

Suzzallo and Allen Libraries Floor Maps

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Overview

In the [study spaces research we conducted in Fall 2021](#), we found that having a map of the study spaces in highly visible places would help users navigate around the library and that noise level is the most important factor in determining whether that study space is appropriate or not. With these insights, we designed updated floor maps for Suzzallo and Allen Libraries. We also updated the stacks maps so that they are consistent with the new floor maps. These maps have been passed along to the signage committee.

Link to Maps (*links removed from public file. See below for sample map*)

Figma (all three maps are on the same Figma design file but on different pages):

- Floor maps with noise levels
- Master floor maps without noise levels. These have more details such as room numbers than the floor maps with noise levels and are intended to replace the maps located throughout the library in the future.
- Stack maps

Design Decisions

We designed the floor maps with accessibility and clarity in mind, and key components include use of colors/shapes/icons and simplifying the map outlines.

The colors on the floor maps represent different noise levels, and each noise level has shapes in the background so that users with color blindness can easily distinguish the noise levels as well:

- Silent = blue (calm) & "x" shape
- Low Hum = yellow (talk with caution like the traffic light) & square shape
- Chatter = green (good to talk like the traffic light) & circle shape
- No public access = solid light gray
- No access = solid dark gray



KEY

- Elevator
- Staircase
- Restroom
- Conference Room
- Office
- Storage
- Corridor
- Lobby
- Entrance

SPACES

- Office Space
- Conference Room
- Restroom
- Storage
- Corridor
- Lobby
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