Approximately 40sqm

Comfortable and modular furniture make this space an ideal location to host less formal programming, such as a conversation club, or as space for patrons to independently use technology, wait for upcoming programming or an advising appointment, or continue a conversation that was started during an earlier program.

Mobile shelving, like the curved shelves here, double as room dividers while providing storage for books and other reading materials. Consider turning the shelves around to create a "conversation pod" or a space for independent reading.

Use walls to display bright and colorful graphics or wall shelving for additional storage and display of reading materials or tablets.

A variety of comfortable seating options, including modular lounge seating, tables and chairs, and even ottomans, can be rearranged to accommodate small group or one-on-one conversations.

Flooring helps define this space from the surrounding programming area and is a great way to introduce color into the lounge space. Carpet tiles aid in sound absorption to reduce echo and are easy to install and remove for cleaning or replacement.

9.2m

4.5m

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