Future of Information Campus Forum  
SAVE THE DATE: September 24, 2010  
McKeldin Library Special Events Room  
10am-2pm

Today new media and technologies are transforming all academic disciplines, creating both challenges and opportunities that involve a fundamental rethinking of the very meaning of information and our relationship to it. Across the University of Maryland, numerous research projects have emerged that are exploring both the impact of these changes on our future and the best means of pursuing them to carry out our various and collective missions, from the preservation of cultural heritage, to the effective use of increasingly large information reservoirs, to the development of new mobile learning experiences, to the redefinition of open and participatory government, to the reconceptualization of libraries and archives.

Seeing these varied activities emerge across campus, the Office of the Vice President for Research recently convened an interdisciplinary task force of the “Future of Information” to explore how best to synthesize and leverage these pockets of expertise. This group has recommended an integrated series of events during the upcoming academic year designed to engage our community in the potential formation of cross campus interdisciplinary working groups pursuing crucial issues concerning the future of information.

As the most important first step in defining and constituting these working groups, all interested faculty members are invited to an initial on-campus workshop and forum on September 24, from 10am-2pm. During this time we hope to introduce researchers across campus to each other, to identify the larger commonalities shared in their research, and to initiate a process through which those commonalities can be further explored and developed.

Once again, the first meeting will be held on September 24. Please hold this date. You will receive more detailed information about the agenda in the future.