



Announcement: Reconfiguration of two libraries

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After consultation with students, faculty, and staff from across campus, the University Library confirms the decision to merge the [Sheldon Margen Public Health Library](#) and the [Marian Koshland Bioscience & Natural Resources Library](#) at UC Berkeley. The reconfiguration of these two important libraries in the Life & Health Sciences Division of the University Library will better address current campus and research needs.

To reach this decision, the Library received feedback from individuals from a number of departments, as well as from the School of Public Health Student Government; the School of Public Health Faculty Council; the Librarians Association of the University of California, Berkeley (LAUC-B); and the Academic Senate Committee on the Library after a [call for comment](#) was issued in September. The call included the rationale for proposal as well as a general outline of new and ongoing services.

The Library staff and the collection from the Public Health Library will be relocated to the Valley Life Sciences Building and integrated with the vision and operations of the campus library there. The Library will continue to memorialize Sheldon Margen's contributions to the school, the university, and the field.

Some Library services will be relocated along with the collection, while others will be offered close to the new location of the School of Public Health, at the Berkeley Way West complex. Arising from the conversations during the comment period, a team comprised of librarians, Library staff, faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students will be charged to help further develop some of the general ideas outlined in the proposal. From January to March 2018, this team will develop feasible models for addressing services suggested for the Berkeley Way West building. Recommendations will be delivered to Library leadership by April 2018 for consideration and implementation when the new Berkeley Way West building opens. The Public Health Library will operate as usual throughout the spring semester.

Questions and comments can be directed to libraryforum@lists.berkeley.edu.

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