



Lobby & Service Center

\$1,000,000

Located on the first floor, directly off Canfield Street, this prime space will be one of the most visible and visited areas in the medical school. As the bustling, brand new main entrance to the Richard J. Mazurek, M.D., Medical Education Commons, open around the clock, thousands of people will pass through here annually. Part of the lobby rises three stories, with light streaming down from the floor-to-ceiling windows. Beyond this striking view are comfortable, overstuffed chairs and lush, colossal plants. This is also an area where people will stop to converse or use one of seven computers. Adjacent to the lobby is the 24-hour Internet café, where students will welcome a break from their studies.

The highlight of the lobby is the Super Service Center, with an information desk that will be the focal point for the Shiffman Library's expected 10,000 annual inquiries. As the only medical library in Southeast Michigan open to the public, it has a huge constituency from the academic community as well as metropolitan Detroit consumers with health questions.

As the hub of library activity, this one-stop, easy-access center will have trained staff assisting people in finding the information they need. Librarians access online resources to support patient treatment and send it directly to the hospital – a most efficient use of time for attending physicians. They also will assist many visitors, including relatives wanting information on a loved one's newly diagnosed disease. Whether a librarian directs guests to what they need or finds it for them, this is the area in which the help starts. "This area is most important since it's where the information is dispersed," says Ellen Marks, the library's director.



Faculty & Resident Suite

\$500,000

Whether someone needs assistance with a manuscript, scientific presentation or instructional materials, this is where their work can be honed. There will be several high-powered computer stations within this area with software and peripherals that facilitate the production of manuscripts, scientific posters, slides and other media to support both research and instruction.

Within this area, lectures also will be offered by invited guests as well as the School of Medicine staff to heighten awareness of the latest medical skills and technologies. Additionally, training programs designed to meet the needs of faculty, residents and fellows will take place here. Private consultations also will occur within smaller spaces in this area. Faculty and residents from many departments will collaborate here; this is where people will “hang their hats” when coming from metropolitan hospitals to teach or to have meetings.



Library Study & Computer Lab

\$250,000

Learning to effectively apply information from both the library's research literature and hundreds of databases is critical to the education of the physician. A laboratory designed to teach students and residents how to access such information is equally vital. Learning opportunities that are applicable through their entire careers enable physicians to stay abreast of the latest information that supports their patient care and clinical research. This computer-based learning laboratory will do just that; by flicking a switch, faculty or a clinical preceptor can teach a class using the Internet, video or through a live connection accessing an expert in another location. Large display screens facilitate group viewing of graphics, photographs or charts. Computer tables and seating can be moved readily allowing optimal flexibility for the room.



Detroit Medical Collection

\$250,000

This magnificent 3,000 volume rare book collection needs preservation. It will be housed within the William Stapleton Room. Nearly a quarter of the volumes are suffering from the ravages of time and acidic paper, and the destruction of such historically valuable titles must be stopped. There are signed volumes published as early as the 17th century, as well as early 20th century limited editions, with a cutoff date being 1913.

The emphasis of this particularly worthy endeavor is books that were published in Detroit and cover medicine's primary subjects, with a majority focusing on topics directly related to Detroit's own history of medicine. Both the city's medical history and the medical school's are rich and historically significant.

Once the existing volumes are preserved, the collection deserves to be expanded; new acquisitions will focus on the Detroit metropolitan area's history of medicine. Such titles will concentrate on primary and secondary publications that facilitate historical scholarship of medicine in this area. Applicable materials are scattered throughout many institutions, including the Reuther Library at Wayne State University and the Detroit Public Library, as well as more modest collections.

Rather than centralizing these materials physically, a librarian/archivist will be hired to create internet access to the materials; by digitalizing these collections, a single online site for them will exist. To initiate seminars that will draw national attention to the historical and cultural importance of the Wayne State University School of Medicine, an advisory board of scholars and prominent clinicians will be established.

This new, elegant area also will be the primary site within the Education Commons for hosting board meetings and more intimate special events and receptions, with the rare book collection and historical artifacts serving as a backdrop for the room's décor.