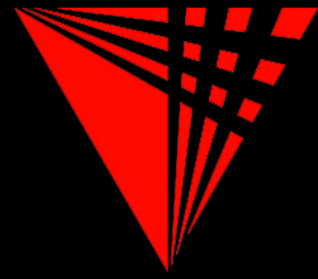


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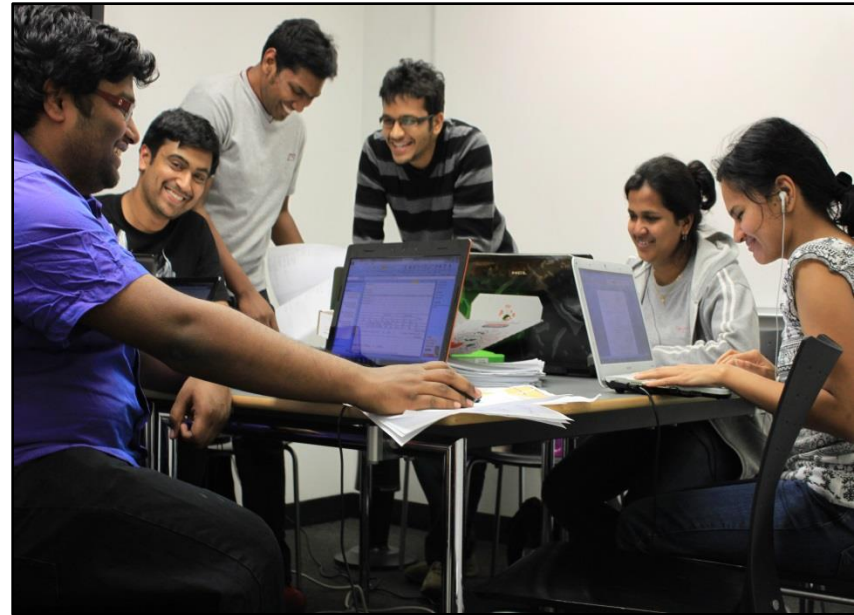


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Group Study @Galvin

The Group Study Suite at Illinois Tech is a collaborative space which has been consistently evolving to match the needs of its dynamic on-campus community.



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- Increasing demand led to the creation of Group Study Space(GSS) to support collaborative study at Illinois Tech's Galvin Library in August 2008.
- It has evolved into functions not considered at its inception.
- GSS in its current form is a good example of how a space conceived as a single use area, could evolve into a multifunctional space based on needs of the customer.

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- Numerous studies on collaborative study space in academic libraries have led to the following conclusions:
 - Groups meet in a campus library because the space is available for longer hours.
 - Library study allows them extended work sessions in comfortable surroundings conveniently placed to other academic buildings.
 - Such spaces offer electrical power, Wi-Fi, reserve materials (especially textbooks), and other desirable resources.

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- Reception area in GSS has also evolved into a space for hanging out, impromptu meetings, a lunch area and desks for individual study.
- GSS has become a convenient and functional place for holding IIT based events organized by faculty, students and staff.
- In-house study demonstrated that the students using the GSS had the highest mean GPA among students using the library.

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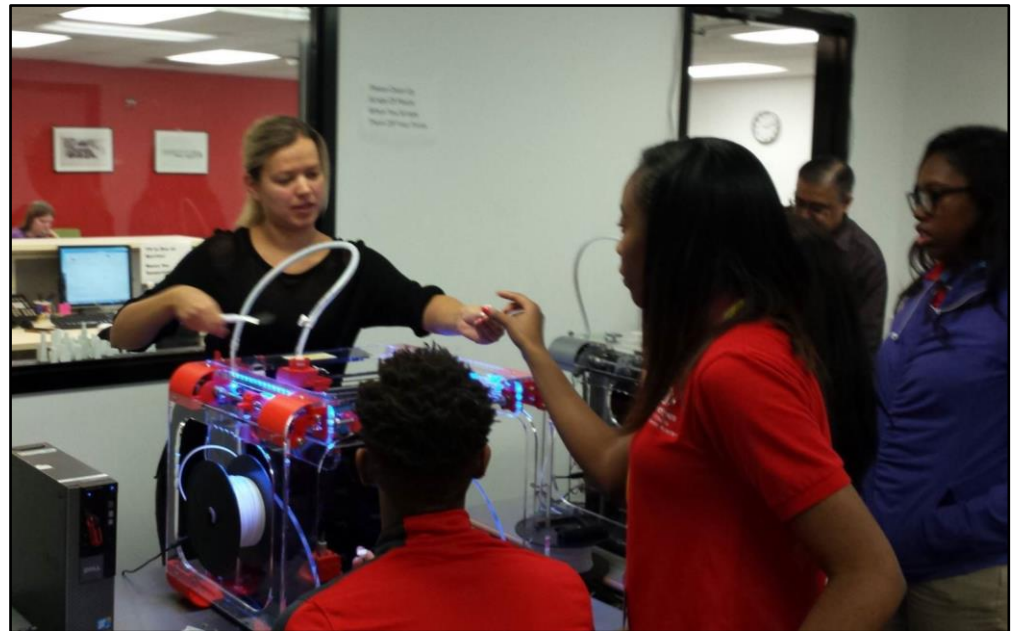
- Over the years, the Group Study Area at Galvin Library has hosted numerous events:

