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2016 Library Survey—Your Opinion Matters

How often are you in the library? What one thing in the library needs improvement? We need your answers to these questions and more! Every five years the library asks the community to take a survey so that we can tailor our services to what you need, and 2016 is the lucky year.

Your feedback is crucial to the library. In fact, every article in this newsletter relates to the library using feedback in some way. Even the new streaming film databases were chosen based on feedback from various members of the Hollins community. Your opinion shapes the library.

Now that you know it’s important, you probably want more specifics about the survey. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes and is available online (there’s even a mobile version for your phone!). It includes multiple choice questions and gives you the option to write additional comments.

As a thank you for participating, at the end of the survey you will have the option to enter your name into a weekly drawing. Two participants will win $50 gift cards to the book store and two will win free coffee for the rest of the semester. The survey is available until March 4th. Please take the survey one time only. Students, faculty, and staff are eligible to win a prize. Questions? Contact Rebecca Seipp, Outreach Librarian, at seipprl@hollins.edu.

Introducing Quiet Floor Hours

The days of librarians constantly saying “SHHH!!!” are long over as we move towards being a collaborative space for study groups, instruction, and events. We don’t want to completely lose our roots, though. Many students have requested a designated quiet area in the library, so we discussed this with the Library Student Advisory Board and came up with a solution: the third floor will be a “quiet floor” from 6 pm—midnight. What does this mean? During quiet hours students on the third floor are asked to:
- take conversation to the first or second floor of the library (including phone/skype conversations)
- make sure you have headphones on when listening to music
- be mindful of those around you who are on the third floor specifically to study in a quiet space

When would this not apply? During university-sanctioned events happening on the third floor (think: events in the Hollins Room).

We hope that this will balance the need for the library to be a quiet area to study and as the academic hub of the campus. Questions or comments? Please contact Rebecca Seipp, Outreach Librarian, at seipprl@hollins.edu.
The library has two new streaming film databases! While there is some overlap, the databases focus on specific types of films:

- **Kanopy**’s collection includes feature films, documentaries, and performances.
- **Films on Demand** specializes in documentaries, academic titles, and educational films.

Access Kanopy and Films on Demand by going to our regular database listings: the library homepage -> “Articles & Databases” tab -> use the drop-down box at the bottom. Links are also on the “Films” page, located under the “Find” column on the left-side of our homepage.

**ZINES: THEY’VE MOVED!**

The pilot is over and you (students & faculty) have spoken: the library will keep the zine collection! They are now located on the second floor balcony above the folios.

Our pilot collection of zines was a prize from a national library conference. From those zines, we’ve selected the ones that you checked out the most and are most relevant to Hollins’ curriculum to keep permanently. We will also be ordering a small number of new zines each year.

Do you create zines or know someone who does? We may want to add them to our collection! Contact Rebecca Seipp, Outreach Librarian, at seipprl@hollins.edu, for consideration.

**IMPROVED LIBRARY HOMEPAGE**

You spoke. We listened.

During the fall semester many of you participated in a survey about the library’s homepage. Based on those responses, we’ve revamped our homepage – go take a look! Changes include:

- A larger font
- Fewer links on the homepage
- Easier access to databases (via a drop-down box on the Articles and Databases tab)
- The InterLibrary Loan link is now listed under “Quick links” in the center of the page.
- “MyAccount” is now in the top right corner of the page.

Take the new homepage for a spin, then let us know your thoughts – we’re listening!

Questions? Contact James Miller, IT Librarian, at millerjc@hollins.edu.

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$250 prize
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