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INTERIOR DESIGN PERSPECTIVE

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Some of my favorite things

- Light and color that stimulate thinking and create a welcoming ambience
- Representations of important campus, geographic or academic elements
- Displays and signage that genuinely communicate
- Spaces that are intentionally designed as contemplative OR collaborative (not both)

Light, art, and design stimulate thinking

Seattle PL

U. Utah

Color brings vibrancy and attention

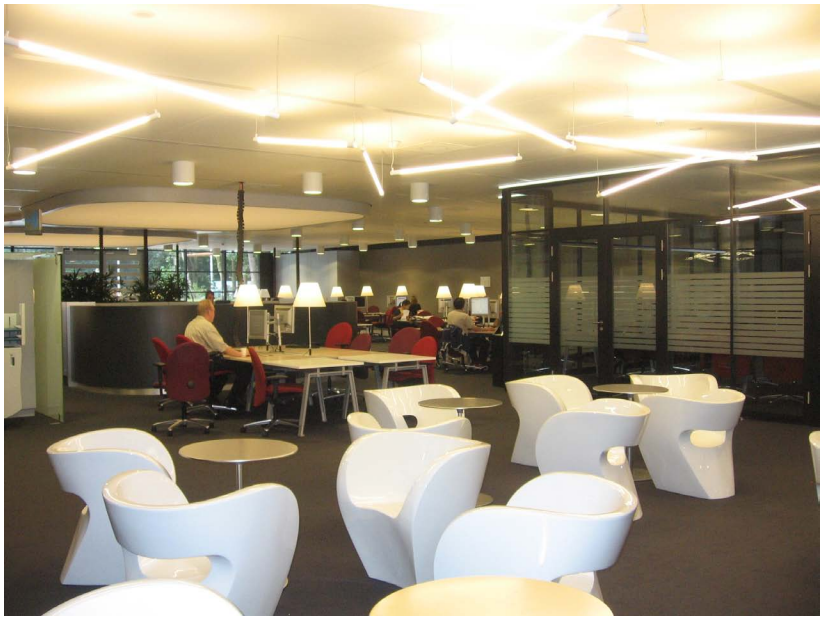
Duke U.

The Link

Accents of color and light enliven space

Tilburg U. (Netherlands)

Montesquieu Learning Centre



Color brightens neutral spaces

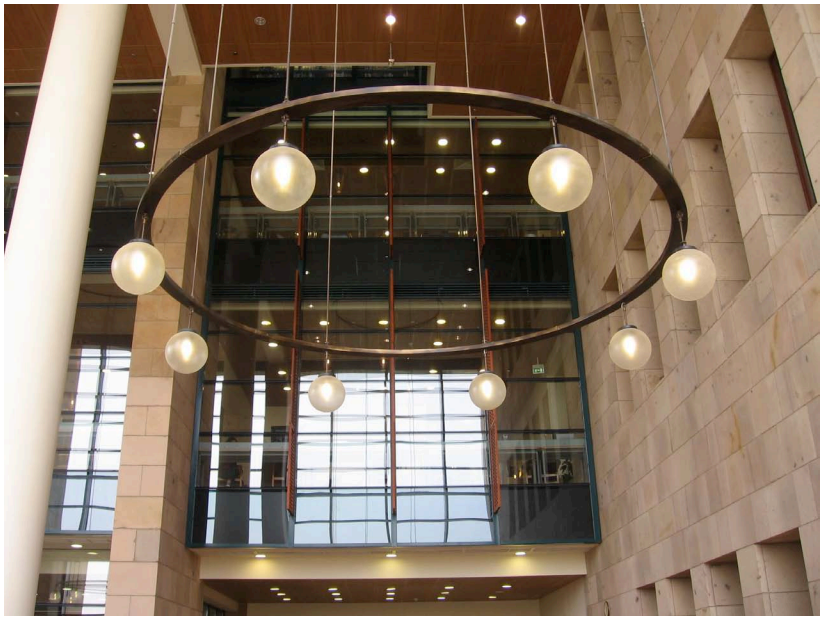
NC State - Indoors

NC State - Outdoors

Lights define spaces

U. Toronto

American U. of Cairo



Artwork enhances institutional identity

Mann Library, Cornell U.

