

textResponse: For the guest/community computer service: Please update the computers to accept the most recent in Adobe Flash Players to access YouTube. For the printing aspect of the guest/community computer service: Please look into setting up Falcon accounts for community users so that we could print information from the terminal. We would gladly pay a fee for updated computer networking, Adobe updates and printing privileges.

textResponse: The library needs better and more facilities for studying and work. Also needs better hours. The environment is pretty suffocating.

textResponse: I wish you brought back the glass group rooms instead of having them be reserved study sections. There is no place for groups to work in an area that isn't interrupting anyone and that can block out noises.

textResponse: Overall, I am satisfied with the Library services. If I could make one suggestion for enhancement, it would be to create a browsable database for all media, specifically digital and video media. Currently, it is impossible to see what options exist in the Student Technology Services because there is not way to browse the selection. The only way to find out if the Library has a certain DVD is to manually search for it. I had to watch a DVD for Spanish class, but could not find it because the Library only categorized the title by its English name. If there was a way to browse the database visually, I could have easily found it.

textResponse: They should have many more articles on an online database that we can access from our laptops.

textResponse: I would really really really appreciate computers WITHOUT internet access on them and WITH PRINTING and also computers with internet access limited to articles limited to journals and databases. The open internet is the BIGGEST waste of my time and I hate it when I get distracted by reading news sites or celebrity gossip or anything else that I do to occupy my time other than what I am doing.

Also, I would love to have multiple entrances to the library available for use besides the front entrance. I understand that there is an attempt to control library material but this would make the library much more convenient.

How do you guys feel about a couch?

Also, could the reference desk have extra sets of headphones that students could check-out for a period of time? I originally hoped that ATS would have these but that would be ineffective since ATS closes at 5.

Can we please get an employee at ATS on weekends? I'm so befuddled why we can't borrow movies on weekends! And borrowing them for a week (unless on hold) would be excellent too, especially (and maybe you could just make an exception for these) if you are watching a TV show with multiple episodes.

textResponse: location and size is the main problem as a first-year student. It would be nicer if our library expands and gets bigger or make a branch library somewhere opposite side of the campus

textResponse: new chairs would be nice, the break tables with puzzles and legos are a good idea.

textResponse: Chairs with better posture would be nice..

textResponse: I strongly dislike the individual cubicles in the study rooms on the ground floor. A majority of my classes require group work and there are not a lot of places on campus for a group to work in a quiet environment while being able to talk quietly amongst themselves. There are so many single cubicles open throughout the library, I didn't think it was necessary.

textResponse: There needs to be an area where people can talk, but they really need to more strictly enforce the silent floor rules for those of us who are there to study and not to socialize.

Also, this year the glass cubicles have been taken up by reserved desks- is there any way to leave these for group meetings again? I find it difficult for group meetings to take place in the library because there are no contained areas where light talking is acceptable.

I wish there was more inviting seating through out the books stacks rather than cold study cubicles.

textResponse: would like more of electronic journal articles available without interlibrary loan step.

textResponse: It would be nice if the book detectors did not go off even when I am not taking any library books out from the library. I have been stopped quite a few times and it has been very frustrating.

textResponse: Although there are a nice amount of desks to use in the library, it can still get pretty crowded. On another note, I really appreciate the library's artist books collection, but I wish there was better access to them! Having them all digitized would be amazing.

In addition, will it ever come to be that there will be a browse-able DVD/Media library?? That would be wonderful!

textResponse: I would love to see more art works and small instalations in the library by the students of Messiah.

textResponse: One of the biggest issues I have with doing work at the library is the times that are chosen to clean. There have been many instances where I am in there doing research downstairs and the staff is vacuuming. I understand that there may not be many other opportunities to do so, but in the middle of a weekday when many students are trying to take advantage of the quiet, a running vacuum is not conducive to studying/researching.

color copier would be nice...

textResponse: It would be nice if the writing center was IN the library- more people would use it and it would be more readily available

textResponse: I find it difficult to do group work in the library, as study rooms are limited, and right now they are filled with desks for independent study. I feel that students would greatly benefit from more spaces to do group work.

