

# Shelving Plan for the Clark Memorial Library at the University of Portland

## Background

The Clark Memorial Library at the University of Portland began a major renovation in May 2012. In the new building, the bulk of the 200,000+ volume physical collection will be shelved in user-accessible compact shelving. This project will guide the collection's transition from the interim location to the compact shelving in the new building.

## Problem

How will the Clark Memorial Library's collection be shelved in the newly renovated building in order to make effective use of the space and leave room for future growth?

### Measuring the Collection

- Collection shelved in a converted parking garage for 13 months during the building renovation
- Determined the amount of linear feet occupied by the collection and divided collection measurements into subject areas based on call number ranges



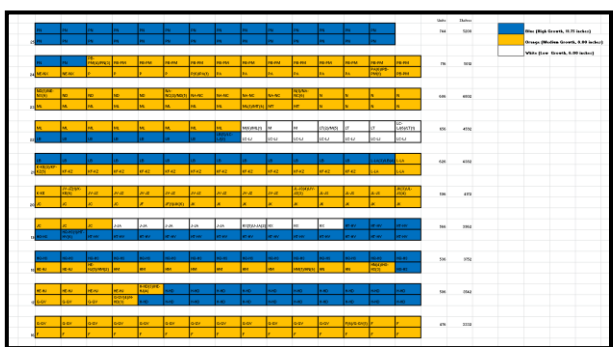
### Estimating Collection Growth

- Estimated growth of specific subject areas based on number of volumes added over last 5 years
- Created growth rating scale to simplify shelving map



### Creating a shelving plan that maps out collection on to the compact shelving

- Shelving plan will guide the movers when the collection is moved back in June 2013
- Available free space was divided based on growth ratings to create standard shelf gap sizes
- Created shelving map on an Excel spreadsheet that shows how the collection will appear on the compact shelving in the renovated building



### Impact

- This project informed decisions about how the collection will be shelved in the new building
- Strategically planning growth room on the shelves will reduce the need for shifting the collection as it grows, which is a labor-intensive process with compact shelving