Auburn University Libraries
Strategic Planning Initiative
“Defining our Future”

The Process –

➢ Departmental White Papers – The future in Micro
  o August 2006 through September 2006
  o Each department performs an environmental scan and responds for the opportunities and challenges ahead.

➢ Stakeholders Summit – The External View
  o September 29th, 2006
  o 28 members of AU Faculty and Staff provide input in a two hour “speed dating” forum.
  o Four tables were set up in the Newspaper reading room with each table having a specific topic for discussion. The topics were:
    ▪ Technology
    ▪ Services
    ▪ Collection/Material
    ▪ Building/Physical Space
  o Participants were split among the four tables then rotated to another table every 20 minutes.

➢ Library Wide Planning Summits – Looking at the future from inside out.
  o Three sessions are planned to allow full faculty and staff participation. The sessions are planned for:
    ▪ Friday, 27 Oct from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
    ▪ Tuesday, 7 Nov from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
    ▪ Monday, 13 Nov from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
  o The format and topics will be the same, but each “table” will be in a different room.

➢ I am a Camera – A Student’s Perspective in Pictures
  o Early November
  o Random students will be given a disposable camera and ask to take pictures of various aspects of their study habits.
  o This project is in the planning phase. More will be posted as plans progress.

➢ Draw your Library – Students are asked to draw their perfect library.
  o Mid November.
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➢ Push Pin Map – Where Were You Today
  o Mid November
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➢ Collate all the data from the above events
➢ Identify Major Themes
➢ Draft a plan to meet the major themes identified above
➢ Request Feedback
➢ Adjust the plan
➢ Go for it!