As the Library continues to evolve, big changes came to the first floor’s main reading room this year. Starting with a survey to gauge students’ preferences, the area was outfitted with new, tech-friendly furniture, optimized for both collaborative and individual study:

- 123 seats with 137 power outlets incorporated into the furniture
- 70 Rolling chairs
- Tall café tables
- Single and double study pods
- Group study tables in a range of sizes
- Banquettes, encouraging casual, relaxed group study
- Tall, 6-person tables with power and USB ports
- Pops of color on newly painted walls, column signs, and beautiful artwork brighten the area

This year the HS/HSL building celebrated its 21st birthday with two special exhibits. The Historical Collection’s 21@601 exhibit showcased the design, construction, and opening of the library’s home at 601 West Lombard St. The Library’s Art@601 exhibit featured pieces from the 74 exhibits the Weise Gallery has hosted over the years.

Students Praise the New Furniture
“Great job! Thanks for actually listening to students’ concerns!”
“Love the variety of options.”
“Nice, comfortable, gives a little privacy.”

16,651 Articles/books requested and delivered to UMB
15,820 Views of the UMB Data Catalog
1,095 Posters printed
650 Hours of 3D printing producing 178 3D objects
518 Research consultations
193 Education sessions reached 4,416 people
173 Literature searches completed
35 Research Consent Forms reviewed

“This is why you guys are the best. Thank you!”
- School of Pharmacy Student

“Exceeded my expectations; learned more than I could have imagined.”
- Workshop Attendee

“This is amazing feedback. I am definitely going to be using this information in the future.”
- School of Medicine Faculty
$1,993,479 in funding received to support National Library of Medicine (NLM) outreach efforts.

NLM Outreach Sessions Served 24,079 People

HS/HSL developed the first Scholarly Publishing Workshop Series, a weeklong series including topics such as choosing the right journal for your research, author IDs, enhancing your research impact, open access, and predatory publishing.

Meet the Makers Speaker Series focused on the intersection of emerging technologies and UMB innovation. The series featured topics such as the neurobiology of placebo effects using virtual reality, and moving medical devices from the lab to the marketplace.

Librarians collaborated with school researchers on 51 systematic reviews

The HS/HSL’s Bioinformationist, in partnership with a SON researcher, created a prototype data dashboard. The aim of the dashboard is to assist providers and improve the quality of patient care.

Nature’s Spring Sonata
The Artwork of Maryland’s First Lady, Yumi Hogan

In the Spring, the Weise Gallery showcased the work of Yumi Hogan, Maryland’s First Lady. The exhibit’s opening brought visitors from across the UMB campus as well as Maryland delegates to view the work inspired by Mrs. Hogan’s life and interactions with nature.

MJ Tooey, MLS, AHIP, FMLS, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Executive Director of the Health Sciences and Human Services Library, received the Marcia C. Noyes award, the Medical Library Association’s highest honor.