

With respect to space reductions, the possibility described under Option 1 would apply, together with additional space cuts. These would be: 1) elimination of the Léger reading corner (with the collection relegated to compact storage); 2) a 50 per cent reduction in the number of individual reading carrels; 3) a 50 per cent reduction in the number of other reading spaces (e.g., at tables) and in the size of the periodical reading lounge. We estimate that with these space reductions and with a related shifting of the layout of the public and technical services areas, a saving of 600 M² could be achieved. Of this space, 280 m² would be taken to accommodate the Legal Branch library as in G below.

D. Circulation

No changes are envisaged to this service under the contingency plan, however the assumption is that the bar-coding automation of the circulation of materials would be implemented.

Levels of use by borrowers who are not members of the Department, (i.e., other departments, universities, the private sector and members of the public, should be monitored to ensure that the library is not expending resources on non-departmental borrowers outside of the existing policy for their usage).

E. Newsdesk

It is assumed that this function will have been physically relocated to Media Relations and that the newspaper clippings reference files will have been discontinued.

F. Systems Development

Due to the continued technical advances in library systems and automation generally, and the potential savings these represent in both storing and accessing information, this function is seen as essential to any future library.

As stated for Option 1, the Systems Head will become a staff function, advising all areas of the library. The on-line reference librarians will transfer to Client Services.

On-line reference searches will be undertaken by Client Services.

The internal departmental databases for Trade Statistics, however, would be transferred to the respective department branches, under Option 2, and searching of these would be undertaken mainly by these divisions, rather than the by Client Services, except in the case of external requests.

G. Legal Branch Library

In order to optimize the use of the space freed up in the library, it is proposed to move the Legal Branch library, now on the seventh floor, into the main library.