# **13.7 Physical Resources**

***The institution ensures adequate physical facilities and resources, both on and off campus, that appropriately serve the needs of the institution’s educational programs, support services, and other mission-related activities.***

The University Library serves students and faculty throughout the Rio Grande Valley and has physical locations on each of the main campuses, Edinburg and Brownsville, and operates two branch locations, Aaronson and Ramirez, for the School of Medicine.

The following chart provides information on the current square footage and seating capacity by location.

**Table 1:**

**University Library – Square Footage and Seating by Location**

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| **Location** | **Square Footage: Stacks and Student Use** | **Square Footage: Staff Offices and Work Areas** | **Seats Available** | **Study Rooms Available** |
| **Aaronson** | 10,185 | 1,484 | 118 | 11 |
| **Brownsville** | 39,374 | N/A | 523 | 16 |
| **Edinburg** | 90,204 | 21,800 | 1,199 | 17 |
| **Ramirez** | 3,453 | 1,083 | 161 | 5 |
| **Total** | **143,217** | **24,367** | **2,001** | **49** |
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The library continuously analyzes space and work flows to provide efficient and excellent services to students and faculty. University Library administration and department heads meet regularly to analyze space and space usage and make plans for adjustments and improvements. During the summer of 2018, the library at Edinburg created a plan for remodeling and reorganizing current spaces to better suit student use. Over the next two years the library will relocate Special Collections, Media Services, and Research & Instructional Services departments to provide a better and more efficient work flow and increase study room spaces for students as part of the annual library assessment plan (Library Assessment Plan 2017-2018).

**Supporting Documentation in Shared Folder**

Library Assessment Plan 2017-2018