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LIBRARY RECONFIGURATION

Reconfiguration of Library Results in Improved Experiences for Students and Faculty this Semester

This summer, we have made numerous improvements to the overall look and feel of the library through reconfiguring the study spaces, improved signage, and new services.

Reorganization of Floors

The main floor is now reserved for collaborative study, a space where students can work in small groups and participate in discussion over coursework.

On this floor, patrons will also find the Writing Center, a free service offering support for students completing writing assignments. Reservations for the

Writing Center can be made on the Library's website.

The second floor is for quiet, independent study. We ask all patrons to be respectful of those around you. All mobile devices should be silenced when in the library.

Students looking for a silent space to study can now utilize the Silent Study Zone, located in the basement. Monitored by a student worker, the space is free from distractions, including mobile devices. Space is available first come first serve.

On the third floor, the Center

for Late 19th Century American Studies, formally known as the Lincoln Library, is now a dedicated faculty study space. Faculty are encouraged to use this as a place for research and academic study. To access the room, please visit the circulation desk.

All of these changes are visible on new library directories and signage located throughout the facility.

New Services for Patrons

A fax machine, located near the circulation desk, is a free service offered to all students.

The machine is for outgoing faxes within the Continental United States only.

The instruction lab in the basement will be converted into a reservable presentation lab available Sunday - Thursday from 6:30 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. This space is the perfect location for students to practice presentations that require the use of a projector.

If you would like to schedule a tour of *your* library to see all of the improvements taking place, please contact Dan Maxwell.

USAGE STATISTICS

Library Sees Increase in Usage During 2013 SmartStart

The library experienced an increase in usage during the 2013 SmartStart session as compared with the same time in 2012. Overall, usage for the first three weeks of SmartStart was at 7,669

compared to 6,538 last year.

The library team has worked extremely hard this summer to create a physical environment that is conducive to student learning and faculty research.

SPORTDISCUS

New Database for Sports & Allied Health

We have added SPORTDiscus to our collection of electronic databases.

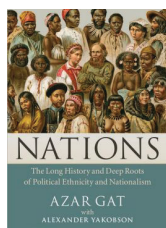
SPORTDiscus is the world's most comprehensive source of full text for sports & sports

medicine journals.

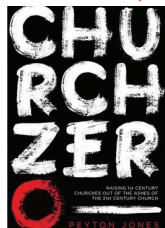
This database is available on the "Browse all databases" link under the "Articles" tab of the library website and in many of the library research guides.

New & Noteworthy

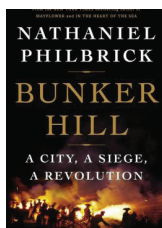
New Reads Available in the McKee Library Collection



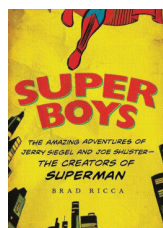
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