Towards An Enhanced Learning Commons Ideal at Dartmouth College

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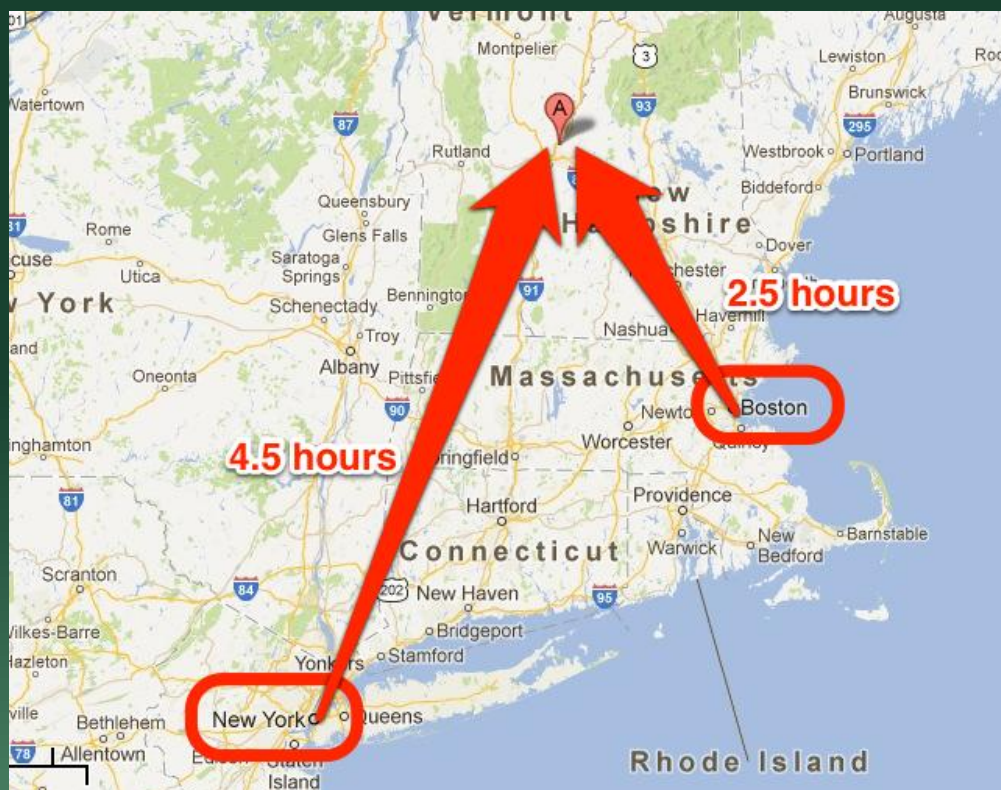
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- Many study and learning areas for students and faculty.

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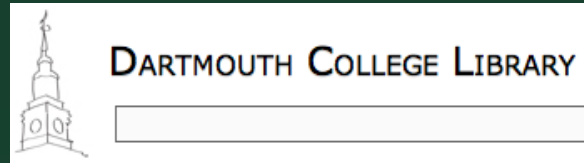- Evans Map Room
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DARTMOUTH COLLEGE LIBRARY

Computing at Dartmouth

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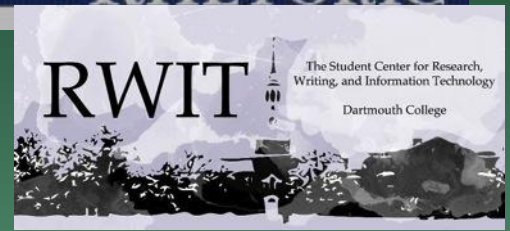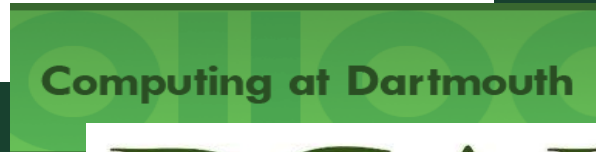
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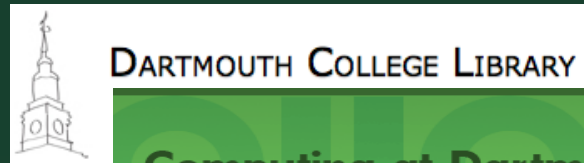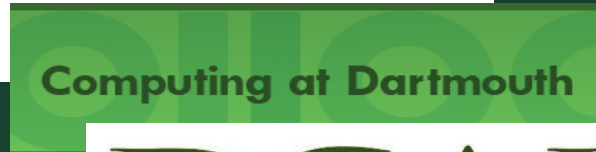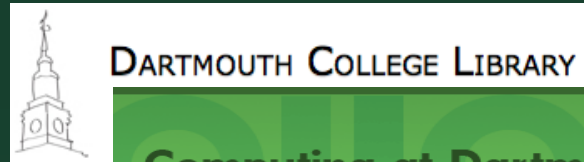- First-Year Deans and Undergraduate Advising

