Why is the coffee cart being temporarily relocated to the Library’s main west entrance area?

Relocating the Coffee Cart Service is one of many temporary changes necessitated by the Library’s Addition and Renovation Project. The Project involves a complete scrape-out of the two story building, which contains the current Coffee Cart Service. Consequently, the current Coffee Cart Service must move before the Project begins. The relocated Coffee Cart Service will be removed when the building project ends.

The Overnight Study Service (24 Hour Study Room) is also being relocated to the main library building because it is within the construction zone. There have been vending machines in the overnight study area for decades and retaining immediate and safe access to food and snack options is something our late night scholars deem extremely important. The relocated Overnight Study Service on the 1st and 2nd floors of the main library (4-story building) will begin this Fall Quarter, which prompts relocating the Coffee Cart Service and its vending machines now.

Following a trend that began many years ago in research libraries, the Coffee Cart Service was first offered in December 2009. It was an immediate hit, and has grown in popularity. Knowing its importance to our users, especially our students, we wanted to retain this service somewhere within the remaining operating footprint of the Library. There were very few locations to choose from for relocating this service. By far the best was the one adjacent to the main west entrance due to its accessibility, proximity to water and power, and containment within an already busy area.

Are cafés, coffee bars, and other similar types of conveniences common in university libraries?

Yes. Cafés and coffee bar type services are common among university libraries across the globe, ever more so in recent years. Some of the most prestigious universities in the world, such as Harvard University, Yale University, Cornell University and the University of Edinburgh, to name a few, offer café/coffee cart types of services in their research libraries. Just last year UCLA finished remodeling its Young Research Library which now includes a café in its main lobby area. Similarly, the recent remodel of UC Santa Cruz’s McHenry Library incorporates a café in its foyer. (See examples on next page.)

Does the library get a cut of the profits?

No. The Coffee Cart Service is operated by the University Center Dining Services (UCEN), which also manages the Arbor. All of the furnishings associated with the new Coffee Cart Service are provided by the UCEN. Given the anticipated demand for the goods and services provided, this will create more jobs for students on campus! Beyond the wide array of refreshments, snacks, and ready-made foods to choose from, the Coffee Cart Service will also offer study supplies such as pens, pencils, hi-lighters, Blue Books, Scantrons, calculators, USB drives, ear bud headphones, and … aspirin.

Who do I contact for further information?

For further information please contact Denise Stephens, University Librarian (dstephens@library.ucsb.edu) or Gary Johnson, Associate University Librarian for Research & Scholar Services (johnson@library.ucsb.edu).
University of California Los Angeles, Young Research Library’s Café 451

“Café 451” located in the main lobby area of UCLA’s Charles E. Young Research Library. “Finally, patrons will be able to enjoy the ambience of Café 451, which takes its name from Ray Bradbury’s "Fahrenheit 451." (Bradbury wrote the 1953 blockbuster in the basement of the Powell Library Building.) Run by ASUCLA, the café will be open the same hours as YRL and will offer espresso drinks, sandwiches, sushi, salads and cupcakes.”
http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/ucla-library-is-transformed-214785.aspx

Harvard University’s Lamont Library Café

“Shhhh… it’s a library with a café. The Lamont Library Café is brewing up new energy and ideas with a range of Starbucks coffee and espresso-based drinks, frozen lattes, Tazo loose teas, baked goods, sandwiches, snacks, and bottled beverages. Study at one of a range of comfortable work areas, with a view overlooking Harvard Yard.” http://www.dining.harvard.edu/retail_dining/restaurants_lamont.html
Yale University, Bass Library’s Thain Family Café

“Located in the Bass Library, Thain is a classic coffee bar serving a variety of specialty drinks like cappuccino, latte, espresso and organic spiced hot chocolate. The Café also has variety of freshly made sustainable sandwiches, salads, sushi, desserts, and snacks.”  http://www.yale.edu/dining/locations/thain.html

Cornell University, Albert R. Mann Library, Manndible Café

“Manndible Café is not your average eatery. There’s something different about this menu: sandwiches with chicken raised around the corner, the perfect cup of coffee roasted that morning down the hill, a fresh organic salad grown across campus, a vegan dessert so rich you’d never guess it had no dairy or eggs, and to finish it off- you can toss your plate and cup into a compost bin instead of a trash can.”  http://manndiblecafe.com/
University of Edinburgh, Library Café

“The Library Café opened its doors on June 15th 2009. It is located on the ground floor of the main Library at George Square, in the heart of the University's central area making it easily accessible to everyone throughout the year. The Library Café is already an integral part of the main library building. It’s a bright, vibrant space with something for everyone. Come along and relax and have a coffee in our huge curvy sofas, dine at the funky tables and chairs or continue working at one of the many flat screen PC’s. There is a wide variety of food on offer, all fresh and made to order. This includes baked potatoes, panini, baguettes, salads, bagels, toasties, home made soup and nachos. If you fancy something a little naughty there are danish pastries, muffins, cookies and large slices of cake. We also serve great coffee, delicious smoothies and some chilled Frappes to keep you cool.” [www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/accommodation-services/current-students/catering/librarycafe](http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/accommodation-services/current-students/catering/librarycafe)

University of California Santa Cruz, McHenry Library's Global Village Café

“Owned and managed by the Hoffman Family, the Global Village Café is located in the foyer of McHenry Library. The café has indoor seating for 68, and offers a menu that includes coffee/espresso drinks, soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts with an emphasis on fresh and healthy ingredients provided by our local farmers.” [library.ucsc.edu/global-village-cafe](http://library.ucsc.edu/global-village-cafe)