\* NOTE: Our initial domain was students who study at Dibner Library because it seemed like a default choice for studying. After conducting our observations, however, we decided we were not interested in pursuing that because it lacked a diversity in students and work being done. We also felt that turning our focus to the students in MAGNET would be a more feasible choice since we ourselves fall into that category, and we have a greater interest in studying them.

Dibner Library

1:40PM

Sep. 29, 2014

Observations and Notes

* Table divider wall things are red in individual study stations
  + Red, color theory-wise, denotes hurry, agitations, etc
* Orange columns in the center of the main floor also adhere to color theory rules
* Left area of the library, where the individual study stations are, is quiter than the right side (where there are mainly tables meant for group study presumably)
* Parts of the left area of the library are roped off with caution tape, even though there doesn’t seem to be anything wrong there
* Library is quite busy/at capacity; quite a few people are roaming around trying to find a table or space to sit and study (us included)
* Guy running up stairs
* AC is broken (UGH heeeelp)
* Not really quiet on the main floor at all; even in the quieter areas, there’s a low rumble of talking
* No manually openable windows
* An abundance of power sockets
* Carpet seems relaxing to look at (only Donovan thinks this)
* Mix of Mac and PC users
* Almost all activity is electronic; hardly anyone is using/reading books or working on paper
* Single people sitting at group tables
* Most people don’t seem to be bothered by the heat
* At individual study stations, some people stand and talk with their friends
* White boards don’t have markers
  + Because they don’t have markers, Donovan assumed they were strategically placed dividers
  + Nobody is using them, probably because there aren’t any markers, and talking instead
* People in the study rooms use the white board more because there are markers
* The world needs more markers
* And AC
* Even with AC broken, there’s still a fair amount of traffic
  + Perhaps they have no other alternative?
  + Or they have become accustomed to studying only here
* A lot of the ceiling lights don’t work or aren’t turned on
* Majority of the students are male
* Fancy, adjustable chairs are very comfortable unlike the sub-par MAGNET chairs
* 2:04pm - sudden upsurge in chatter. Before was more quiet.
* The main floor study area is newly renovated. Some students are more used to studying at Bobst because this area was not available last year.
* 2:15ishPM - Marcos does a quick survey of people’s screens and the majority are actually studying.
* Somebody came in with food; like serious food; like smiley bags on lunch bags food
* Majority of students seem to be Indian/South Asian; perhaps Bobst is further for them

9/29/2014 - Dibner Library

Environment: a little bit noisy in compare to other libraries.

Major: Computer Science, Graduate student

She would like to do teamwork here.

She think the facility here is fine. She doesn’t mind if people eating around since it’s spacious here, this wouldn’t be a matter.

Majorly learning with the computer.

Comes here 3 to 4 days per week and staying for the whole afternoon.

Low efficient studying here because of hot, buzz sound makes her feel sleepy.

Study pattern: sometimes preview the class material, reading the textbook and do the assignments after the class.

behavior: 手纏頭髮 (will be translated soon)