

# Virginia Tech University Libraries

Discovery Teams  
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## Team

### Theme/Topic

- **Technology**

# KEY OBSERVATIONS RELATED TO YOUR THEME

(5-6 major trends)

- Power outlets
- Space to work/Comfort
- iPads
- Cameras
- Space selection based on work preferences

# **SURPRISING OBSERVATIONS / COMMENTS**

(3-5 unexpected things that you encountered)

- Maybe three individuals using the Library to look up articles, not just using the internet.
- Individuals selecting spaces they expect to be found by others in.
- Many students were using multiple devices: laptop and cell phone most common. Sometimes even laptop, iPad/tablet, and cell phone

## **“WHY THIS SPACE?”**

(3-5 qualities that students preferred)

- Useful - equipment, help
- Atmosphere - quiet/loud, empty/busy
- Convenient: proximity to classes/friends

## **“WHY OTHER SPACES?”**

(3-5 qualities that students preferred other locations)

- Convenience
- Atmosphere
- Software

# **“WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS SPACE?” (or with tools)**

(activities, process, how are they using the space/tools)

- Assignments - laptops, Internet, Office
- Group work - laptops, internet, iMovie
- Studying - laptops
- Texting - cellphones

# THINGS TO FOLLOW-UP ON

(3-5 things that need more research)

- Discover what other software/services are available elsewhere
- Determine need for large displays for group work. May want to consider wireless projection options
- What equipment would students check out (power cables, laptops, were both mentioned)

# ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO SHARE

- Many spaces were crowded or near capacity
- Many students were connected via cell phones for texting in addition to their laptops for work
- Some tables were groups of students working together, some were just individuals working at the same table due to lack of space to spread out.



# PHOTOS

