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New Fenwick Library – News and Updates for Fall 2016

Pick Your Spot, Extended Study Hours, Argo Tea Café, and More Renovations

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The University Libraries is excited to welcome everyone back for the Fall 2016 semester! With the opening of the new Argo Tea Café in the lobby earlier this month, the Fenwick Library expansion is complete. Our new Fenwick lobby study area will operate with extended hours from August 29 through December 19 during the fall semester (with some exceptions), and from January 23 through May 17 during the spring semester.



Photo appears courtesy of Anton Grass/Esto, Shepley Bulfinch

Since the opening of the new Fenwick in Spring 2016, library staff have observed and assessed our new spaces and how they are being used, in an effort to understand and accommodate the range of student and faculty needs. As a result of this assessment, and based on student feedback, the decision was made to designate three different zones within Fenwick to help facilitate both quiet study and collaboration.

Pick Your Spot operates on the principle of think globally, act locally. Please be on the lookout for the new signs and pick up a flier in the lobby for further details. The three new zones are:



Active – Conversation and Collaboration

Quiet – Brief Conversation. Silence Phones.

Silent – No Talking. Silence Phones.

In addition, the entire 5th floor of Fenwick Library has been designated as the Graduate Study Zone.

Renovations are ongoing in the old Fenwick building. Currently, the second floor is undergoing updates to house the new Music section in Section B and the new Digital Scholarship Center in Section C.

Fenwick Study Lounge Extended Hours

Sunday
Opens at 9:00am

Monday – Thursday
24 hours

Friday
12:00am – 10:00pm

Saturday
9:00am – 10:00pm

The George Mason University Libraries Digital Scholarship Center is to address the interdisciplinary teaching and learning needs of digital scholarship by providing digital research support in the areas of: creating, finding, and using data; data management and curation; geographical information systems (GIS); digital scholarship (humanities, social sciences, and sciences); digital projects planning and management; and related scholarly communication issues for George Mason University students, staff, and faculty.

In addition to the Digital Scholarship Center, Section C will display portraits of the University's presidents and rectors, former and current. The Music area in Section B will house the libraries' music collection, as well as include additional study and service stations. The renovated areas are expected to open later this fall.

During 2015-2016, Fenwick Library welcomed some 450,000 visitors, a 33% increase over the 2014-2015 academic year, a direct result of the new facilities. On the Fairfax campuses, the Fenwick and Gateway Libraries welcomed nearly 900,000 patrons in 2015-2016. We look forward to continuing to serve the Mason community in 2016-2017 and hope you visit us soon!

Argo Tea Café Hours

Monday – Thursday
6:00am – 11:00pm

Friday
6:00am – 10:00pm

Saturday
9:00am – 10:00pm

Sunday
9:00am – 11:00pm

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