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Vision for the Wimberly Library

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131,839 visits were made to Wimberly Library in September 2015. The all-time record high was in September 2014 with 137,911 visits. September and February are typically the busiest months.

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Seating and Study Capacity in Wimberly Library

- **25 group study rooms:** 5 large study rooms for 3 or more people and 20 smaller rooms for 2 or more people
- **High demand daily, with extremely high demand before and during midterms and final exams**
- **Peak demand days/times are M-F, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Pagers notify people on a waiting list when rooms become available**
- **The seating capacity is 1,099 seats including study rooms; 995 seats outside of study rooms**
- **Students frequently sit on the floor because of lack of available seating**
Wimberly Library Today
A 2013 study determined that it would cost $1,710,000 to update the HVAC system in the Wimberly Library.

139 requests for repairs or maintenance were placed between June 16, 2015 and October 13, 2015, ranging from falling concrete, leaking roof, broken elevators, falling ceiling tiles, broken handrails, non-functioning power outlets, rodent infestations, faulty air conditioning, etc.
Students Want Space, Power, Better Connectivity, Updated Facility – Sept-Oct. 2015 Survey

Student Needs Related to Building

- More Study Rooms: 56%
- More Access to Power: 54%
- Collaborative Space: 42%
- Bigger Study Rooms: 40%
- More Quiet Study: 31%
- Better Wifi: 29%
- More tables: 25%
- Replace Carpet: 23%
- Better Lighting: 8%
Student Comments from Sept. 2015 Survey

- The library needs more floors, more spaces, better structure. MAKE IT A REAL LIBRARY
- It's too small – there is never space
- Just hard to find someplace in the middle of the day, especially access to outlets
Wimberly Library Today
Student Comments from Sept. 2015 Survey

- have to sit between shelves to charge and study
- make library nice looking with working stuff and places to sit
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- there are never any study rooms available; tables always taken
- Internet goes out quite frequently, very frustrating when I leave home to study in a quiet place
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- New building at some point; this one's foundation is ailing under the strain
- Dirtiest library ever!
- Get rid of mold
- FAU-centric!
Student Comments from Sept 2015 Survey

- collaborative rooms with whiteboards, printers, tvs, and projectors
- let people use the balconies instead of holding us in here like rats
Wimberly Library Today
more public spaces that won't interrupt quiet study space
Future Vision for Wimberly

- Stabilize and reverse deterioration of facility
- Accommodate needs of today’s students
- Service-centered rather than collection-centered
- Flexible and multi-purpose design and furnishings
- Technology-infused spaces to ensure competitive edge
- Point of pride and clearly identifiable as an FAU facility
“We need flexible, vibrant, student-centered spaces.”

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North Carolina State University Library
UNF Library
“The library should support and inspire student scholarship and creativity.”

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UF Marston Science Library
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Carney Library
North Carolina State University Library
“We need new kinds of physical and virtual spaces for students to collaborate effectively and share their creative energy.”

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USF St. Petersburg Library
“Today’s libraries must have a variety of spaces and services meeting the needs of users expecting innovation while relying on trusted foundations.”

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Inspire and Utilize Staff Creativity and Expertise
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