Landscape architecture is a program supported by this library

Representations of libraries and culture reflect history and identity

U. Colorado, Boulder

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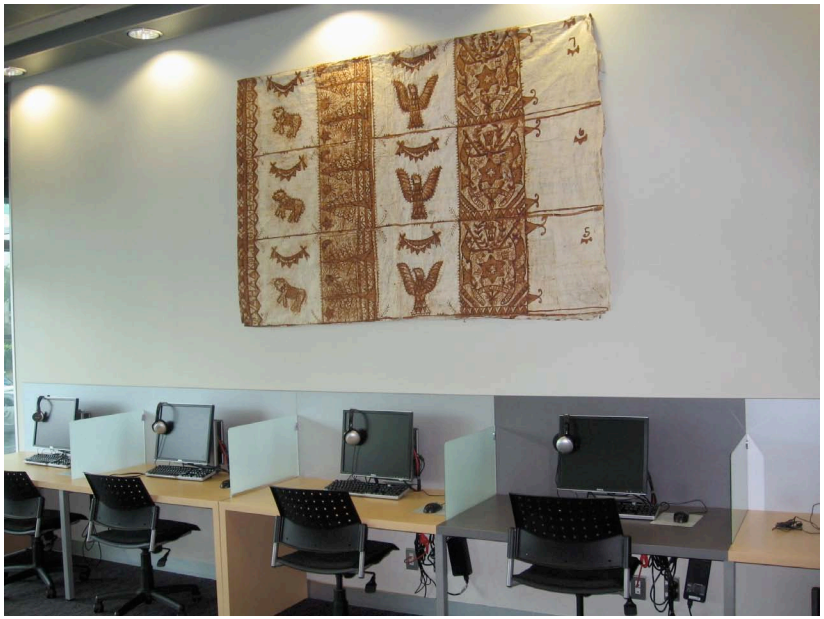
Art representations reflect history and identity

Virginia Commonwealth U.

U. Auckland (NZ)



Fireplaces signal warmth and a place to gather

U. Toronto Mississauga

McMaster U.

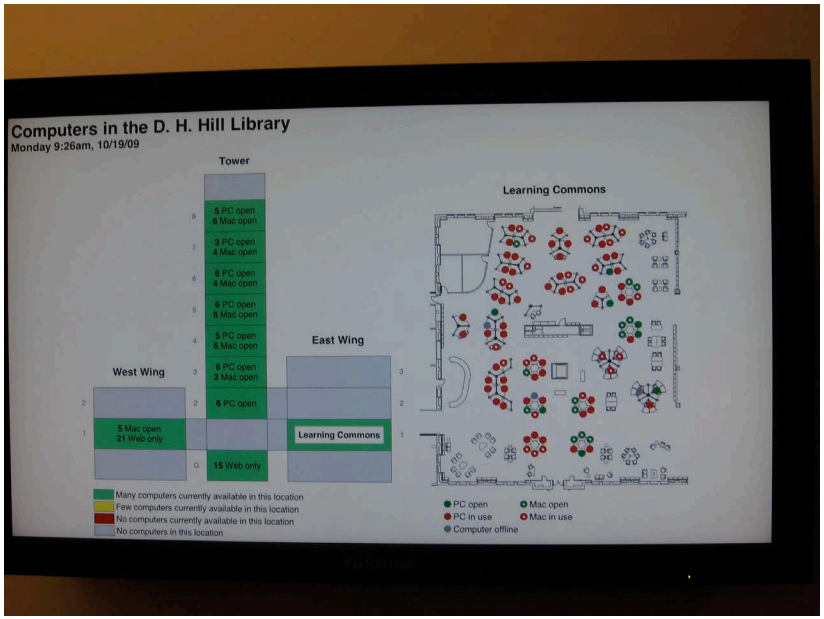
Special Collections content can be visible and enticing

U. Chicago

U. Utah

Services can be represented visually

NC State U.



U. Washington

Signage can be clear and welcoming

U. North Texas

Traditional quiet spaces are still integral to libraries and co-exist with technology spaces

U. Richmond

NC State U.

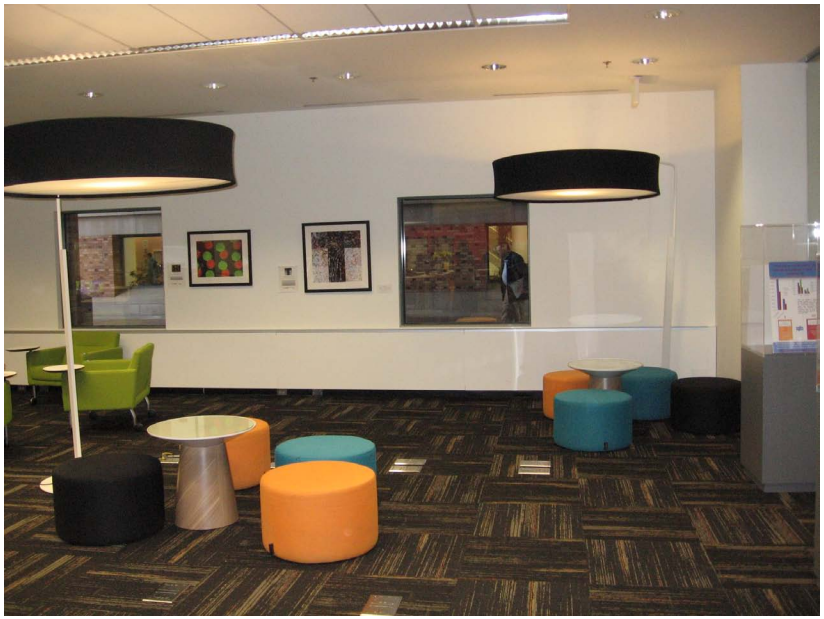
Quiet spaces for individual study and reflection are clearly defined

Brown U.

U. Colorado, Boulder

Collaborative spaces can be in open areas

U. Washington



U. Richmond

Collaborative spaces can have multiple uses

Columbia U.

Lehman Library

Suggestions

Work with a designer

Don’t be afraid of color

Think about visual representations of culture, information, and services

Delineate collaborative and quiet spaces

Thank you!

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