

QEII Space Poll Comments

Smoking

- Move the smoking area away from the entrance to the library. It's REALLY disgusting to walk out of the library and met with a face full of smoke. It's hazardous to health and there's no reason why the smoking area cannot be pushed over, away from the doors to the library. The smell from outside can be smelled all the way into the Commons area sometimes, and it's really dangerous for someone with breathing problems, since anywhere from 5-20 people can be out there huddled around the doors, with no courtesy to those going in and out of the library for academic purposes - I go to the library to study, not to be bombarded by second hand smoke.

Space/Seating

- I think that in the MI library, there should be some more space for students to study because sometimes its really hard to find a place to study there ...
- enforce quiet areas
- Have a combination of study tables, comfy chairs, and rooms for groups. Individual study space is nice as well for those who would prefer this
- "More comfortable seating...the old yellow chairs, periodically spread out over the library, should be retired for new ones with new cushions.
- Also, make studying for long periods of time more comfortable for by increasing the heat in the silent reading room as well as in the study rooms. This becomes a serious problem many times as it is down right too cold for comfort (even with sweaters, etc.)"
- quiet space - good lighting - somewhere to rest feet (foot stool)
- Get comfortable seating. Separation of the study areas. Make sure the photocopyers are always working!
- "More comfortable seating in reading room.

- Easier access to computers on floors other than the main floor.
- put in place more tables for students to study and have them placed as far away as possible from the commons where there is always a collection of people waiting and chatting about things other than school work
- Better lighting (although it has improved) and allow beverages other than water in designated study areas. It might also be a good idea to have a water vending machine handy.
- Either get blinds/curtains for the 5th/4th floor carrels by the windows, or set up a larger carrel section that is away from the windows, though I'm not sure where that would be, as the two or three near the silent area are not many and its usually fairly noisy with people talking on the cushioned seat area. Thanks for listening.
- comfy chairs up stairs not all wooden ones !
- more single rooms
- Place more comfy chairs in quiet areas, and make more areas available for group study... twice this past week when myself and 2 other students went to work on a group project, there weren't any study rooms available, and nobody offered any advice as to where we could go, so we wandered into the depths of the basement and found a table. This was not a bad place, but we would never have known about it if we hadn't been wandering
- put in more comfy chairs for reading, please crack down on people who talk too much and too loud and make the commons a little more quiet... right now it's too loud to think about the assignment's one is working on and 4th and 5th year students need quiet work space (more computers would be nice as well)
- Have more comfortable chairs. I spend alot of time sitting at the computers in the Commons because of the comfortable chairs.
- offer mor tables for 4 students behind the stacks
- if you could set up more individual study rooms.

- More large tables for group study. More areas where a little noise is allowed.
- more comfortable and private study areas
- Improved computer and internet access.
- Provide more comfortable chairs and computer outlets (with internet connections).
- More prompt in the Silent Area with people talking and cellphones!!
- Banish CELL phones!!!
- have a bigger non-silent area on floor three for people who actually want to study but dont want complete silence
- Smaller cozier seating areas to study AND wireless internet to allow access to the web with a laptop
- better stapler, better sound insulation in the group study rooms, more of the new larger size corrals and of course a big pat on the back to all the great library staff
- provide more places with outlets for laptops
- comfy chairs to sit in !!!the ones upstairs are hard and wooden it does not allow for students to sit for long periods of time because they are way too uncomfortable
- Rid the library of the third floor gossip/lounge area near the elevator. Please.
- Please create a larger lounge area on the third floor.
- provide comfier chairs, i know it sounds stupid but often times the chairs in the library make it uncomfortable to study , i know that's why i don't go there very often to read, because sitting on those chairs for long periods of time can really get painful.
- if there are more single study rooms available
- Have more computers with word processing and e-mail.
- Create more individual study space.
- "provide a map indicating study areas and their level of privacy.

