What is a Library Commons?

So you’ve probably noticed the empty shelves on the first floor and may be wondering what the heck happened to all of the books. No, the library hasn’t gone completely digital (although if you haven’t checked out our online databases and e-journals, you should), nor have we stopped buying books (just check our new book shelf in the atrium). Most of the materials have been moved to compact shelving or relocated to the second floor.

Why do we do this, you ask? We do this so we can create a more dynamic, technologically enhanced and improved study, work and social environment for you.

The Library is in the final planning stages for creating a Library Commons - a renovated space on the first floor that will include:

* Flexible, comfortable furniture to accommodate both individual and group study
* Partially enclosed group study spaces
* Additional computer seating with improved workspaces
* Increased power outlets for easy access and convenient use
* Reconfiguration of key library service points.

As we embark upon this project, we will be moving some collections. (Just for kicks - start a betting pool on how many times we move the Video collection). We will also be dismantling some shelving. (We will try to keep the ruckus to a low roar). In the summer, we will be doing some construction work.

In the end (hopefully by the start of fall semester), we will have an exciting new space for you to use. To track our progress or to provide feedback, go to www.lib.montana.edu/commons/.

Spring Break Hours

We’re almost half way through the semester and Spring Break is upon us. Relax, have fun and forget about your studies for awhile. However, if you need to use the library, we’ll be here for you, albeit with limited hours.

**Renne Library**
Friday, Mar. 11: 7 AM - 5 PM
Sat. & Sun., Mar. 12 & 13: closed
Mon-Fri., Mar. 14-18: 7 AM - 5PM
Sat., Mar. 19: closed

**Creative Arts Library**
Friday, Mar. 11: 8AM - 5PM
Sat. & Sun., Mar. 12 & 13: closed
Mon-Fri., Mar. 14-18: 8 AM - 5 PM
Sat., Mar. 19: closed