



The Library Cube Renovation. Summer 2014.

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Possible Renovation: Pardon our Dust Jacket

by Amy Filiatreau

Lynn's library is one of the most heavily trafficked buildings on campus, with 3,000-3,500 visitors in an average week. Our computers are nearly at capacity, with about 80-85% of them in use at any given time. But it was built in the mid-90s, and looks much the same now as it did then. Aside from minor updates, the furniture and fixtures are dated. The building is beautiful, but needs an upgrade to serve the needs of our diverse and growing community. So we're excited about the possibility of an upcoming renovation to improve our spaces!

April 12-15, three architects from Gensler met with stakeholders from all over campus to talk about what we need in a proposed library renovation. They met with students, faculty, library staff, administration, IT, security, and others, to brainstorm ideas for a renovated library.

These are some of the commonly expressed needs:

- Flexible spaces, furniture, and lighting—a mix of task seating and soft seating, banquette seating,

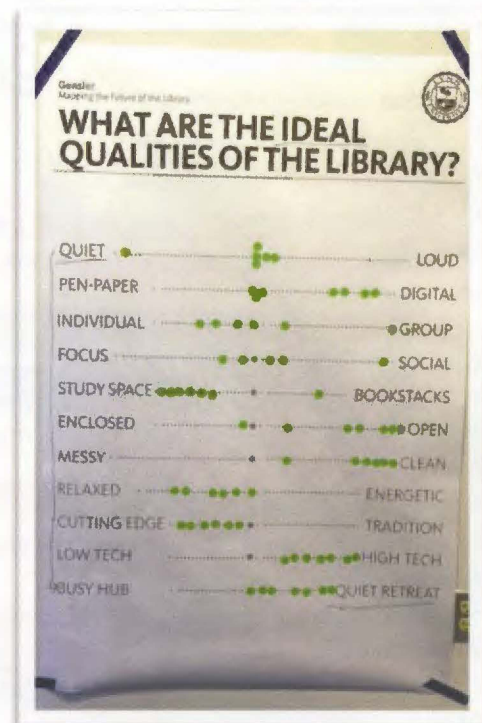
private carrels, sofas, and softer lighting options

- Consistently quiet space
- More technology (Macs, PCs, flat screens, interactive technologies) and more seating.
- Study rooms to accommodate collaborative study and group projects
- Better way finding and signage
- A more prominent presence for technology help

The architects heard many different voices, and they'll be putting all their feedback together and coming up with concepts for design sometime in the next few weeks.

WE WANT FACULTY FEEDBACK

We welcome faculty feedback on this important project! Let us know what you think the library should look like, and how it should function. Send comments to me at afiliatreau@lynn.edu.



An example of one of the exercises our student focus group did with the architects, marking what they thought the "ideal" library might be.

WORD @ THE LIBRARY

During National Library Week, we asked students who visited the library to finish this sentence:

"I Love my Library because..."

"...it provides me with awesome resources!"

"...because of the great resources and staff."

"...of the amazing staff members that work there. They are always helpful, and great to talk to all the time"

"...it is relaxing, quiet, and clean."

"...of all the resources, and [being] able to concentrate better than [in] my room."

"...it is a great place to study and work."

"...the 2nd floor is quiet, and open late too."

"...the library staff are so friendly and helpful! Amazing!"

"...of all of the computers and Internet access. Also, it is open on the weekends."

"...it's really beautiful and you have it...organized. It's not boring."

"...all the wonderful library staff."

"...it allows solace in my studies."

"...I got help from [the] Librarian."

"...the printing is perfect."

"...[of the] fast computers, convenience, and easy printing"

"...it reminds of back home, where I can relax and have quality time for myself."

"...the 2nd floor provides me with the isolation and peace I need to do my homework."

"...of all the great events."

"...of the later hours. Plus, I use it to do research."

"...all the talented staff that help students every day."

"...the staff are very supportive and helpful to all students"

Here are some of the funnier replies:

"...I spent ten years of my life here."

"...all the free books."

"...I like it a lot."

"...it's fun.☺"

"...it looks cool."

"...it's the only printer I know how to use."

Lynn University's Music Library

by Tsukasa Cherkaoui

My coworker once told me that I had conceived the music library at Lynn University. I thought the word "conceived" was an exaggeration. But it turns out that it may be true after all.

Lynn University adopted the music program from the Harid Conservatory in 1999, but the operation of the music program remained at the conservatory at that time. However, in 2013, the university welcomed the Conservatory of Music onto campus. The faculty offices, instruments, and equipment were all relocated to the de Hoernle Residence Hall, but the music library was left behind.

That's where I came in.

In the age of digital information, librarians constantly ask, "What is a library?" My personal view of a library is a place—a room—in a 19th century mansion where a butler tells arriving guests to await their host. The library in these old private mansions typically had a collection that was practical and useful to its residents. Therefore, being practical and useful became guiding concepts in the development of a music library.



Note the empty shelf space. Summer 2008.

Above all else, I asked the Conservatory faculty what they wanted in the music library. They provided list after list of the music titles they wanted purchased.

I was spending thousands of dollars every week. (I lost a desire to buy anything for a while because of this spending madness.) I was also frantically cataloging, in order to make the purchased items immediately available to the music students and faculty.

It was frustrating at first to tell music students, "No, we don't have that." That happens far less now. These days, I accompany a music student to a shelf and conjure a desired music score as if it's magic.

