

sutherland foundation innovation lab

Established in 2021, the Innovation Lab is one of the most recent additions to Hale Library and can be accessed on the first and second floors. The lab provides resources that further students' capabilities by providing content-specific spaces such as the Fabspace, an artificial intelligence studio, Makerspace, and a media studio. These areas provide resources that are free to use: 3D printers, green screens, sewing machines, sound studios, and more.

"Ninety percent of the time at least, in here it is actually quiet," Eli James, sophomore in computer science, said. "You can come in here and use adobe for free, typically you have to pay for it out of pocket. There are a lot of free resources."

the great room

A fter a fire destroyed many aspects of the Great Room in 2018, it was fully restored. This space stands apart from other areas of Hale because of its lofted ceilings, detailed murals, and historic background. As a designated quiet study area, students using the Great Room are asked to maintain a peaceful environment.

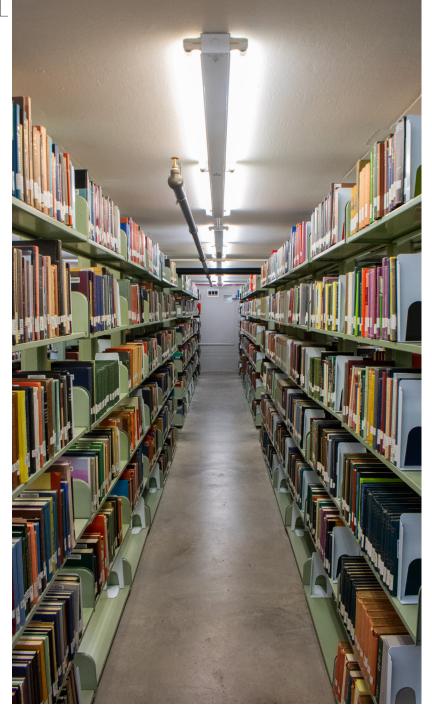
"It gets a lot of natural light and early in the mornings, there aren't very many people here," Raylin Schneweis, junior in marketing, said. "It is a quiet place to come and focus."





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the stacks

Spread across six levels, the Stacks often confuse students due to its coding system and the compact nature of the books. The Stacks separate their contents into 21 "classes", for example, Science and Agriculture. Guides for finding books can be found outside of most entrances into the area.

"The stacks have a lot more books and they all have different call numbers, which other areas of the library have, but it is more intricate and there are a lot more floors than the areas with the moving shelves," Arianna Gonzalez, freshman in animal science, said. "The library of congress system is the way that we organize our books, most people have heard about the Dewey decimal system, but we do the library of congress. A lot of people don't know that they can look up books themselves through library help "search it" tools, so they can look it up themselves, but they can also come to the help desk."

the collaboration rooms

Hale library contains 18 collaboration rooms. These spaces can be reserved up to four months in advance and are intended for groups of people to work on academic or research activity. These areas can be found on the first, second, and third floors. When the rooms are unclaimed, students are welcome to use the spaces without prior reservations being made.

"I think the collaboration rooms are really nice because they let you and your group of people really connect and throw ideas around in a space where you can speak a little louder whereas if you are outside just in the library you have to be a little quieter," Nic Reyes, senior in strategic communications, said. "I use them probably once or twice a week." STORY BY WITTNEY HAMMEKE. PHOTOS BY BETHANY PEEK. DESIGN AND ILLUSTRATION BY REECE BACHTA.

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