

LIBRARY

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The Library, located on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Learning Resource Center, is open over 100 hours per week during the fall and spring semesters. Users will find a variety of spaces to meet their needs including collaborative areas with mobile whiteboards and large digital displays, carrels for independent study, tables with ample space to spread out, lounge chairs with built-in desks, and comfortable café-style seating.

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