We are starting a new year and a new semester in a new library space. We do hope you will come by to see YOUR new college library in the very near future and let us know how we may be of assistance in your new classes, or your new year’s resolution to read more and explore more of the global world of information and resources.

There are those who have referred to me as “vertically challenged” as I never quite made it to 5’ tall, so I have often shared the saying “Big things come in small packages.” I think we can use this saying to reflect the transition the library has recently made. The Cambridge Dictionary Online elaborates on this saying by explaining this is often said “to emphasize that something does not need to be big in order to be good.” We would like to emphasize the fact that the staff have close to 100 years, combined, of experience in library and information science so we truly mean it when we suggest that the human resources are just as important as the print and 24/7 electronic resources YOUR library provides.

Recently YOUR college library conducted a survey to check student/patron perceptions and usage of the Library’s webpage and electronic resources. The survey also looked into online accessibility and usage of Klauer Campus spaces, with reference to library activities, specifically research and schoolwork (like writing papers and studying.)

Here is a brief summary of the results. The library webpage is used regularly, with top sellers being databases (91%) and ILL requests (83%). 69% of respondents use the College and Career info page, and 50% use the Writing Toolbox. Around 75% of the respondents can access the webpage off site, but the barriers to usage are access to a computer or to the Internet. 84% of the students find materials they need at the library (40% always, 27% usually, 17% often.) The most common comments submitted by the respondents included “need more space/bigger library,” “need more books,” “need weekend hours,” “love the library staff.” We gleaned much more information from the survey and will use this data to continue to improve our services and set goals to improve space issues.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, 2015 marked the 20th anniversary of YOUR college library but we were in such a transition last year we never got to have a party! Not to worry, we cannot let such an important milestone get away without some sort of celebration so mark your calendars for February 19th. We hope to see you at the party here at YOUR new college library space in Pueblo Hall East on the Klauer Campus when we will be celebrating our anniversary as well as Love Your Library month.

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What’s New at YOUR Library !?
YOUR Library Has Moved!

Spring 2016 Library Hours
Mon - Thurs  8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri    8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Computer lab closes 15 minutes early.