Something From Nothing:

Bringing new life to the library without new construction
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Gate Count

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Great space
Great need

- Book Displays
  - Current events
  - Campus events
  - Seasonal
  - Collection features
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But WHERE????

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Book Displays
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Book circulation

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New book circulation

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- Look for indicators of how things are working
From this...
To This
Questions?

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