.

## Inspiration

- [Library Buildings in Europe](https://www.librarybuildings.eu) - <https://www.librarybuildings.eu>

# Conferences and Organizations

## US

- Designing Libraries (conference), Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, November 2022 (more details to come)
- [SCUP conference](#) (Society of College and University Planning)

## Europe

- [LIBER Architecture Working Group Seminars](#)

## Global

- [IFLA Library Buildings and Equipment Section](#)

## Question for Discussion

*What resources have you found helpful as you plan and design your libraries?*

# What's Next?

## Project for the Coming Year:

- Continue to foster international conversation about library space and design
- Develop relevant resources to share via the IATUL website
- Invite applications for new members to join us. Add link to survey form.



# Thank you! and Questions?

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