Benefits of the LRS

The LRS plays a crucial role in fulfilling our vision for the Library well into the future...

**Better spaces**

Moving items into the LRS will free up space in the library for clients to study, collaborate and immerse themselves in culture.

We will create more spaces for our students that support the UTS Model of Learning.

This includes the use of creative technologies and multimedia and more space for silent study rooms and more group study areas.

**Faster access to print collections**

The high use items remaining on the bookshelves will become easier to browse as overcrowding will no longer be an issue.

It will be much faster to find and retrieve items stored in the LRS than on open shelves.

We are facilitating discovery through our online systems, the Collection Ribbon and Shelf View.

**Vision**

To deliver a world-leading university library connecting people, knowledge and culture.

**Aim**

To build an inspiring, dynamic and scholarly environment which serves the diverse needs of UTS students, academics and researchers.

**Sustainability**

It is the most environmentally and financially efficient option.

To store the same number of books as the LRS, the library would need to be 4-5 times larger than our current library and cost 4 times more than the LRS itself.

The LRS is onsite, which removes the need to transport books and staff between facilities, hence reducing transport congestion and carbon pollution.

**Better collection management and security**

It streamlines the necessary collection management tasks, thereby freeing up staff to engage in face-to-face interactions with our clients.

The LRS will let us retain and grow our valuable print collections in stable conditions that are conducive to the preservation of paper materials.

Although information is moving online, print remains a valuable medium and our older books form part of a rich research collection.

**Did you know?**

Books will be available almost immediately after being loaded into the LRS. The loading will commence in July.