- Improve the temperature of the cubicles facing out the windows on the 3rd, 4th, and fifth floors.
- more couches like found on the third floor. outside the doors to the silent area there is usually nothing at all! put couches there and tables and people will use it ! thanks, peace love and rock and roll
- "provide more Honours rooms. I am finding that researching at the library is difficult because I have so many things I need to be looking at and the small desks by the windows are not big enough, and the study rooms are only a 3 hour max, not to mention the fact that I do not feel comfortable leaving everything lying around while I attempt to research. More secure sites (i.e individual rooms) are needed.
- "Something should be set up that a student can check in a bookbag or other important items that they don't want to lug around while searching out books and articles, but can't put down for fear of something being stolen. This would be great!! Even some type of storage locker where an individual could lock their things would really improve the whole system."
- provide more comfortable chairs and work to decrease noise in common area.
- no cell phones
- offer more single study rooms
- better lighting
- more private study spaces
- get rid of flourescent lights! also, move photocopier away from study space upstairs, because you can hear that darned thing going from everywhere up there.
- provide more non "silent area" study space, with more tables.
- comfort
- more space!!!!
- Have more study rooms. More individual and group study rooms really need to become available. It is almost impossible during the day to get an

individual study room and incredibly difficult at any time to get a group study room.

- The library should provide more comfortable reading chairs that have a better source of light. Sometimes I have 50 pages of reading to do in a day, and sitting in a wooden chair all that time is really uncomfortable. I would sit in some of the other chairs placed in the quiet areas just before the silent room, however, the light there is very dim thereby making it a poor space for reading. If there were more seating options provided with proper lighting, I think it take some of the stress out of studying for many students.
- Provide more comfortable chairs, when i'm reading I like to relax.
- remove the computers
- more comfortable seating and heating regulation (most times where there is seating besides the silent area its too cold to study in comfort).
- Get more computers!
- softer chairs in a few of the smaller study rooms - and if possible, a foot stool.....I don't mind sitting on a hard chair - If I had somewhere to elevate my feet...maybe this is only a concern for mature students?
- More computer resources
- More large tables to study on.
- turn on the heat! it's cold in the study rooms...
- have more study rooms and take reservations
- more study carrels
- have space near the entrance. I dont feel like having to go up 4 floors and to the back of the building to find a free seat to sit down in and read a book.
- The group study room is too small, it has only a few tables and they are almost always occupied. For the library to become a better work/study place for me this area would have to be big enough for me to actually be able to study there when I need to.
- have areas for groups of people because they make more noise together.

- help to keep the noise down from other rooms, and to maintain that when a group study room is needed, that there is not just one person in a group study room.
- control heating
- "To have better air quality or fresh air.
- Keep the individual study stalls. They are much better for concentrating and especially studying for tests and exams.
- More tables that are not in the silent area, where there would be a little background noise and where we can talk (quietly). Big tables with enough space to spread out all our stuff.
- stop construction on the roof all the time! It gets annoying!!
- provide more couches in quiet area's. And perhaps allow sections of the library where coffee or other beverages other than water are allowed.
- Keep the heat up in the winter!
- more group study rooms/areas
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Noise

- Keep the noise down in this library! If this was a semi-quiet area where there were always people chatting in the background, it would be easy to adjust by selective hearing. Yet I find that many people start up random conversations in the quietest parts of the library which break my concentration every 10 minutes. There needs to be a cap on this, perhaps by specifically stating which areas are quiet and which are not, like the QEII library.
- I love the silent area. The library is great the way it is ... No complaints!
- QUIET!!!
- try to do something to cut down on noise, also please do not let water and other drinks into the library - you guys have no idea how many books are being wrecked due to water
- sound proof the study rooms

