

THE LIBRARY AND THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE AT UVA

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“The library provides a physical forum for achievement, a space to work on ideas. The spaces vary, to enable both personal and collaborative study. Resources are also at our fingertips. Ideally, we could live at libraries, so long as we have access to nutrition to maintain basic needs as we move into uncomfortable territory intellectually. I suppose the thing I value most about the library is its emphasis on creating accessible knowledge, and the space to practice that knowledge.”

--Undergraduate student

OVERVIEW

What students value about the Library:

- Spaces
- Collections
- Services

Data on students and the Library

Alderman Renovation



SPACES

Alderman and Clemons Libraries
Harrison Institute/Small Special Collections Library



UNIVERSITY
of VIRGINIA
LIBRARY

Charles L. Brown Science & Engineering Library with "Ghost Nets" exhibition





























Greetings Alderman Staff,

I am the president of The Order, a Harry Potter secret society here at the University of Virginia. We were unsure as to who would have the authority to answer our questions, so I apologize in advance if this issue does not concern you.

Once per semester for the past few years, we have been holding a small, internal event in the first floor girl's bathroom of the West Wing of Alderman library since it is used very little. This is in the spirit of the second Harry Potter book as the Chamber of Secrets is located in a girl's bathroom.

All of our members are undergraduate students at the University of Virginia and our proceedings in the bathroom merely involve trivia questionnaires lit only by battery-powered tea lights. There are only about 6 people in the bathroom at any given time; however, this may include males.

We had never had anyone notice our presence there until Spring of 2016 when a janitor stumbled upon our gathering and alerted authorities. We sincerely apologize for using the bathroom without permission, but we really needed a girl's bathroom that was publicly accessible, not used often, and safe for any of our members to attend. We felt that we were not intruding upon anything in that location and Alderman library also has a magical ambiance, which is why we were there.

We would love to be able to use this bathroom again this upcoming semester on Monday, September 5th from 9pm to 11:30pm. This is a special night for a lot of us and has been a great tradition for our society. Please let me know how we can make this possible or refer me to someone who would know more about our issue. I realize that this is an unusual circumstance so I appreciate any feedback and guidance you can give.

Thank you so much for your time,
Fawkes
Minister of Magic



COLLECTIONS







SERVICES





CHARLES L. BROWN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING LIBRARY

Maggie Nunley

- Teaching and Learning in Engineering & Society Dept.
- Between 60 and 75 classes per semester
- Teaches 80-90% of first years
- 15-20% of fourth years are regulars at her office hours

Brown Library

Will Rourk and Arin Bennett

- Information visualization specialists
- Creating 3D visualizations on Grounds and beyond
- Representing Historic Buildings course
- History of Computer Graphics
- Internship in Cultural Heritage Informatics



STUDENT FEEDBACK

- Overall satisfaction with Library consistent
- Higher now than at any time we have data for
- Princeton Review: #18 library in country based on student survey



ALDERMAN RENOVATION

- Anthropology field research class feedback
- The “aura” of Alderman
- Communication with students on spaces and collections
- Balancing needs in the renovation