■ IIT	91
■ Faculty	61
■ Student Org.	326
■ Library	241
■ External Events	47



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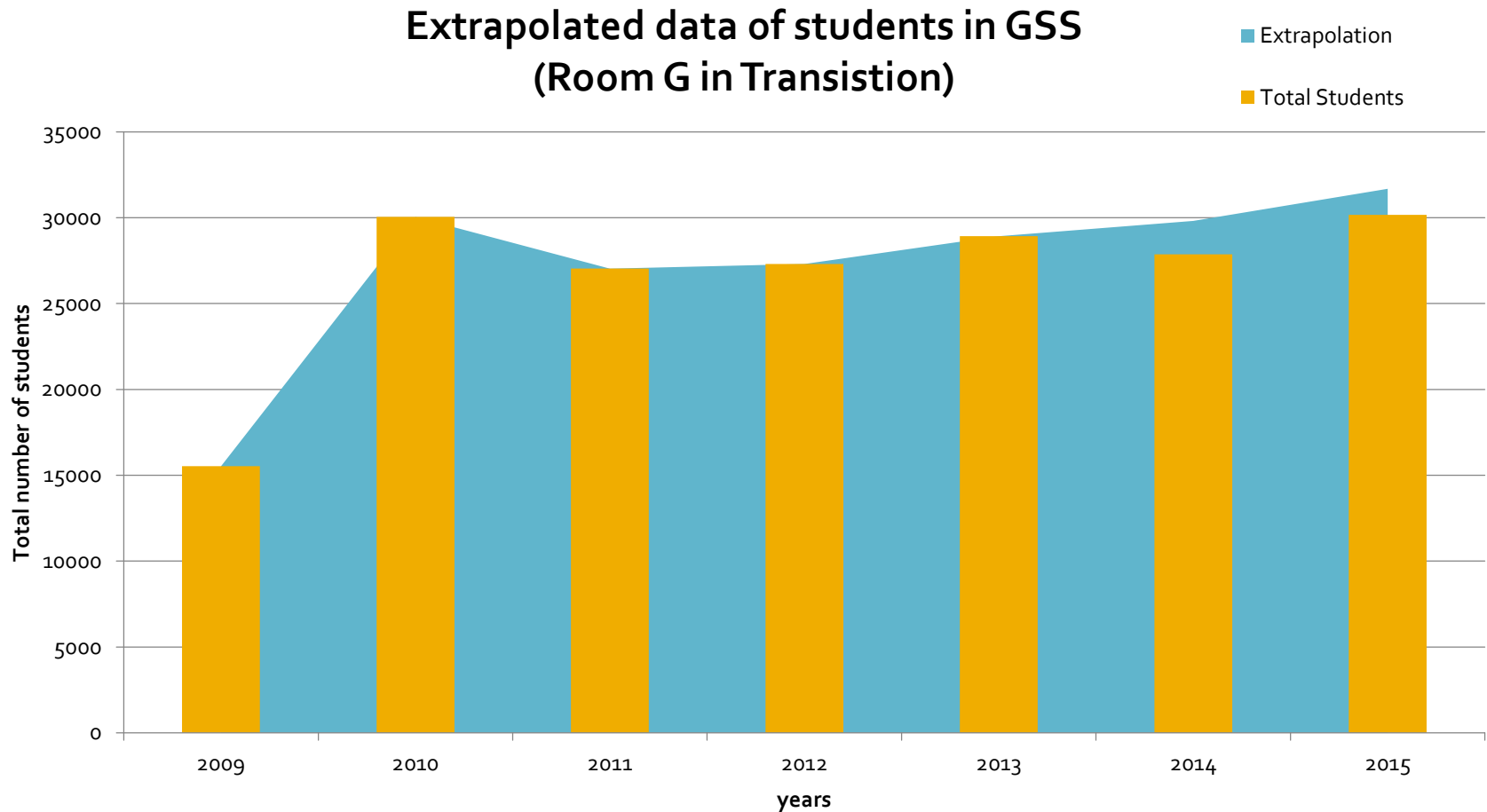
- Since September 2014, one of the GSS rooms was transitioned into the Exploration Space.
- The Exploration Space consists of:
 - Two 3D printers
 - Two 3D pens
 - Button maker
 - Label maker
 - Low-tech fun: coloring, origami, kinetic sand



