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Libraries for New Medical Schools: The Creation of a Network for Identifying and Supporting the Needs of 21st Century Medical Schools

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Goal: Create a network to address the need for a new innovative library model and provide recommendations for new born-digital academic medical libraries

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The topics discussed at the Symposium, exchange of ideas, data-sharing, and networking were invaluable. Presenters and participants were inspiring and generous about sharing their experiences, innovative approaches, and best practices for creating new and dynamic academic medical libraries. M. Bronoel, UCR

Accomplishments
1. Created a strong networking group of librarians in academic health science libraries born in the 21st century
2. Identified mobile technologies, cloud computing, and open access publishing as primary drivers for 21st century born-digital libraries
3. Recognized that licensing bundled e-journals is necessary skill set
4. Provided recommendations and data for start-up libraries preparing for LCME visits

Recommendations
1. Flexible, innovative space planning is critical
2. Pay-offs occur when librarians are engaged early in start-up planning
3. Collaborative spaces are necessary
4. Collection building must be curriculum-focused
5. New publishing paradigms require new library management practices and policies
6. Take into account that millennial students use libraries and technology differently and require information at any time, in any place, on any device
7. Medical informatics training is an integral part of library service

The AAHSL Symposium gave us a forum for voicing our questions and concerns and also afforded us the luxury of time to engage in the many wonderful conversations and discussions that followed. B Miller, CMSRU

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