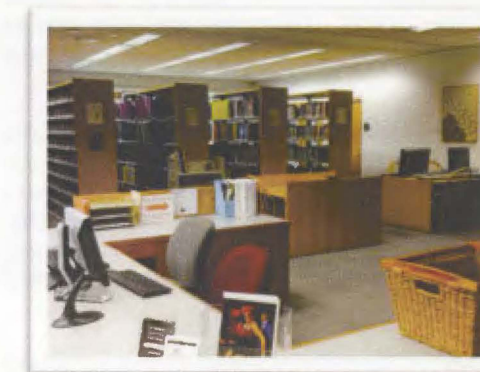
The Music Library at Lynn University currently holds 1,600 books, 6,400 scores, 4,000 CDs, and 448 DVDs. I may have conceived it, but it has expansively grown because of the collaboration between music students and their faculty.



Music Library Fall 2015. Photo credit: Mattie Alrod.

When I started at this position, I was told to build a music library. I considered how lucky I was. It was a rare opportunity that few librarians are afforded.

The Music Library holds a special place in my heart, and I would like to extend an invitation to the Lynn community for a visit to explore the vast resources we have compiled since its inception—all of which are practical and useful.



Music Library Fall 2015. Photo credit: Mattie Alrod.

Let the Library Help You Enhance Your Courses

by Leecy Barnett

Even though the semester is winding down, sooner than you imagine, you will need to start preparing your courses for the Fall.

Maybe you are teaching a new course, moving an existing course to the iTunes U platform, or writing an iBook for a course you have been teaching for years.

Whatever your situation, the library can help you find quality content to supplement what you already have. Need an additional reading that speaks to a specific subject?

The library has hundreds of thousands of online articles that range from highly technical to historical (every issue of the New York Times from 1851 on) to opinion pieces and foreign news.

Also, through Films on Demand and other streaming video services, we have a wealth of videos that may highlight your course of study.

Lynn's librarians are eager to help you find the resources you need, and to assist you in linking them to your course materials.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP, CONTACT ME...

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Subjects Guides – Targeted Searching

by Alison Leonard

Tell your students about a new resource on the Library's homepage—the Subject Guides link. Subject Guides highlight the best books, databases for articles, and websites on a given topic in one central location.

It makes it easy to search for the best resources when conducting research or writing a paper. We are currently developing Subject Guides for just about every degree offered at Lynn University.

Please take some time to peruse a guide in your field, and share your thoughts and suggestions with me at aleonard@lynn.edu or x7071.

If there are guides that you think should be included, just let us know. We welcome your input. And please, do not forget to share this great resource with your students.

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The Complete Recap to the Library's Spring Events

by Sabine Dantus

Since April 2014, the library's primary concern has been to spread more awareness of its mission and vision to the greater Lynn University community. There was a lack of visibility and awareness of our resources and staff, so we endeavored to be more involved in campus-wide events.

Additionally, sponsoring in-library events for students, faculty, and staff grew in focus. This year has been a busy one for programs, and we are proud of our achievements and partnerships with various academic and support departments.



Here is a brief recap of our library-sponsored events this past semester:

- We celebrated Black History Month by sponsoring the student poetry club, Blue Notez, for an open mic night at the library.
- We had a timely discussion titled *The Role of the Criminal Justice System in Sustaining Racial Inequality* with Dr. Karen Casey.
- We held our 1st Annual Japanese Tea Ceremony Demonstration, which allowed students to observe the time-honored Japanese tradition of preparing and serving green tea.
- We launched our new workshop series of hands-on sessions, InfoShop @ the Library, which included the following classes: General iPad; Keynote; Inspiration Maps; Notability; MLA style; APA style; and research strategies.
- We had a film and discussion on same-sex marriage with a screening of *The Case of Against 8* with Dr. Lynn Ramert. The film allowed students to take an inside look at the groundbreaking Supreme Court case that overturned Proposition 8—California's ban on same-sex marriage.
- During the course of the semester, we allowed our library space to be used to demonstrate cultural activities like Religious & Spiritual Life's Mandala Sand Painting, and by teaming up with the Women's Center to raise awareness of National Sexual Assault Month.
- The Lynn Library also teamed up with International Student Services to bring you Mocktails & Stories during Celebration of Nations Week. Students shared short stories from their home countries or experiences from abroad while enjoying a refreshing mocktail and had a chance to win an Apple TV!
- We co-sponsored the Published Faculty Reception with Academic Affairs, celebrating published faculty at Lynn University.
- During National Library Week (April 12-18th), we kicked off the celebration on by showcasing a student exhibition of authentic Titanic artifacts by Hunter Landau, as part of his senior seminar with Dr. Robert Watson. We also hosted an edible books contest, where the community voted on their favorite edible treat based on a book. Library Where You Are was launched: a spring outreach initiative about four weeks before finals where every Wednesday an information booth is set up at various spots on campus to encourage students to stop by the library. We also had our first ever Free Comic Book Day so students could discover the amazing world of comics, graphic novels, and manga! To conclude the week, we had an I Love My Library/Librarian day where students wrote down what they liked most about the Lynn Library and its staff.

We look forward to continuing our successful collaboration with professors, staff, and students to support the library's student-centered mission, bringing awareness to the Lynn Library and its innumerable resources.

STRESS-FREE ZONE
@ The Library during Finals

Monday, May 11th – Friday, May 15th

During Finals the Library will be transformed into a stress-free zone. Every day we will provide some form of stress relief at the Library from coffee breaks, research help, and study break zone complete with snacks!