Baker-Berry Library Today

- Collections
  - 2.65 million print books
  - 639,000 electronic books
  - 80,000 digital journals and databases
  - 29,000 films and videos
  - 193,000 maps
  - 39,000 sound recordings
  - 462,000 photographs
  - 27,000 linear feet of manuscripts and archives
- Open 114 hours/week
- 10,000 people passing in and out during peak periods

Libraries Today

- From a place of "things" to a place of "action"
- Desktops→Laptops→Mobile computing
- Working individually→Working collaboratively

Libraries Today

But are we keeping up with these changes?

Are our facilities adapting to these changes?

Learning Spaces Study Group (LSSG, 2008)

- Assess current usage
- Identifying changes needed to enable the libraries to continue to support teach and learning spaces within the libraries

Assessing Current Usage

- Association of Research Libraries [ARL] LibQUAL+ Survey, 2003 and 2008

- Provost's Library Review 2007

- Walk-in facility survey Fall 2009

- Open feedback board

- Focus groups with library staff

Identified Needs

- greater access to group study space

- more quiet individual workspace

- more opportunity for faculty/student interaction

- more flexible technology-enabled teaching and learning spaces

Targeted Areas for Improvement

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Baker Main Hall Recommendations

Create a variety of seating areas: **comfortable** "soft and low" areas, with rugs and floor lamps that provide a **home-like** feel; and "high table" areas for informal **group work** that still preserve the ability to look out upon the beautiful views of the campus green through the large library windows. Better support for **mobile** technology users.

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Future Possibilities

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- Writeable surfaces

Berry News Center Recommendations

Install a coffee bar and convert the room to a space for new **social interaction** and to support programming activities that take place in the CPR, such as afternoon readings or research talks by faculty or senior scholars.

Maintain the television displays for news and provide a few small café tables and chairs.

Bring a part of the library collection into the space by highlighting new books or displaying the works of **faculty authors**.

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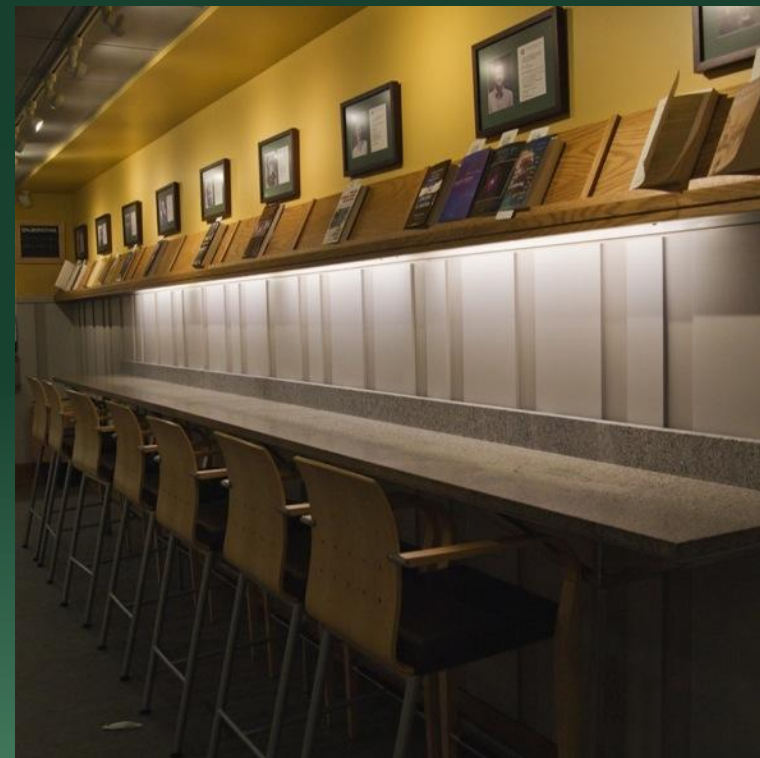
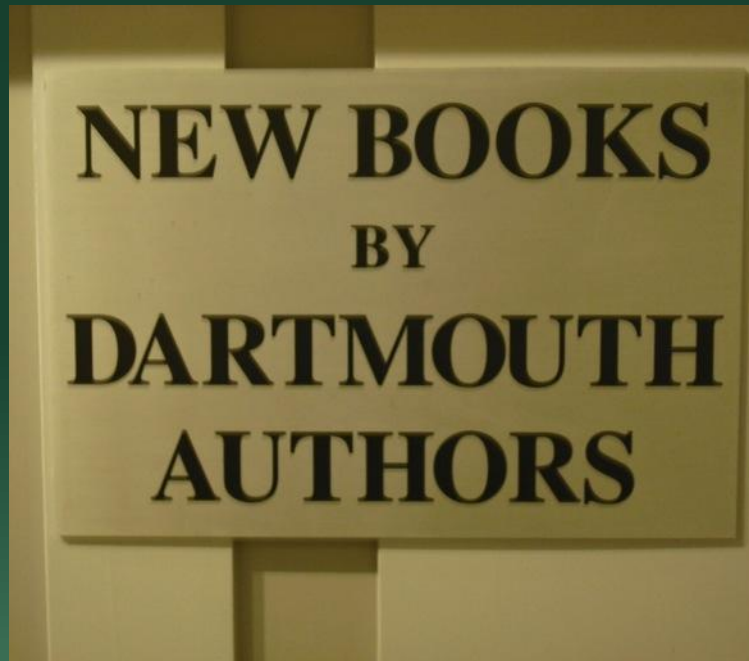# Berry News Center Outcomes

