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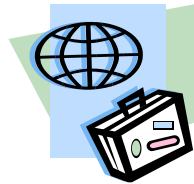
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Reading Abroad: Trust the Wanderlust

On October 19th as part of the *JWU Goes Global* initiative, Harborside Library hosted a panel discussion by five members of the JWU community speaking about their travel experiences.

Featured speakers:

Shannon Booth – Student
* South Africa



Khalfani Coicou – Student
*Western Europe (Paris)

Rick Daniels – Staff, Admissions
*Africa (Rwanda, Burundi)

Kathy Drohan – Faculty, School of Hospitality
*South America (Brazil, Peru, Costa Rica) and Europe

Colby Yeaton – Staff, International Student Services
* Southwest US, China, Vietnam, Italy



Downcity Library Space Makeover

JWU Library on the Downcity Campus will be undergoing some modifications this winter. When students return from the holiday break, there will be several new seating areas on the second floor, including two additional study rooms.

According to **Rosie Hopper**, dean of libraries, the increased demand for 24/7 access to information created the opportunity to replace empty book cases with more varied seating.

Hopper added that, “Most students now carry one or two personal computing devices with them, from laptops to smart phones to tablets. In order to do their work they need to keep their devices charged, so our first requirement of the new furniture was that it offered connectivity to electricity. Not an easy objective to fulfill with the limitations of this building... limitations such as wide open areas and concrete floors.”

Hopper also noted the steady demand from students for private study rooms in which to work on group projects. “Although we did not have the option to modify the building’s architecture, we were able to arrange for the addition of two modular study rooms which we hope will help meet demand.”

Assisting Hopper and her staff to plan the repurposing of the space were Facilities project manager **Brian Lanoie**, as well as **Dyanne Vileno**, senior account executive from [Creative Office Pavilion](#), a national office design firm with a branch in Providence.

“We can’t wait to see how students like the changes,” says Hopper. “Maybe a few noticed our *We Are Dreaming* posters designed by student assistant **Megan Cullinan-Newton**, ‘17. This is what those posters were about.♦



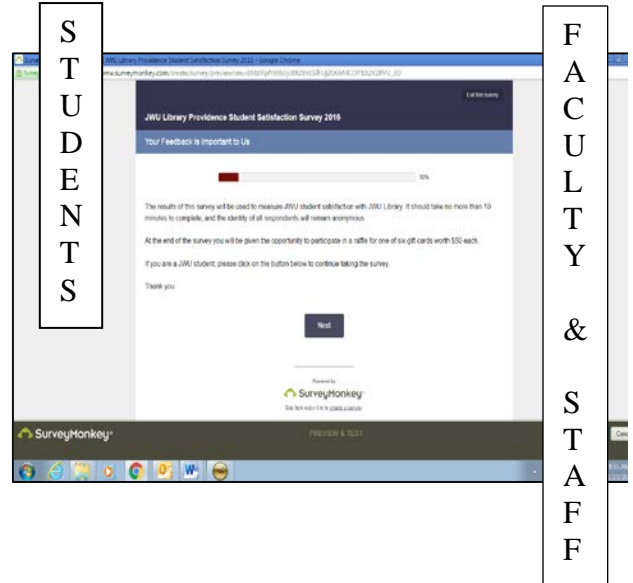
**Calling All Students,
Faculty and Staff:
*Tell Us How We're Doing!***



In keeping with its goal of continuous improvement, **JWU Library** will once again conduct an online satisfaction survey. This year, faculty and staff will be surveyed along with students. Improvements that have come about as a result of past surveys include:

- Doubled the number of computers in the library
- Installed Macs in the library
- Added Wildcat Café to the Yena Center
- Extended hours during study/exam weeks

Your feedback counts. Watch for the survey promos coming in January 2016! ♦



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You may have noticed the whiteboard at the top of the stairs leading to the second floor of the Downcity library. It was rolled out at the start of the academic year, and has provided an informal way for *the voice of the people*—mostly students—to be heard. Some questions have been lighthearted, and some serious:

- **What is your favorite book from childhood?**
“Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus”
“Anything by Dr. Seuss”
- **What one goal would you like to complete this week?**
“Getting myself back into healthy mode”
“Getting through exams”
- **If you could rid the world of one thing, what would it be?**
“Debt”
“Judgment”

We are looking for even more questions to post, so if you have suggestions, feel free to write them on the board and we might use them. Or stop by the reference desk and suggest a question. What would you like us to ask? What would you like to tell us? At JWU Library, we want to hear your voice. ♦