textResponse: At times I would like to browse through the DVD and video collections and, to the best of my knowledge, this is impossible. Patrons are not allowed into those stacks. I know of no way to pull up an inventory of the collection. I don't have cable and heavily use library collections for home entertainment. I never know what I'd be interested in watching. I like to browse in public libraries and wish I could do this in the college library. Looking at a print-out-type list is one thing. Being able to let a cover catch my attention and read the information contained on it is another.

textResponse: Please don't make it noisy on the top...sound will travel down. We're aware other colleges have this library feature, but unless ours is constructed to block noise I do not think making the top level partially noisy is a good idea.

textResponse: It would be nice if there was a three-hole punch for papers available. It is really critical for staying organized, and many college students did not bring one with them to college

Also, the last time I looked which was last semester, you didn't have commonly read Christian books such as Crazy Love and Radical on your shelves. Yes I could order it through another library, but for the popularity of those books and the number I see floating around campus, it's definitely something worth placing on the shelves if you haven't already. The library should seek to go beyond academia and also be available for leisure reading, especially when it comes to spirituality and leisure reading.

When it comes to books on the main stacks, many seem outdated and I have trouble finding recent books on the main stacks regarding computers.

textResponse: Many of the books seem outdated, and often I have to request many contemporary books from other libraries. This can be somewhat frustrating when I am conducting research.

leave the library at midnight to go to the union to study and then are kicked out of there at 1 am. It would be nice if they could stay in one location.

textResponse: I am very satisfied with the calm atmosphere in which to work and study in the Murray Library. Keep up the good work.

textResponse: I would like to see some more modern music for organ or piano stuff in the music listening room.

There is an overall atmosphere of studying, but the library could do with a few more nooks and crannies to study in.

My only complaints about the library would be there are not many private study areas and sometimes the books are a little outdated. I don't usually study there because I feel too out in the open.

textResponse: I understand the quiet level and the more relaxed volume policy, but as I've worked in the library for years in the upper level I'm a bit disappointed at the noise level not.

I wish there were more/better place to meet as a group to discuss research project and work on them in a way that will not disturb others while we are in the library.

textResponse: I would like it if the library provided more of a variety of books in Spanish.

I believe that they are woefully underfunded in terms of keeping up with cutting edge technology and having a top-flight collection of materials--think Dickinson or Franklin and Marshall. I think the library's funding should be immediately increased by 25%.

textResponse: It might be nice to not only have a list of the databases you can search but also give the user a list of what databases are best for each major or area of research. The search conditions can also be a little picky. Sometimes I will try to search for an entry that I know the title of and it still takes me a little while to find it. Thank you for all your hard work:)

textResponse: I think you should put up some sort of guide to help people understand the organizing system of the magazine section, as it is different from the organization of the books.

textResponse: The media center needs to update to entirely dvd's and start getting things on blue-ray. It also needs to have a better way to find the dvd's that Messiah has.

I do not understand why there cannot be a link where you could see what new arrivals the media center is receiving, on at least a weekly basis.

textResponse: The online resources are great but could use more explanation/information to make the sources user friendly. Unless you know exactly what you need and where you need to get it, the online resources are not easy to utilize.

textResponse: It is difficult to find enough research articles from the databases. There are many that show up, but not enough we can actually reach. And the concept of an interlibrary loan is laughable. For projects that biology and chemistry majors have to do, we need the article immediately, not 2 weeks or a month later.

textResponse: Would be nice to have some sort of database where you could search all online journals and periodicals, and not have to look within each search thing.

textResponse: I wish there was a place for groups to meet for projects in which they could speak at or above normal volume. I know there are rooms downstairs for that, but they have no ceiling, so it doesn't help that much.

textResponse: I kind of wish you had more fiction books, but that's OK, because I really don't have much time to read for fun anyway.

textResponse: Changes in the periodicals have been a disappointment. The art section of the main stacks is in need of updating with more contemporary names and show catalogs, scholarship.

textResponse: I liked it when the new Journals were more accessible. Now it's hard to tell students to browse the various journals in their specialties. Learning is made more difficult in the present arrangement.

textResponse: I would like an electronic browsing library for the movies available.

