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IMacs for Harborside

Six new IMacs were installed this summer at the Harborside Library. With all the capabilities of a PC, the IMac additionally offer features ideal for working with graphics.

As always, library computers are available on a “first come, first served” basis. Students are relied upon to model good citizenship by using the computers primarily for school work, especially during exam periods when demand for library computers is heaviest.

Satisfaction Survey Sends Message

Results of the library’s spring 2012 student satisfaction survey revealed that of the 412 students who participated more than 50% were either satisfied or very satisfied with JWU Library, including the information resources it provides, the friendliness and helpfulness of the staff, conveniences such as free printing, and even the hours of operation. The clear message was ‘keep up the good work’ but that doesn’t mean that students did not have some suggestions for improvements:

“More space at Harborside!”

“Need more electrical outlets.”

“Stay open 24/7.”

“It’s too noisy in the library sometimes.”

Library administrators are still analyzing the survey results and working to make improvements that reflect survey findings while also aligning library operations with the goals of the university’s new strategic plan. Students are encouraged to continue to give feedback on how the library is meeting their needs, either by speaking directly with library staff, or by contacting an SGA representative.

Students enjoying the new IMacs

Photo by Ragini Kolli, ’13

SofT Art is coming! SofT Art is coming! SofT Art is coming!
JWU Library’s Newest Online Resources

http://jwu-ri.libguides.com/databasesbyname

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<td>• Comprehensive database of expert-written Interpretations of accounting, auditing, government and SEC information</td>
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Meet the Library Staff

Left to Right Top: Erika Gearing, Rick Keogh, Hilary Kraus, Lisa Spicola, Betty Anne Nelson, Fred Brown, Brenda Keane, Barbara Janson
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