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Future Possibilities

- The success of King Arthur Flour may eventually require a minor expansion of the café

Berry Level One Recommendations

Install the new combined Berry Information and Reference Desk adjacent to the stairwell that serves as the primary security point for the north exit of the library.

Establish a 'productivity area' on the floor, bringing together scanners, copiers, and printers in one location for easier use and access by students.

Expand the number of group study areas by bringing in freestanding glass walls, white boards, and additional power.

Improve and increase the number of comfortable and attractive seating in the area.

Berry Level One Outcomes—Info & Ref Desk

Information Desk - Before

Reference Desk - Before

Berry Level One Outcomes—Info & Ref Desk

Combined Information and Reference Desk

- After

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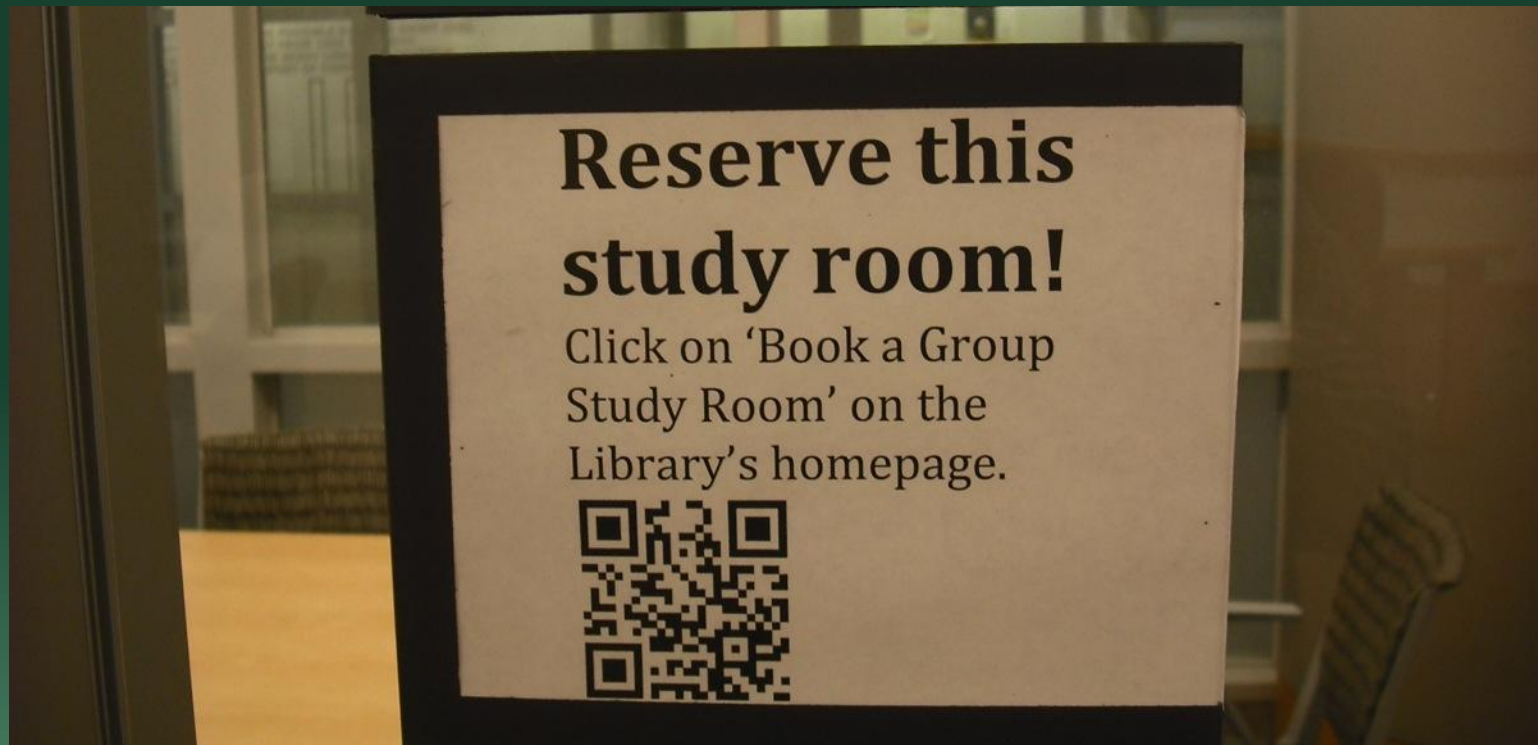
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Reserve this study room!
Click on 'Book a Group Study Room' on the Library's homepage.

