

UConn Health Sciences Library: Library Space Survey Highlights

256 responses | Spring 2025

Who responded?

- 93% were students:
 - Medical (57%)
 - Dental (21%)
 - Graduate (15%)
- 5% were residents, faculty, or staff

Why do people use the Library?

- **97%** use it for **study space**
- **76%** seek a **quiet environment**
- **28%** use it for **group work**
- **25%** value access to **technology**

When is the Library used?

- **60%** visit on both weekdays and weekends
- Peak weekday hours: **11 AM – 5 PM (91%)**
- Peak weekend hours: **5 PM – 10 PM (100%)**

What do Library patrons value most about our current space?

- **Quiet study areas, comfortable seating, and natural lighting**

Seating preferences among current Library furniture

- **Shared tables (83%) and individual desks (79%)** are most popular

What's missing or could be improved?

- **More seating, more study rooms, a mix of quiet and collaborative spaces, and noise control zones**
- **Updated furniture with ergonomic options, and better lighting**
- Specific requests included:
 - **Larger desks and lounge seating**
 - Better **heating/ventilation**, especially on the second (ground) floor
 - **Whiteboards** in group study rooms
 - **Meeting space for virtual meetings that is somewhat private and allows speaking**

Selected comments

What do you like most about the UConn Health Sciences Library?

- “The Doggo Friday programming is really appreciated, especially close to exams.”
- “The people who work there.”
- “That there are regular events held for relaxation and stress relief.”

How can we make the UConn Health Sciences Library a place to have fun and relax?

- “Fixing the carpet/mildew issue – I can’t use the area for long due to allergies”
- “Please bring new seating. The current ones are dirty and very uncomfortable”
- “More comfy chairs and separate areas for loud vs quiet work”
- “Updating the furniture, making it have quiet spaces, upstairs is very old and has a musty smell.”
- “More desk seating would be amazing. Sometimes it’s hard to find places to study, and it means more foot traffic in and out of the library since people have to search around for a spot”

What is one feature or space you feel is missing from the UConn Health Sciences Library?

- “I feel that we need more areas for group study areas/collaborative spaces. It is also helpful having the space for quiet study. More leisure seating options could be helpful as well. I stopped coming to the library for a time because seating was tough to come by depending on the time of day.”

Do you have any other thoughts, feedback, or suggestions?

- “Students desperately need more semi-private study spaces on campus. They need spaces that allow them to watch videos and join meetings without disturbing others.”