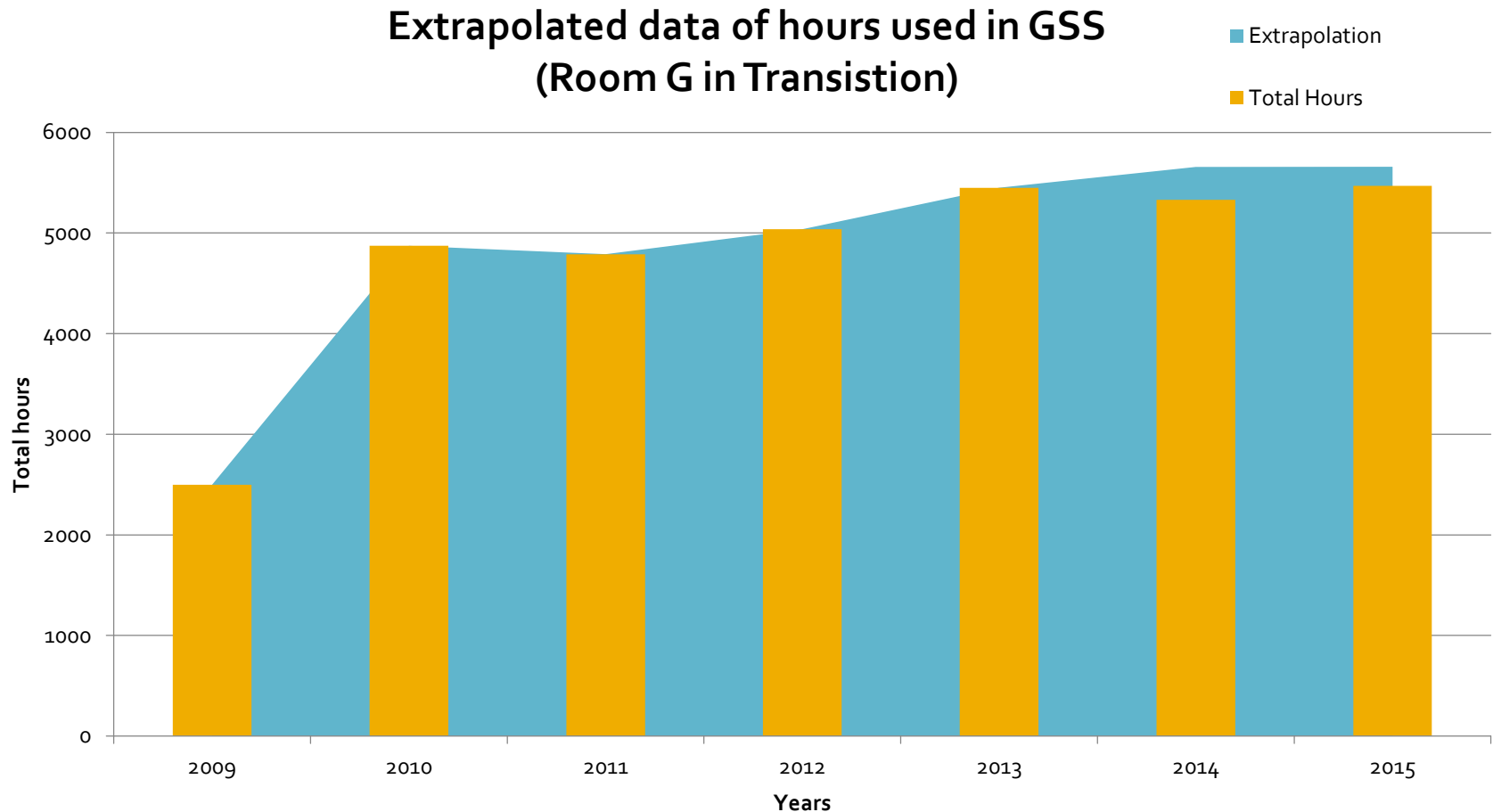
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- Illinois Tech patrons can file 3D print requests online.
- The Galvin Exploration Space staff assists students, staff and faculty with their 3D designs.
- This service has quickly become popular among Illinois Tech patrons, both for academic and leisure 3D printing.
- Summer programs and high-school interns also have used our Exploration Space.

