



Showcasing Collections in the Engineering Library through Curating Exhibits

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About the Library

- College of Engineering
 - 2165 undergraduates
 - 400 graduates
 - 100 faculty
- Departments
 - Biomedical Engineering
 - Chemical & Biochemical Engineering
- Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Research Lab Sites



Exhibit Planning Team

- Kari Kozak, Head of the Engineering Library
- Carol Johnk, Marketing & Social Media Manager
- Marina Zhang



Curated Exhibits

Exhibit Case

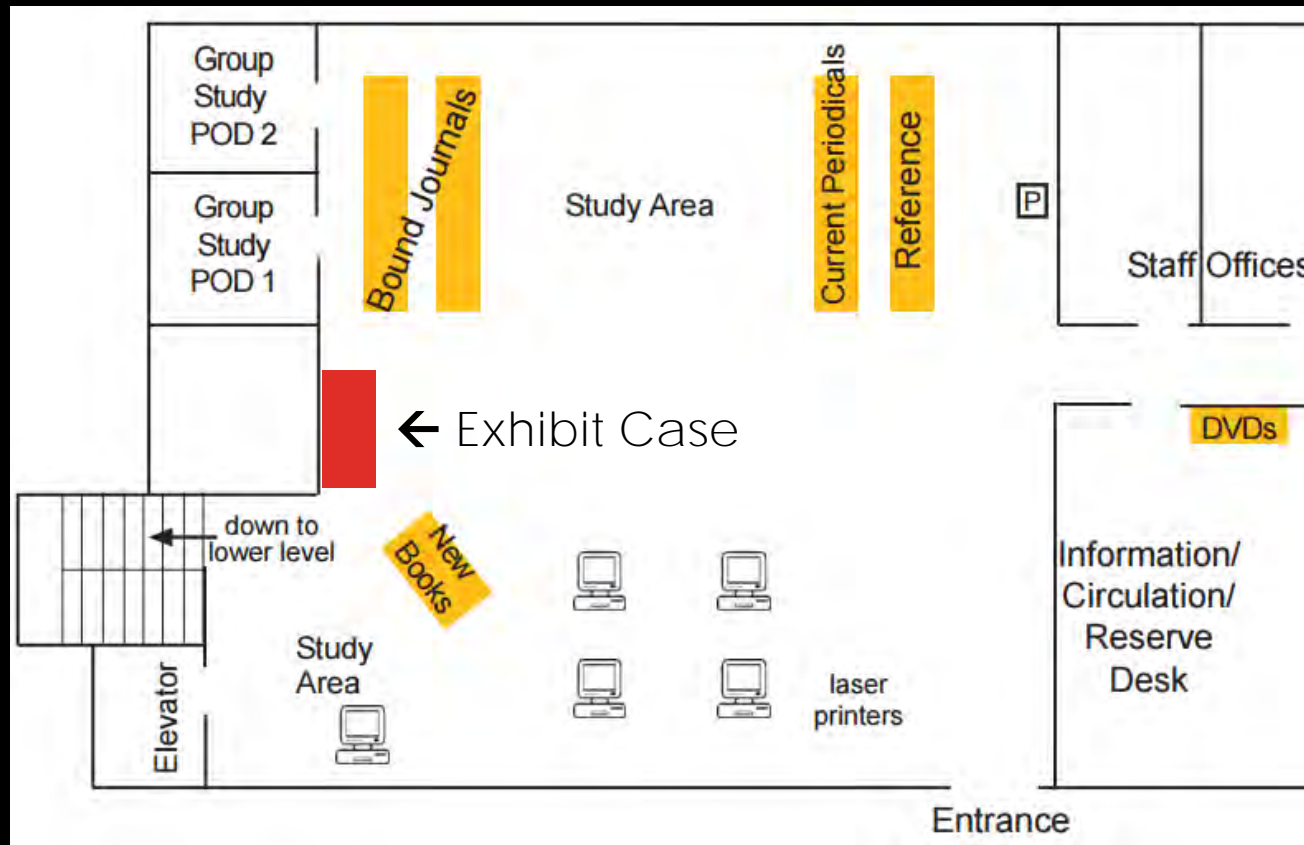


Exhibit Planning

- Brainstorm an exhibit topic
- Look for fun facts, books, DVDs, items, artifacts, models etc.
- Design a title page and cards

