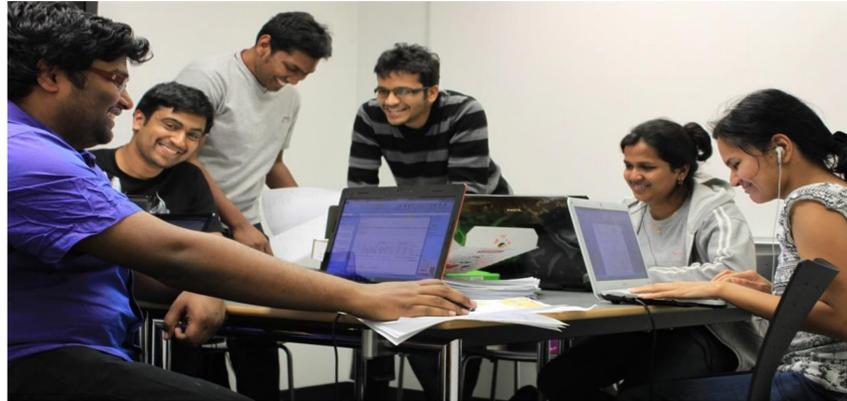
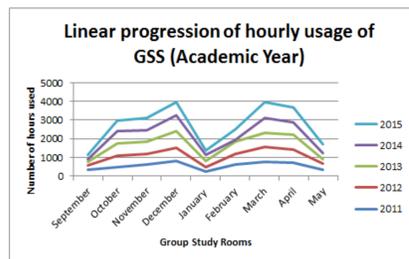
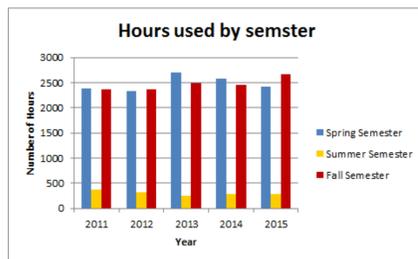
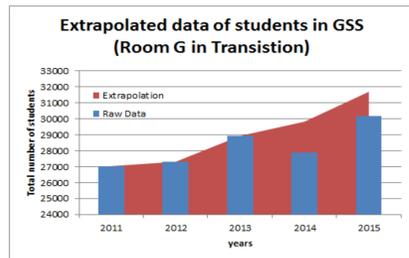
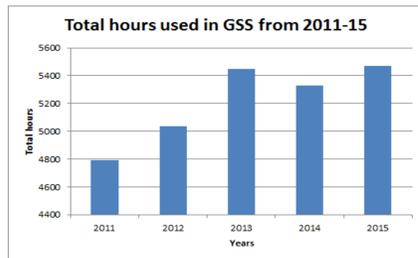
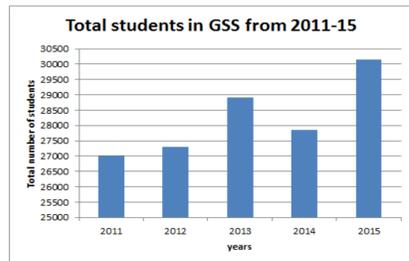
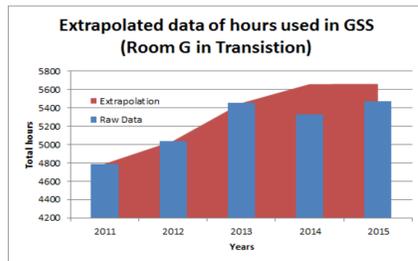


Group Study and Beyond at Galvin Library

Group Study Suite (GSS) was created to support collaborative study at Illinois Tech's Galvin Library. It has evolved into functions not considered at its inception. This poster will illustrate how a space thought of having a single dimension has evolved into a multifunctional space.



Between 2011 - 2015 group study suite usage:
Hours 26,079
Patrons 141,285

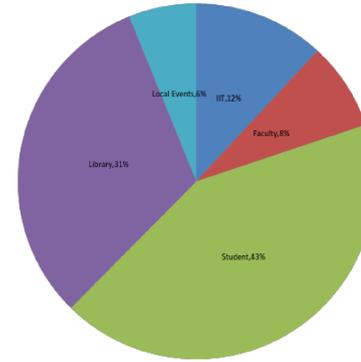


Numerous studies on collaborative study space in academic libraries have led to the following conclusions:

- Groups meet in a campus library because the space is available 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.^[1]

Over the years (2011 -15) group study area at Galvin Library has hosted following events:

IIT	91
Faculty	61
Student Org	326
Library	241
External Event	47



The reception area evolved into a study & computing area, but also lunchtime, as a gathering spot, and for stress-relief activities.



Reception area has also evolved from just a single-function service desk. GSS became a convenient and functional place for holding IIT based events by faculty, students and staff.

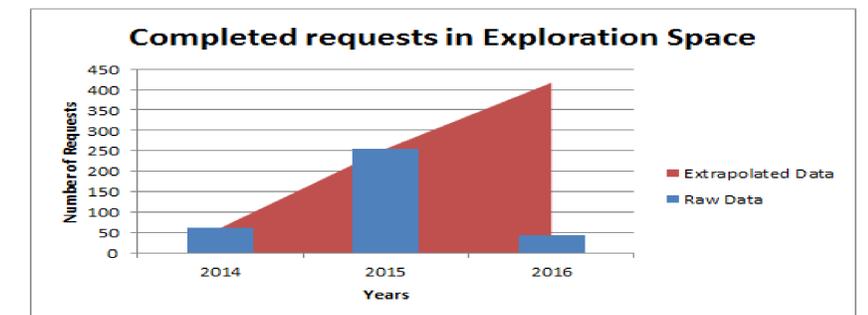


The availability and flexibility of group study space at Galvin Library led to the addition of the Exploration Space, which consists of:

- two 3D printers
- 3D pens
- button maker
- label maker



Students, faculty and staff can receive assistance on designing and printing in 3D. Summer programs and high-school interns also have used our Exploration Space.



Conclusion

Our experience from Group Study Suite at Galvin Library tells us there is a definite need for collaborative space for group study, but the bottom line is availability of flexible space. For libraries flexible available space affords the opportunity to provide a multitude of services needed by their patrons. The group study at Galvin Library is an on-going evolution of a flexible space that meets the needs of its patrons.

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