The Social Learning Environment – Service Meetin Space at Wintec

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Is this how students see us?

What do we need to do?

Just as libraries have historically provided reading rooms for users to access and work with print collections, they now provide common spaces for them to access and work with digital collections.[1]

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Tackling the Challenge

- How well do we support social learning and promote collaborative work?
- How flexible is space design?
- Are users inspired by their surroundings?
- Are we replicating others areas or offering something unique?
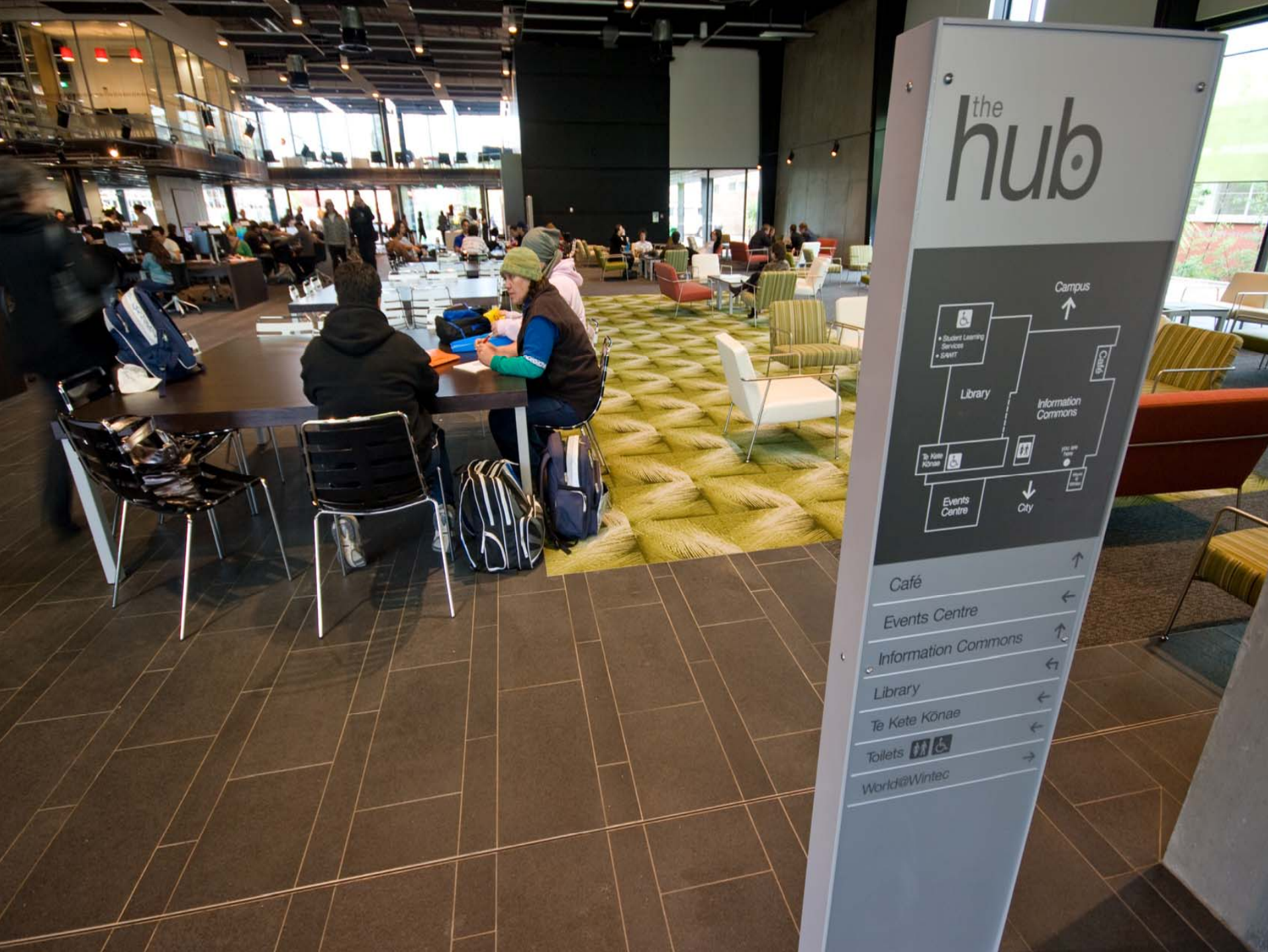- Are we offering social experiences that blend communication and learning?

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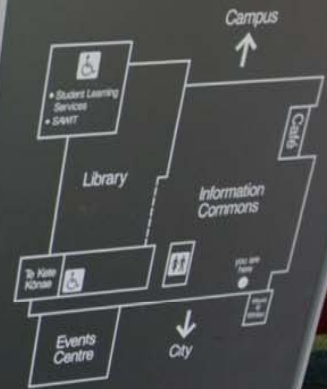Te Kuratini o Waikato

Out of the Mouths - 1

Libraries are too quiet. My thought process needs music or noise … so libraries cramp my style.[2]

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Out of the Mouths - 2

I'm too fidgety for libraries … and they tend to be cold and disrupt my thought processes …

And they are full of information I can never find.[2]

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student helpdesk

Out of the Mouths - 3

A library is a place that is cold and kind of scary. It is freezing and rather easy to get lost in, especially the first few times.[2]

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Out of the Mouths - 4

The library holds a lot of information but none of it will you find because it's hidden and categorized in weird ways. The only ones who truly understand the library are the librarians.[2]

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Out of the Mouths - 5

Now in college … I hardly use the library. I feel the Internet is way more convenient and there are so many resources on the Web.[2]

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Out of the Mouths - 6

Get more current information and new books in there.[3]

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Out of the Mouths - 7

Don't direct everyone to the card catalog … get up and help them.[3]

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Out of the Mouths - 8

Let us eat and drink in the library … or at least designated study areas instead of no food or drink anywhere

Update the look a little so it's easier to find things other than the tape on the floor

Get a snack bar [3]

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So, What Does this All Add Up To?

What has been created in the library of the twenty-first century is an information environment that is responding to users' comments and offering them complex social learning space that is functional, sophisticated, challenging, convenient and dynamic.

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