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Rationale

The mission of the Indiana University Bloomington Libraries is: “To support and strengthen teaching, learning, and research by providing the collections, services, and environments that lead to intellectual discovery.” The Quiet Policy that follows has been developed to encourage individuals to respect the rights of all library users and to help create the environment that promotes learning and supports research.

Policy

Areas within a library may be designated as follows:

Quiet Area: Use is reserved for individual research and study with library materials. **NO STUDY GROUPS.**

Limited Talking: Use of library resources may require library staff assistance, instruction and/or Consultation. Personal conversations and extended talking are not appropriate.

Group Study Areas: Talking in normal conversational tones is permitted as appropriate for collaboration and small group (2-8) discussion. Large groups (more than 8), loud talking and other disruptive behavior is not appropriate. Work on class projects, tutoring and joint use of library materials is encouraged.

All Indiana University Bloomington Libraries attempt to maintain quiet study areas. The availability of limited talking and group study areas is dependent upon the size and configuration of the individual libraries. Some cannot support limited and unlimited talking areas.

Note: Cell phone use in a library setting is disruptive to other users. Please turn off your cell phone in library service, study, or collection areas. Confine your cell phone use to non-library spaces in the building or, in the case of the Wells Library, to the lobbies or the cafeteria.

Wells Library

Quiet areas:

East Tower	Reference Room and Floors 4-11 Government Information and Statistical Services (GIMSS) Stacks Area
Ground Floor	Kent Cooper Room Newspaper Reading Area
West Tower	2 nd and 3 rd Floor

Limited Talking:

East Tower	Reference Desk Area Circulation Desk Area GIMSS Service Desk Area
Ground Floor	Kent Cooper Room Desk Area

Group Study Areas:

Main Lobby

West Tower

1st Floor, Information Commons
4th and 5th Floor

IUB Branch Libraries

Business/SPEA Library – quiet, limited talking, and group study areas available

Chemistry Library – quiet with 1 group study area

Education Library – quiet and limited talking areas

Fine Arts Library – quiet and 1 group study room

Geography/Map Library – limited talking

Geology Library – limited talking

Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Library – limited talking

Journalism Library – quiet with limited talking near circulation desk

Life Sciences Library – limited talking on Levels A and B, and quiet on Levels C and D

Lilly Library – quiet

Music Library – quiet, limited talking and unlimited talking areas

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center Library – limited talking with 1 quiet study room

Optometry Library – limited talking

Swain Hall Library – limited talking

University Archives – quiet

For additional information, contact Customer and Access Services Department in the Wells Library
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