

I Am a  
Camera

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These are the compiled answers from student interviews done for the  
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University Libraries.

Interviewer D

**THE THINGS YOU ALWAYS CARRY WITH YOU:**

Cell phone, cards, jump drive, keys, notebook, planner/calendar, wallet/cards/money, backpack, purse, chap stick, folder, German book, watch, literature book.

**ALL THE STUFF YOU TAKE TO CLASS:**

Same as question 1, pens/pencil/highlighters, crackers, drink, backpack, text books, class assignments, stapler, design supplies, 2 cases of drawings, sketchbook, drawing board

**SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD CALL "HIGH TECH."**

Steam cleaner (bigger it is, the more high tech it is), computer printer, scanner or document camera in Haley Center, Xbox 360, HDTV

**ONE PICTURE OF THE LIBRARY TO SHOW A NEW FRESHMAN:**

Front, Mell Street, Name on front of Library, Reference desk, Line of Robert Heinkin novels on 3rd floor—where sci fi books

**THE COMPUTER YOU USE IN THE LIBRARY, SHOWING SURROUNDINGS:**

Internet Café (quite and not crowded, comfortable chairs, lighting is better, , more room to spread out), Internet (problem—no cell phone reception, not so crowded because people don't know about it), banks of computer on 2nd floor (most convenient), 4th floor computer banks—less people but rarely uses in this building

**WHERE YOU GO IN THE LIBRARY TO GET HELP WITH AN ASSIGNMENT;**

DRL (friend works there and already knows how to navigate books), 2nd floor Ref Desk for help with research papers, Reference Desk, AubieCat Kiosk on 4th floor—doesn't ask for help from a person

**A PLACE IN THE LIBRARY WHERE YOU FEEL LOST:**

Map cases (wouldn't be able to find a map—confused just walking by) book stacks (this person works in stacks main. —she feels overwhelmed by tallness), book stacks—claustrophobic feeling of one long alleyway, tunnel-like atmosphere), 2nd floor unbound journal —doesn't have to go there so doesn't know what's there and how to look for it.

**YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO STUDY:**

Atrium under stairwell in Library (It's quite and can "explode" her stuff and have a table to herself—can sleep there too), own room with computer on her desk, Parker Hall Lab (English Ed major goes there because it's almost always unlocked, doesn't see same majors so doesn't get distracted talking—does all her writing there), At home on sofa—fewer distractions

**YOUR LEAST FAVORITE PLACE TO STUDY:**

Under the Presidents' portraits (too busy and loud, close to entrance, distracting), Library carrel (not welcoming, more easily distracted), fire alarm time at the Library, Library—distracting—even people walking around keep him from concentrating

**YOUR FAVORITE PERSON OR PEOPLE TO STUDY WITH:**

Mustafa (works in DRL, he's quite), friends (but really does better by herself), friends and study partners from same classes, Girlfriend—in same curriculum

**THE PLACE YOU KEEP YOUR BOOKS.**

Book shelves in corner of bedroom, bookshelf above computer, bookshelf in room, Book shelves in apt

**SOMETHING YOU'VE NOTICES THAT YOU THINK OTHERS DON'T NOTICE:**

Wet leaf in wet circle on library steps (she thought it was beautiful), picture posted almost on floor at Foy Union of Tatanka Means, trash can in library (works here and sees people leave stuff everywhere but the trash can, where it belongs, Cat house in bushes outside dorms adjacent to Cater hall—also had picture of cat there, Waste management bin that has graffiti on it—not see graffiti in Auburn

**YOUR COMMUNICATION DEVICES:**

Computer, cell phone (various reasons and places—email from library and Spidle hall computer lab, email from campus work, email from home, uses cell phone as alarm and watch), Face book, hotmail account, chalkboard

**SOMETHING REALLY WEIRD:**

Bug pictures on Library atrium walls(need explanation beside picture—she asked, “who puts bug pictures on wall?”), half eaten apple(deteriorates fast.), Venus Fly Trap plant at her home, Skeleton pictures in Biggin Hall with birds on their heads

**A PICTURE OF YOUR DORM/APT ROOM SHOWING YOUR COMPUTER:**

On the desk usually, desktop computer in her room (this is her fun zone with lots of magazine pictures and pictures of her nephew), desk at home.

**WHAT YOU USE TO MANAGE YOUR TIME OR KEEP TRACK OF YOUR WORK:**

White board calendar beside door in room, day planner with post-its and cell phone for time, day planner (writes everything down), Took picture of hand—no watch—said it was invisible wrist watch—he asks people for time, etc.

**YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE DAY:**

Cloudy blue day (midday), early morning, 7 minute breaks during class to eat and smoke, Not too bright—long shadows

**THE TOOLS YOU USE FOR WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:**

Pens, paper, notebooks, computer, highlighter, eraser, laptop, pencil, keyboard

**SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:**

Laptop/cell phone, Hello Kitty stuffed animal pillow/cell phone, Haley Center (all classes are there), Money, cards—TigerCard, etc

**YOUR FAVORITE BUILDING AT Auburn University**

Cater Hall (likes antebellum look), Thach Hall/ Parker Hall, Haley Center, Biggin Hall, architecturally interesting—not so sprawling, compact

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

- Group study rooms—too hidden—need to be advertised
- Crazy cold—has to bring gloves and scarves and layers of coats especially when in for long hours.
- Need sound muffling
- Doesn't like wooden armchair sofa—not comfortable
- Needs more comfortable furniture.
- Lighting needs to be improved—currently seems like a sanitarium
- Too much dust in library
- Outdoor benches/tables
- Needs better food selections at a reasonable cost
- All chairs need to be cushioned.
- Lighting is good during early morning time
- Add more levels to parking deck.
- Cell phone services is good on 3rd and 4th floor but social floors, 1, 2 and ground don't get good reception
- Likes big study tables
- Lots of lights out or flickering and it drives her crazy
- Loud all the time but can't be helped because of acoustics
- Need more secluded areas
- Looks old and dingy
- Needs to have more entrances—has to walk all the way around building to go home.
- Parking for students both in day in night needs to be improved.—has spent much time in parking deck, waiting for a park.

- Banks of computer stools are uncomfortable—more comfortable furniture needed
- Need smaller study spaced
- Need better fiction collection, especially sci-fi
- Need higher quality printer in DRL for graphic design—would increase his use 100%