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Future Possibilities

- New seating throughout the area
- Freestanding writeable surfaces for ad hoc group study

Orozco Room Recommendations

- Open up space for two groupings of **comfortable lounge seating** with floor lamps. These could provide small informal spaces for group work, a comfortable resting spot for visitors viewing the murals, and an attractive element that will bring students into the hall.

- **Improve** the overall **lighting** of the room, with better overhead lighting, additional wall lighting to enhance the murals, and reading lamps on the tables.

- Improve the electrical system to accommodate students needing power to work for long periods on their computers.

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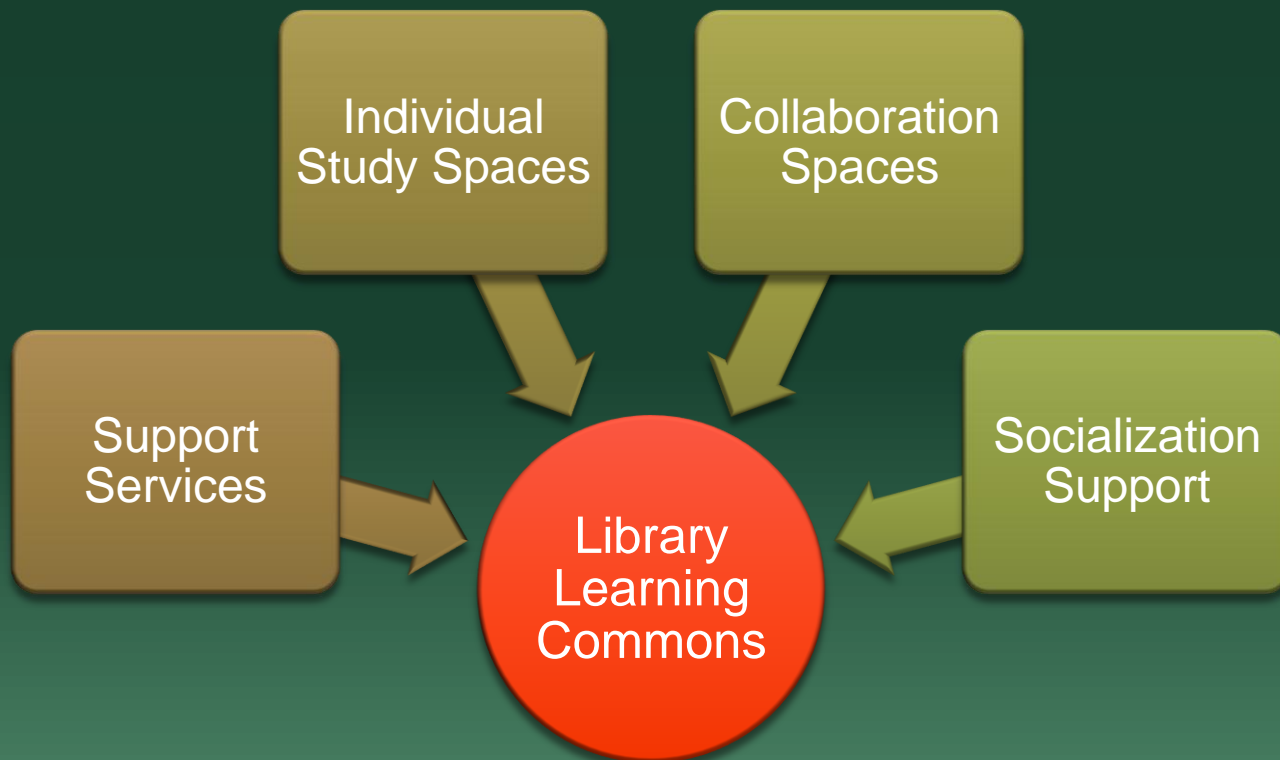
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Conclusion

Individual Study Spaces

Collaboration Spaces

Support Services

Socialization Support

Library Learning Commons

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Assess

Adapt

Evolve