

Taubman Medical Library Recycles!

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Taubman Medical Library added seventy paper recycling bins and fifteen mixed container recycling bins in February as a joint effort between Taubman leadership, Planet Blue teams, U-M Recycling, and Plant Building and Ground Services (PBGS). During a building assessment walkthrough, which is part of the Planet Blue’s procedure, the Recycling Coordinator, Tracy Artley, identified a large number of recycling opportunities. Recycling is an important component of the Planet Blue activities in the building. Planet Blue supports this activity by providing additional recycling bins, marketing assistance, and signage. Individual trash cans at each study table were removed and replaced with centralized trash cans and individually marked recycling containers. “This will not only encourage recycling, but it will also streamline the process of trash collection for the Building Services Staff” said Jennifer Miller, Custodial Supervisor, for the Taubman Medical Library.

“Typical of our experience with Planet Blue, there was a positive focus on teamwork, education, efficiency, and resource conservation. They have an excellent grasp of the available options, listen carefully to all constituents, and implement changes in ways that benefit us all. In the end, our recycling program has been significantly improved and we also learned a lot regarding application elsewhere in our daily lives” says Whitney Field, Operations Manager for Health Sciences Libraries.



Jerry Peles, Linda Fleming, Jennifer Frierson, Regina Coleman, and Darryl Betts help place new recycling bins in Taubman Medical Library

Currently the recycling rate at Taubman Medical Library is 26.4%. The team’s aim is to increase this rate by providing easy opportunities to recycle for students, faculty and staff. To help students and staff adjust to the changes, Planet Blue provided table tents with detailed information regarding the new program and lists of items that can be recycled in the containers. This proactive solution is also a result of effective teamwork between Taubman Medical Library staff, Planet Blue teams, and the staff at U-M Recycling and Plant Building and Ground Services.

These activities support Planet Blue’s mission to actively engage the University of Michigan community to conserve utilities and increase recycling. At Planet Blue we contend: save energy, save money, save the planet! To learn more about Planet Blue – visit www.planetblue.umich.edu. To learn more about Recycling opportunities, visit www.recycle.umich.edu. ■

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**June 19, 2009
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
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