textResponse: Keep up the great work!

textResponse: I am at the library several times a week, and I have found it to be a great place to have a

textResponse: I would love better facilities but I do have my office--so I don't think it's necessary for myself. It would be different if I were a student. I believe the library staff and the librarians are caring and very helpful. I wish the equipment were a bit better, and certain library policies bug me: the separation of the media library from main circulation (and refusal of staff to drop off videos); the wonky reserve request form in McSquare (which never seems to work well with my browser); having to return library books at the end of the semester; and not being able to renew ILL books after they are due. But I can live with all of these. The librarians and staff are simply excellent at getting resources for me and my classes including ILL and new acquisitions, etc...

textResponse: The tables and desks at the library are always too high for me and that is extremely fatiguing for me as I have many hours of work I must do. The computer tables by the entrance with the high stools are the only ones that allow me to work and help me avoid having to strain and lean on my elbows. Also, some of the chairs downstairs have absolutely no padding in the seat cushions- it feels like you're falling into a hole when you sit down..and then you trade it for a better one and so does everyone else. Also, it would be so helpful to have the library available until at least two in the morning at least once a week so that I don't have to go elsewhere to study--I think this would promote getting your work done during the semester instead of cramming it all during extended hours on finals week.

textResponse: More fiction please.

textResponse: I think that the electronic databases are great, but it would be helpful to have more computers in the library (maybe updated ones).

Groups can meet in classrooms to do projects, but when we are all researching, it would be more productive to meet in the library and have a space to discuss, without disturbing others.

If the chairs were more comfortable and there was food/drinks I would probably be there more often.

My only complaint is that sometimes I had trouble finding books when the information I was looking for when it was very specific (which is expected), but I was always able to find what I needed through other means.

textResponse: The library can be a good place to do work but it needs updating. New furniture and carpet. I do appreciate the addition of COFFEE!

textResponse: The library meets my needs but I don't enjoy doing work there because the environment is out of date and rigid.

Please continue to make tables available with outlet access (need room to spread out and power my computer).

My only complaint is how cold the library sometimes is. During the winter I find myself wearing my hat and jacket while studying. However, I understand the high ceilings make the room difficult to heat. I love the library.

textResponse: I would like it if there was an easier way to find fiction books. If I just wanted something fun to read, I don't know how I would find it. It would also be great if there was a way to browse videos/DVDs that are available.

textResponse: There could be more private rooms. Those glass ones serve no point. The walls don't rise to the ceiling so you still need to be extremely quiet. More areas to facilitate group work where discussion is necessary are needed. Even those glass rooms that do exist now, there are only four of them.

textResponse: I am not doing much research so I am concerned mostly about student use. I do not teach
It would be nice to have more electronic resources as well.

textResponse: I think the library needs some more space to study. Also some rooms where groups can go would be very beneficial.

textResponse: I would appreciate if the reference librarian hours were adjusted for the weekends. There were many times when I needed help over the weekend and was forced to wait until Sunday night when a reference librarian was available. It can be frustrating. Otherwise, I enjoy the resources and atmosphere provided by Murray Library.

textResponse: I realize the library is very limited in space but was very disappointed this year to find the current periodicals disappear to the "back 40" and to be replacing this with a coffee shop. I would like to see them come back... especially because of the coffee shop... what a nice thing to scan some periodicals while having your beverage. I think you would find that students would use these if they were readily available!!!!

textResponse: I would study more in the library, if I felt more comfortable. In the past, I have found the library to be very distracting and have never found an area that I felt comfortable studying in for hours. However, my biggest complaint was that there was no place to get a snack or a drink inside the library. So, I am very excited about the coffee bar that is being added, hopefully it will have drinks and snacks. This is important because if I am going to walk the long distance from my apartment to the library, I will be there for a long time and will need some coffee and snacks available.

textResponse: I would like a way to know all of the movies available, because every time i search for one online, they do not have it and if I read a list or something similar I might be willing to take another movie out.

textResponse: I would love to be able to browse through the video collection. Otherwise I don't know the names of any movies that I would like to rent. Why do you keep the movies away in the back room?

textResponse: In general, I enjoy and appreciate our library. I know they work to stay efficient and streamlined, but I think technological advances move more quickly than the staff is able (through no fault of theirs). Thank you for all you do!!

textResponse: I would like to see the videos in a space in which they are easier to browse. I do not like them hidden away in Media Services! It is more difficult to browse movies in the database than on shelves.

textResponse: Movie selection and rental program could be much improved.