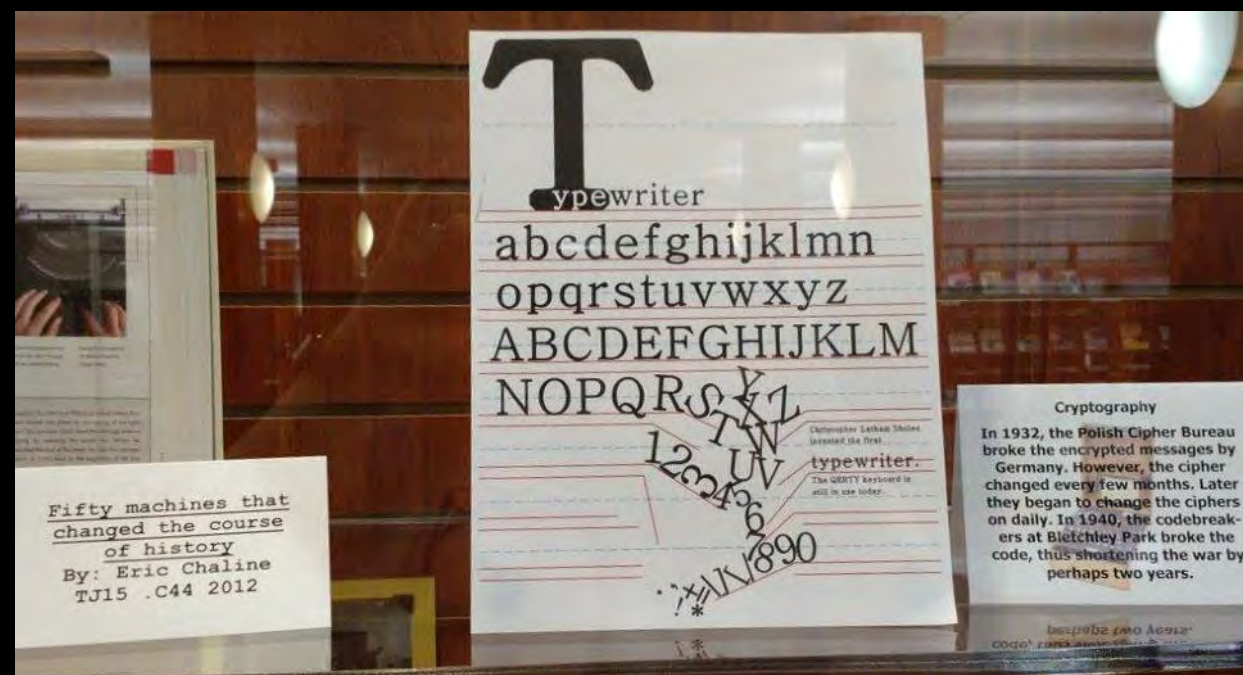


Exhibit Planning

- Establish a borrowing procedure for items, artifacts or models from other departments/units

From Museum of Natural History



Exhibit Planning



From College of Engineering



From Special Collections

Exhibit Planning

- Make objects and use scanned images as needed





Exhibit Installation and Promotion

- Change out the exhibit case
- Create a plasma slide showcasing the new exhibit in the College of Engineering
- Write a blog about the exhibit
- Promote the exhibit on Engineering Library Facebook and Twitter

References

- College of Engineering Facts
<http://www.engineering.uiowa.edu/about/facts>
- Floor Plan of the Library
<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/eng/about/>
- Engineering Library Blog <http://blog.lib.uiowa.edu/eng>
- Exhibit Planning (Word Document) by Library Staff