

Technology to the Rescue --Public Service Improved

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Charles S. Morgan Technical Library

A research collection founded in 1945

- 16,000 books and reports, 200 periodical titles, and various educational media
- All editions of NFPA codes and standards from 1896, proceedings, publications, and videos
- Collection focus on fire research, prevention, and suppression, and the promotion of life and building safety



Library retreat

- Who are our customers
- What are our customers' needs
- What are our service problems
- How can we improve customer service



Who are our customers

NFPA staff

- Engineering, publishing, marketing, research

- NFPA members and general public
 - Fire and building services, lawyers, architects, students, consultants, home owners
- inFIRE
- Other libraries



What do they want

- NFPA codes
- Committee documentation
- Journal articles
- General reference
- Research
- Non-NFPA codes
- Photographs



What impacts good customer service

- Slow, unreliable equipment
- Library catalog on the Web
- Library WebPages
- Library pages on the NFPA Intranet



We started with the FAX machine...





...and our digital projects

- NFPA codes
- NFPA Journal
- Non-NFPA codes



...then moved to the desktop







Library catalog

- Poor records
- Missing records
- Non-existent NFPA records
 - NFPA codes
 - Other agency codes
 - Reports
- Large cataloging backlog
- Old technology

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NFPA Intranet

- NFPA historical codes
- NFPA Journal and indexes 1965-2006
- Outside databases
- Library catalog—protected records

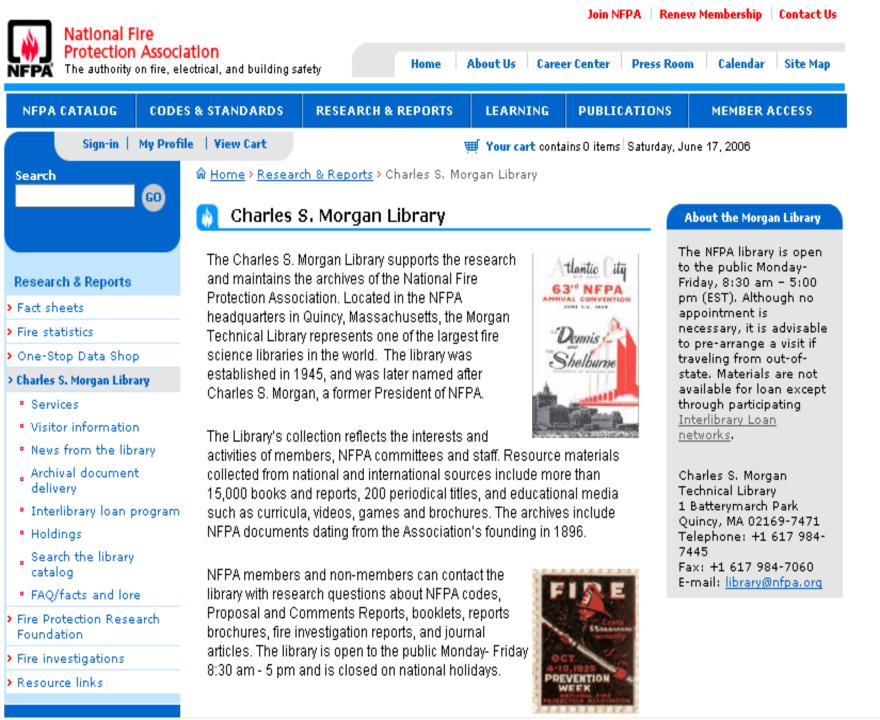
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External WebPages

- Updated pages
- Incorporated images from the Archives
- Added a news section
- Expanded FAQs





Impact of changes

- Faster turnaround
- Better product delivery
- Wider access to resources
- More time to tackle new projects



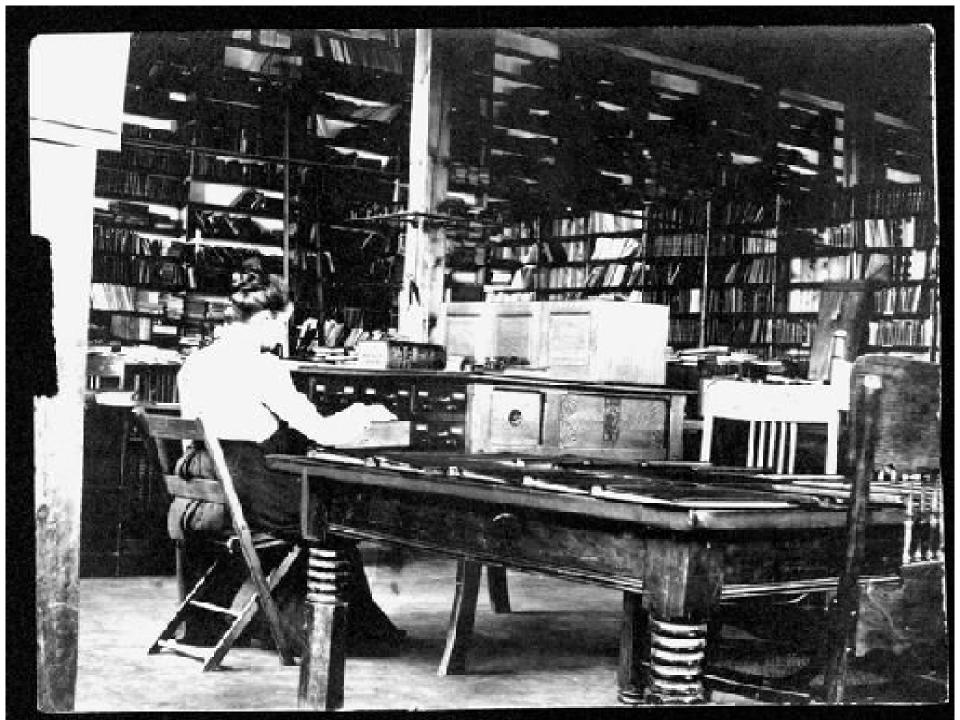
Next steps-New projects

- Digitize ROPs/ROCs
- Research area within the library
- Association-wide image software
- Expand features of library catalog
- Prioritize collections for inclusion into the library catalog
- Tool for measuring customer satisfaction



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