Need more group meeting space. The focus is changing from individual projects to group projects and students need a place to meet.

textResponse: the service is satisfiable, but I wish there are more art related books.

textResponse: in general, a very nice job. I would love to see a quick/large scanner available that would automatically email the documents. I have seen it at other colleges and it is extremely convenient-much easier than the small scanners found everywhere.

textResponse: More comfortable seating would be nice. It would also be nice if the seating were spaced differently downstairs. Alot of times I feel uncomfortable if one person is sitting in one of the two square seating sections. Thus all those seats go unused because one person is studying. I think smaller seating sections for maybe one or two people would be nice. Then if a larger group is studying they can just move the furniture around. I also have found that sometimes the electrical outlets at the desks do not work. So I always have to search for a desk that is by a wall and thus has another electrical outlet to charge my lap top. That seems to be an ongoing problem. Overall, the feeling of studying and relaxation at the library is very conducive to my learning and I enjoy studying at the library.

textResponse: The faculty in the library is very helpful I tend get lots of books at one time and they

textResponse: pretty good place to study, needs to bulk up available online journals in biological sciences.

textResponse: Library needs more up to date materials on Computer Science. Many of the materials are from before 1995, making them outdated.

textResponse: I would love to see the number of online journals and printed books for my program increased, but I recognize this as more of a department issue - it is really at no fault of the library. Liz is wonderful about passing along recommendations, and she is extremely helpful - we just need to build up our resources.

textResponse: The group study rooms should have ceilings on them so that they are more soundproof and more inviting to groupwork or group discussions. Especially with Messiah having visitation hours groups need a place to work without having to worry about how loud thier talking. Also those rooms shouldnt be used for storage.

textResponse: Electronic versions of things would be so much easier. Books are great, but the space and searching time that they take, in my opinion, could be much better used. The world is turning electronic, and I believe that the library should follow suit.

textResponse: I miss having the glass rooms open to work with other students and professors. I am very excited about the coffee bar.

The one aspect that I believe would greatly improve the library's convenience would be easier access to their databases and catalog online, because it's nice to be able to check on books from your room easily.

I encourage a focus on creating library space with significant emphasis on aesthetics to inspire learning and to create a beautiful learning environment. In that regard, I urge you to start an initiative to remove the parking spaces immediately behind the large windows in the stacks area. (I will happily donate my time and energy to wield pick and shovel to break up the asphalt!)

textResponse: It is hard to do group work in the library. Finding space for everyone is limited and discussing can be difficult since we can only whisper.

textResponse: The one suggestion I would make for the library is to continue to add a feeling of casual study space. The bean bags are a nice start, but a warm, inviting environment kind of like starbucks with warm paint colors on the wall, nice lighting, and big comfy couches would be nice for people such as myself who are not able to get work done sitting at a cubicle under florescent lighting.

textResponse: I wish Media Services were more integrated with Circulation (pick up/return in the same place), more shared information. Media Services seems less funded/resourced than other parts of the library - quality staff, but less-than-great electronic systems. Library website isn't the greatest in terms of finding things - the resources work once you get there, but navigation isn't great.

textResponse: A lot of times the library is packed and there's no where to sit and do work.

textResponse: Would like to see more electronic resources for graduate school students

textResponse: You guys are great. I had really helpful service with ILLiad, and with finding journal resources last semester. Thanks so much.

I wish you have not made the change in the periodicals sections. For the past eight years I had made a weekly habit of browsing the former "new periodical" racks. It was a way I kept up with current scholarship. I was thus very disappointed when I saw that most of the periodicals were removed to the back periodical stacks. On the other hand, I realize that there were probably other factors involved in making this decision that go beyond my own luxury, so I defer to those who know best about this space.

Here is a dream scenario: Study carrels for professors with doors and locks, similar to those at larger universities.