

# Wanted: Student Input for Redesigned Library Space

Using the Experts in your own  
backyard

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## Journey begins in Summer 2006

- Provost agrees to replace worn carpet on first floor.
- WVLA program by Ohio University & Georgia Tech about their commons. (Fall 2006)
- Evansdale Library folks visit Ohio University's Information Commons. (Spring 2007)
- Carpet put on hold so we can propose redesign of first floor, with a café.



In the meantime.....

- **Work with Dr. Cindy Beacham, Interior Design Program Chair, Davis College.**
- **Do a preliminary student survey.**
- **Select questions and set up focus groups, with Dr. Beacham as facilitator.**



## Quick survey April/May 2008

- **Abbreviated questions:**
  1. **How would you like the interior to look?**
  2. **What kind of technologies would you like?**
  3. **What is your overall feeling for Evandale Library?**
  4. **Do you have further comments or suggestions about how we can improve the library environment?**



## Focus Group Questions, Oct 2008

- How do you currently use the library?
- What would you suggest to improve the current library and make it more usable and enticing for you?
- What characteristics would you like to see in a facility that would become the “heart” of the Evansdale campus?



## Available space/interior suggestions

- Need coffee shop (like DCL and HSL).
- **More individual space.**
- More circular tables w/five chairs for study groups. **More group space and study rooms.**
- Better lighting, **deeper color.**
- **More comfortable seating.**
- **More social areas.**
- Better cubical spacing for privacy.
- **Change the carpets.**
- Library fine as it is.

# Technologies suggestions

- More headphones on desktops.
- CADD installed for fashion majors since it is nowhere else on campus.
- **More desktop** and laptop computers.
- Ipods, MP3 players.
- Matlab, Autocad, Java Compiler.
- Photoshop.
- Modern audio visual set.
- Projectors in study rooms.
- **Wireless connection just outside the library.**

# Overall feeling about the building

- Good study atmosphere
- Kind of blah
- Better than the DCL
- Feels like home
- A bit cold
- Prefer downtown because there is more space between students
- Needs a café
- Spacious with lots of material
- Workers are nicer than DCL
- Not as crowded as DCL
- Good book/mag selection
- Better than DCL for studying and parking
- Happy with plants
- Need more artwork
- Better use of underused areas
- Need change available after midnight
- Quiet place to study
- Adequate social space and study rooms
- Need remodeling on ground floor
- Don't know since I don't study here





# Comments and suggestions section

- Study tables outside during nice weather
- Better interior
- Café or cafeteria
- Move items from Mircoforms room and put in more computers
- WVU ID card reader in vending area
- Better adherence to cell phone policy
- Small study room with comfortable seating, table and white board
- Better colors