



HOSPITAL LIBRARY HERE TO STAY!

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OBJECTIVE: This poster illustrates how New Hanover Regional Medical Center’s SEAHEC Medical Library used innovative solutions to preserve and renovate its space.

Prep Work

- Weeded over 1/3 (4,300 volumes) of bound journal collection to make room for group study and individual study spaces.



FIGURE 1: Approximately 3.38 tons of paper recycled during the journal weeding project

Methods

- Received \$50,000 grant for the renovation
- Asked Friends of the Library Board if \$30,000 could be used to supplement the grant funding
- Librarians toured tekMountain and UNC-Wilmington’s Randall Library
- Library staff gathered pictures from other libraries documenting “must-have” features while researching library space planning and design ideas
- Library staff met with NHRMC’s architect and interior designer
- Library staff asked frequent users for their ideas: All of them wanted a window added to our middle floor!



FIGURE 2: SEAHEC Medical Library, Before and After



FIGURE 3: New Group Study Space used by Internal Medicine residents for rounds



FIGURE 4: Library books and furniture rescued from the flood!

Conclusions

- “You’re prime real estate!” Prior to renovation, several hospital departments were eyeing the library space.
 - Centrally located in hospital, but little foot traffic.
 - Administrators who did not interact with the library didn’t understand the value of having a library available for hospital staff
- Strong alliance created: Library partnered with the Internal Medicine and Family Medicine residency programs to give them dedicated space to conduct rounds each morning.
- Emotional buy-in created: Users were asked to give their opinion on the furniture – *their* opinions mattered!

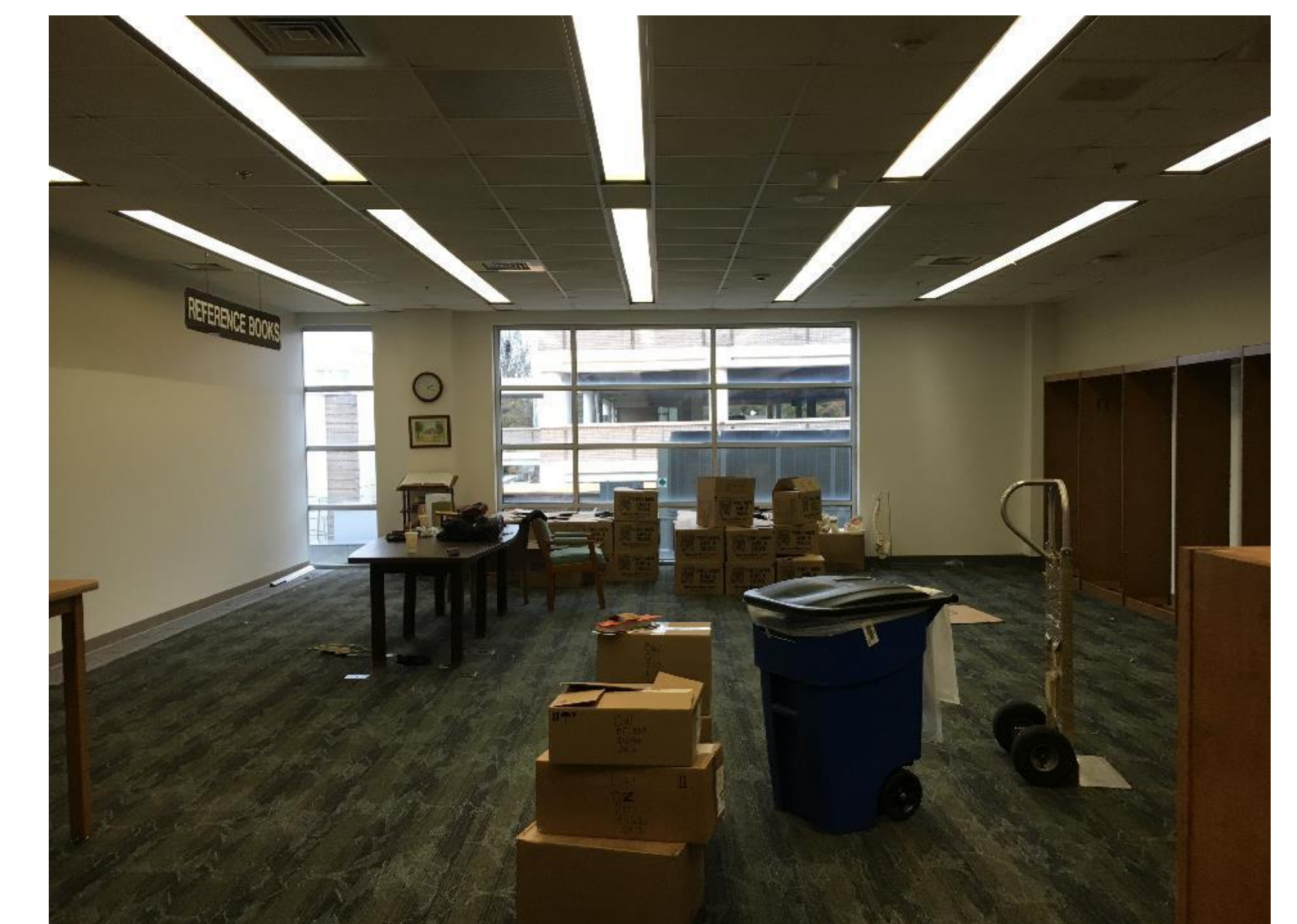


FIGURE 5: Installation of new shelving units

Post Hurricane “Flo” Update

- Hospital staff love the library! During the hurricane, a section of the roof was damaged allowing water to flood the library. Hospital staff ran to the library, formed a human chain, and rescued our books!