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Creative study environment

Why and how to make creative study environments
and creative classrooms.



Stavanger is the 4th largest city in Norway
The Stavanger Region has about 250 000 inhabitants
Stavanger is the oil capital of Norway



University of Stavanger

12.600 students - 2250 employees

Welcome to the Library, open 24/7 Since 2015

[The University Library](#)

Students' preferred working place
outside the classroom



Extensive guidance and teaching activity:
250 courses with about 4.800 participants and
600 individual guidances a year plus 17.000 requests
at the library help desk.

We have increased our number of visitors from about
250.000 per year to 500.000 since 2014.

On a normal day 2.000 students visit the library

Our patrons are important to us

1. Focus on service and a welcoming environment
2. Focus on the students' need for services, quality, and future services.
3. Focus on an inspiring physical learning environment

The change of the environment started 2014



- Make the rooms more attractive and more functional for creativity.
- Many different ways to study – many different reading places
- More inspiring classrooms
- More cosy social zones
- More tables for group work
- Show students we care by doing small things:
- Kitchen with a fridge, Tablets, blankets, Power outlets in all tables and reading places, massage chair for free





The Study Lab - 2016

- The study Lab is a creative room with the theme «nature into the room»
- We teach and support students in:
- Academic writing, searching for academic literature, reference management, study technique, how to manage your study and manage exams.
- We have writing nights with a range of services from the library.
- Drop in guidance with student mentors helping fellow students





Kongsgårdsalongen 2017

This is one of the students' favorite places

Creating that old cosy library feeling - surrounded by books.



A smart way to store your old books 😊

Used as study area and small event space for book talks, workshops, or Ph.d. celebration.



The Data Lab - 2018

We needed an inspiring room for teaching activities, workshops, hackathons, board games, debates and other events

We have courses in different programs for both employees and students, e.g

Nvivo, Tableau, Latex, Ryan, Zotero, EndNote

[The Data Lab - where data becomes knowledge](#)



Renewal of small branch Library 2020





Comics Corner 2022

Quality comics and classics.

Many serious topics are now covered in this media.

A nice social zone but also used for studies.
Students love to sit and read here.



New journal and newspaper zone 2023





Marketing and events

The Library has 3,5 staff members who work on the homepage, information screens which are placed in many buildings on campus.

They are responsible for physical events, animations, social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram (to reach out to as many as possible).





Results of working strategically on the learning environment

- Students more positive –feel good at UiS – library gets high scores in annual, national survey
- Students have a nice place to work, and it will help them with their studies
- The library gets a meeting arena, and we can more easily reach students with our services/help
- Learning environment that inspires you to stay, to be together, be creative and innovative
- The library becomes less anonymous
- The staff and students are proud of their library
- We have more projects – but unfortunately less money

Learning environment as a powerful tool

Working process – how did we do it



Working hard to find the money in the library budget and other places external/internal.

Fighting against convention – make environment in a different way. Have to be steady and not always popular.



Finding good architects and building people. Architech Aat Vos from the Netherlands, Artisan Tech/Damian Williams from Oslo, Link Arkitektur/Camilla Songe-Møller from Stavanger

Illustrations





Welcome to visit us!

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