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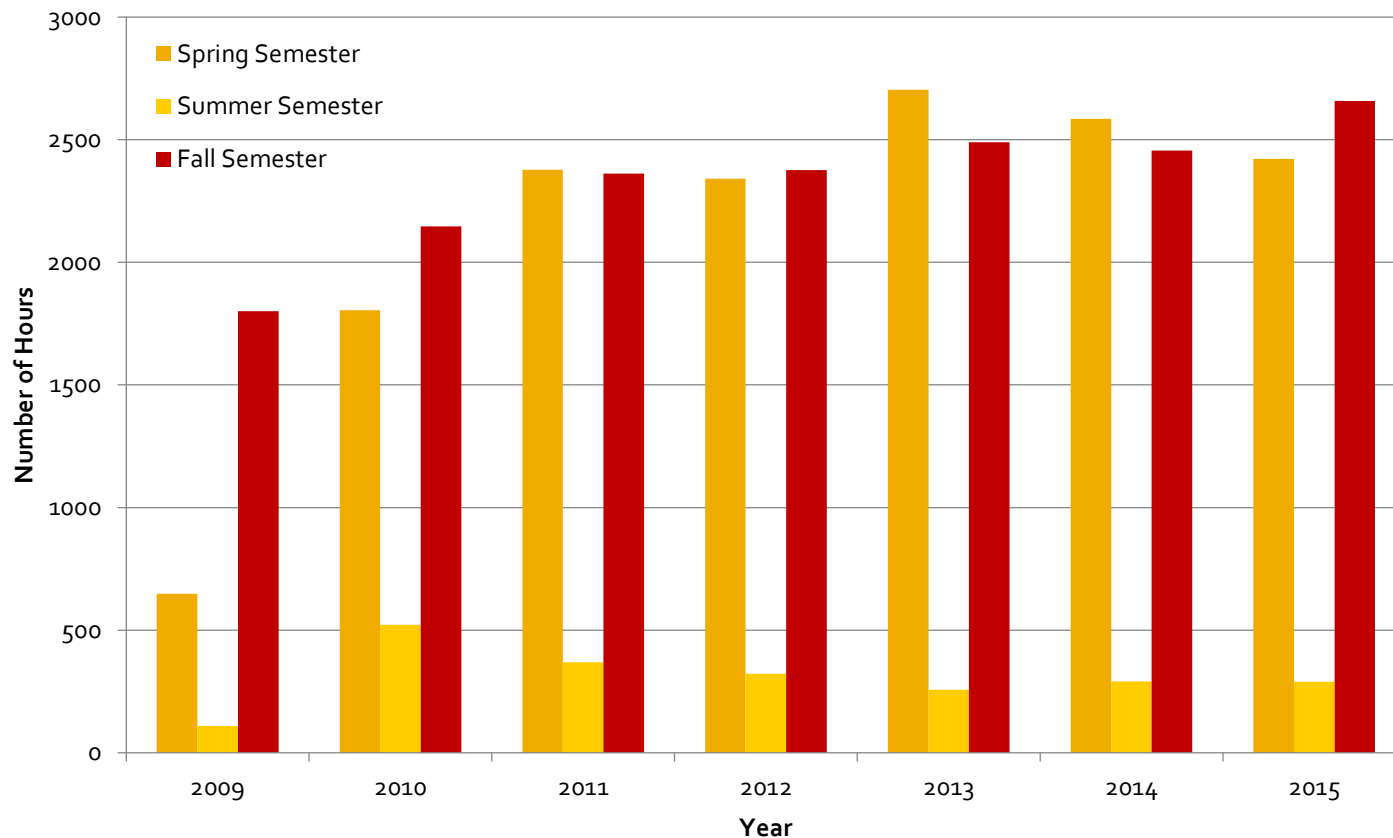


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Hours used by semester



Conclusion

Group Study Suite

- Experience from Group Study Suite reveals a definite need for collaborative space.
- Flexible space affords the opportunity to provide a multitude of services needed by library patrons.
- The successful implementation of 3D printer and button maker supports the flexibility of the available space.
- The group study at Galvin Library is an on-going venture that demonstrates how an evolving and flexible space meets the needs of its patrons.