

Crisis as Catalyst: Academic Library Space Design Post COVID-19

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COVID-19 has caused academic libraries to make temporary changes to their spaces and the way they deliver services in order avoid infection and provide a safe environment. How might these changes impact libraries and library design in the long term? What changes have been successful and what lessons have we learned from this experience? This presentation will review current changes and provide predictions regarding how library design may change going forward.