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The Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) Library at the University of Wisconsin - Madison has spent the last year getting ready to move our entire library collection. We finally moved just before Thanksgiving in 2012 from the third floor into newly remodeled space on the first floor of our main building. The new space allowed us to combine two storage areas back into the main library. It is very nice to have all our collections in one location again.

The new library has great lighting that is on automatic sensors that turn off when no one is in the stacks. We have spacious new workstations and we now have central air conditioning. (The air conditioning in our old space was a major issue.) We did not gain much additional space but the space we have is much more usable.

We were closed for about 10 days and then reopened to the public. We are continuing to shift things around and optimize our space. An open house was held on January 30th, 2013 to introduce our employees to the new location. There was a big snowstorm that day but we still had many people come and visit the library. All our phone numbers and addresses have stayed the same. Only our room number has changed. Here are a few pictures of our new space.
East side of FPL Library

Library study area.

Library study area.

Open house cake

Library staff at open house.