

What's on Your Mind
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“Ya’ll should put picnic tables so we can study outside on nice days – maybe under the awning on the W. side....”

Thanks for the great suggestion! We are currently having wireless connectivity installed for the area on the west side of the Fondren Library Center complex. Once that is completed, we plan to purchase sturdy outdoor tables and chairs for the area just outside the Science Information Center portion of the complex. We agree with you that this would be a great picnic area and outdoor study spot.

- Mary Queyrouze CUL Systems Librarian

“Make the library 24 hrs = or at least open to 4 am! The students need it!”

“Please, please, please make the library 24 hrs!!!, maybe on 1 day even (like Tuesdays or something), it(s) ridiculous that we pay all this money and we get kicked out at 2:00 am!!! Otherwise the lib is great!!! P.S. We love Mr. Willie!! Yeah!”

Fondren is hoping to offer a 24-hour study facility in the future. Until then, Fondren Library will begin its 24 hour exam schedule on Thursday May 4. This will mean that when the library opens at 8:00 am the day before exams begin, it will not close until 2:00 am Sunday May 7. Because there are no exams on that Sunday, the library building will close for a short time until 9:00 am later that Sunday morning. Then 24 hour exam schedule will continue until 5:00 Thursday, May 11 the last day of exams.

“Please, please, please allow friends of the SMU Libraries to renew books online. (or over the phone) It is silly to make me drive all the way out here when online or phone would serve my purpose more efficiently.”

Library staff in circulation and systems are working on making this happen. Thanks for the suggestion.

“I love this library and the sources it offers, but because I am only in high school, I was hoping you could possibly change the policy of checking out books. Thanks!”

I'm glad you like our library and sorry that you are disappointed in the fact that you cannot check out books. Fondren has limited resources and must make sure that we serve our primary users – SMU students, faculty and staff.

Your parents may be interested that there exists an organization, The Friends of the SMU Libraries, that is dedicated to promoting and enriching the resources, services and operations of the eleven SMU libraries. The Friends also provide opportunities for book lovers to become acquainted with each other and with the many resources of the SMU Libraries through a series of programs each year. These events feature noted authors, historians, artists, publishers and curators of notable collections. Library borrowing privileges come with the associate level of membership.

“Need Energy Drinks in lounge for nights before a big exam.”

SMU vending machine products do not include an energy drink that comes in a “library approved” container.

“I would like to solve a few common concerns:

- *always have WD-40 handy*
- *buy a cup-o-coffee vending machine for student lounge*
- *etch a hopscotch pattern into the lounge floor*
- *hire lesbian strippers for a few hours each night, extra shifts during exams, This should also go in the student lounge.*

Fondren has cans of WD-40 ready and waiting.

Cup-o-coffee vending machines don't dispense coffee in non-disposable, screw on tops containers,

Sorry but I'm too young to know what the hopscotch pattern looks like. (NOT)

The strippers refuse to work in Fondren because the HVAC keeps the building too cold.