- Enforce your noise rules!!! The third floor should be a quiet area. Have the campus patrol kick people out of the silent area for talking. It says on your rules and regulation poster that cellphones are to be used only in areas where there are library telephones. Why are there always people using phones in the Reading Room then? Start enforcing the rules so that people can use the library for the intended purpose of the building.
- Become quieter with less distractions such as renovations. The renovations on the roof took a really long time with lots of noise especially in the single study rooms and produced an awful smell which would make me sick, so I could not even go there to study.
- Ensure the silent area remains silent!
- Make sure I have space to lay out all my stuff and it's quiet!
- to be quieter. The HSL is great for quiet most of the time, but the QEII seems to be more of a social meeting place for students.
- Better enforcement of noise policy
- I would like the individual study rooms to be better monitored. I have frequently noticed that people use their cell phones or have their headphones turned up so that I can hear it in another room. As of lately I've opted to stay at home because of these disturbances.
- Better enforcement of quiet rules. People talk on their cell phones and to each other.
- For the third floor to be monitored for noise level. Some students (especially around exam time) use it more of a social area than part of a library. If you want to socialize go to a bar.
- Inform people that even if their cell phones are on vibrate, if they leave them on the table it still makes a loud distracting noise.
- "enforce what the signs say 'quiet area!' people don't pay attention to this
- cell phones, loud talking etc"
- make sure designated quiet areas are kept that way.... a lot of these areas are filled with people chatting

- Have more security patrols in the study areas other than the reading room such as Gov.Docs.and along the windows. There is a lot of chatting and eating (the chewing noises are very annoying not to mention the rodents the crumbs will attract) in these areas. People seem to forget there are people studying around the bookstacks and they talk as if they were outside.
- I was doing some last minute study for a midterm last weekend and the noise was unbearable. The noise from the lower level is very loud upstairs. I couldn't study there, I had to move to another building.
- You already do a pretty good job. But more patrol of Campus Enforcement officers in the quiet areas of the library would be helpful; it's often surprisingly noisy. Or even just more signs specifically stating not to talk in this area.
- Become more quiet!!! Especially at the QE2!!! it is very loud there at times
- The third floor is way too loud in the "social" area. People shouldn't be allowed to hang out and chat in the library; that's not what a library is for.
- cell phones not ringing in the silent area
- keep down the background noise, i.e. whispering, cell phone ringing, walking up and down the stairs in the silent area.
- to be more quiet. Everybody goes to the library not to study, but to talk and it is very frustrating when you are trying to study. Obviously no talking signs are not enough!!
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Hours

- Have more working hours, ie. the library should open before 1:00pm on sundays and be open longer than 9:45pm
- Extending the hours at the Music Resource Centre. Why isn't the library open on Saturday afternoons and open on more week nights???
- Extended hours (at least to 1 am)and wireless internet capabilities.

- Extend library hours, especially on the weekends.
- longer open hours
- Increased hours, such as being open in the mornings on the Saturdays and Sundays.
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Food

- Serve coffee!!
- is to have a food and drinking area, possibly with some vending machines around.
- Provide better security for my belongings in the study areas.
- Number one would be to crack down on the cell phone use throughout the library. I am shocked at the ignorance of some who use their cells anywhere they please and the lack of policing by staff to prevent it. Also, unlike other universities, MUN does not really have any quiet areas for students to study and have a coffee? I have attended two other universities and the lack of seating and these spaces for students to sit quietly, enjoy a coffee and read/study is unbelievable. Our tuition is high enough to have somewhere to sit and study! There are students scattered throughout the halls sitting on the floors everywhere! I understand that coffee and books don't usually go well together, despite the fact that the majority of University libraries do have coffee shops (UNB for one, provided its in a covered mug). Overall, the QEII is a good library!
- Provide study rooms that you can eat/drink in!!!!'
- have a cafeteria/ eating area
- Have a designated room where you can study and eat lunch in quiet!
- Have a site to eat/ drink coffee
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Miscellaneous

- I think the QEII library is currently a great place to study. It is good to see the new improvements, I hope to see the library to keep improving.
- Also, the library should bound the Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (JOPERD), microform is too inconvenient and expensive to photocopy."
- More staff at the help desk, other than that no major problems! :o)
- be more user friendly
- Nothing to serious to change.
- Offer more help with using the database and finding information for research papers.
- Nothing.
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