

## Library Survey Summary Spring 2008

There were 179 responses to the survey which was administered by faculty members in a cross-section of classes. Of the 179 students surveyed, 12 indicated that they have never been in the library or do not use it.

Survey questions and responses:

**Please list one thing that you like about the library facilities.**

Of the 179 responses, 47 indicated that the availability of computers for student use was important. There were 30 comments about the quiet atmosphere. Other positive responses were the opportunity to do research (13), the amount of room to work (13), and the natural light from the windows (9).

**Please list one thing that you do not like about the library facilities.**

There were 20 comments about the staff of the library in this category, ranging from “they aren’t very friendly” to “sometimes I feel unwelcome or a burden.” The hours of operation and the seating were each listed 12 times. Other negative responses were the difficulty of finding materials (11), the lack of private study areas (11), and the shortage of novels or other recreational reading materials (8).

**Please prioritize what you feel needs updating in the library (1 = most important, 8 = least important).**

The priorities listed below are ranked according to the number of responses 1 through 4 on the scale:

1. new seating (108)
2. quiet study areas (97)
3. heat and air conditioner control (97)
4. group study areas (91)
5. window shades or tinting (71)
6. better lighting(71)
7. new carpet (67)
8. new paint (54)

**Tell us about yourself: Traditional student (T) Non Traditional Student (NT)**

Responses: 138 Traditional; 32 Non Traditional; 9 Did not respond.

**Do you use the library at night? Yes (Y) or No (N)**

Responses: 55 Yes; 122 No; 2 Did not respond. Of the Non-traditional students responding, 13 (40%) indicated that they use the library at night.

**Do you use the library on weekends? Yes (Y) or No (N)**

Responses: 49 Yes; 128 No; 2 Did not respond. Of the non-traditional students responding, 10 (31%) indicated that use the library on weekends. Comments from the second question in the survey also addressed this issue. For example, one comment was "It should be open later at night. It should be open more on the weekends" and another was "Need to be open more – Saturdays."

**Do you use the library for studying? Yes (Y) or No (N)**

Responses: 113 Yes; 61 No; 5 Did not respond.

**Do you use the library for the computer lab? Yes (Y) or No (N)**

Responses: 127 Yes; 50 No; 2 Did not respond

**Do you use the library for research? Yes (Y) or No (N)**

Responses: 138 Yes; 40 No; 1 Did not respond