

## Paul L. Dunbar Library Capital Improvements Summary

Background: A multimodal [building use study](#)\* was completed during the 2015 calendar year. We studied building use patterns and conducted a needs assessment survey of our students. Using this data, we prepared a State Capital Funding request in 2017 to replace carpet and furniture and modernize the library. \$1.1 million of state funding was received in the summer of 2018 and improvements were made during the 2018-19 academic year.

| What Students Wanted:   | What We Provided:  |
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| New carpet  | 81,100 square feet of new carpet on the 2nd through 4th floors.  |
| More study space  | Repurposed 5,883 square feet for new student study spaces.   |
| Private study rooms, bookable   | 7 individual rooms and 6 multipurpose rooms now available with cloud-based, self-booking software.   |
| More designated quiet study areas   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor annex now designated quiet study, 7 quiet study rooms added.   |
| Update furniture: add more soft furniture, get a variety of furniture, offer flexible layouts | New furniture on all floors: booths, couches and 5 styles of soft seating, new chairs – with/without arms and with/without wheels, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor tables/chairs on wheels, sit/stand desks, bicycle desks, 40% more soft seating. |
| Fewer wooden carrels and more open individual tables with dividers                            | Replaced wooden carrels with 22 individual tables with dividers, retaining six wooden carrels for students who prefer that level of privacy, added modern soft-sided single carrels.   |
| More whiteboards  | Added 13 rolling whiteboards, 9 whiteboard tables and hung whiteboards in bookable rooms.  |
| More computers  | Kept same number of computers, but relocated some. Use data from 2015 – 2019 showed a downward trend in computer use.  |
| Computers/Printing on other floors, quiet computing area                                      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, room 328 offers 7 individual quiet study rooms with computers/dual monitors and printing.   |
| Update computer workstation furniture   | Old workstations removed, wider tables installed providing opportunities for dual monitors on most computers.  |
| Bring outlets to study areas  | Connectrac installed to stretch outlets to new areas, over 200 outlets and 150 USB ports added on table tops, 5 power towers added. Furniture laid out to take advantage of outlets.   |
| Expand library hours on Friday and Saturday evenings, expand summer break hours               | We extended finals week hours on Friday/Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings and extended summer break hours by 78% to support medical students in their summer term. Loss of library staff prevented us from offering more.            |
| Replace elevators   | In progress, completion by December, 2019.   |

Full building use study available on CORE Scholar, [https://works.bepress.com/sue\\_polanka/143/](https://works.bepress.com/sue_polanka/143/)