Northern Illinois University

NIU Libraries

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Based on relationships…

- All types of users
- All disciplines and departments
- Scholarship in all formats
Heart of the University …

- "Thirdspace"
- Center of campus
Contributes to:

- Enrollment
- Student Success
  - Retention
  - graduation rates
  - learning
  - engagement
- Faculty research productivity
- Faculty teaching and service
Unique collections:

- SE Asian Collection
- Dime Novels Collection
- Lee Schreiner Sheet Music Collection
Unique collections:

- University Archives
- Oral histories
And now ... the pandemic

- Limited access
- Safety protocols
- All services virtual
- Laptops and hotspots
Challenges:

• Budget
• Digital divide
• Facilities
• Personnel
Future Opportunities:

- Facilitate partnerships
- Disseminate NIU scholarship
- Digitize collections
- Innovate the libraries’ structure and facilities
Huskies ask questions!