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The Benefits of Integrating a Café into the Library
A multi-functional space to revitalize Neilson in the digital age.
The Diurnal Cafe
“Everybody loves a library cafe. But that shouldn’t displace important teaching and learning functions.” -Library Suggestion Box
“One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.”

Virginia Woolf, A Room of One’s Own
The Nocturnal Tavern
Fear of missing out

Fear of Missing Out or FoMO is a form of social anxiety — a compulsive concern that one might miss an opportunity for social interaction, a novel experience, profitable investment or other satisfying event.¹¹ This is especially associated with modern technologies such as mobile phones and social networking services.
Social-Caffeine

Neilson’s self-sustaining social network
Nocturnal Cafe: The **Disconnected** Social Network

- open mics
- poetry readings
- visiting authors
- literary discussion
“Books have never been ‘just books.’ They were always coaxed to life by conversation and oration; the oral and written sharing of excerpts; practices of addition, deletion, and extension...”

-Schnapp and Battles
A Sustainable Investment
everything

a student needs to sustain intellectual activity
Ability to Transform

Diurnal to Nocturnal

- A multi-faceted space
- Hot spot to cold spot
- Sustainable because of transformative qualities
Creating a lasting, aesthetically-pleasing study space
Keeping it Traditional

Defying the “trends.”

- in contrast to the modern Campus Center Café
- natural building materials
- soft lighting
The Langston Hughes Library

Designed by Maya Lin

Combines traditional aesthetics with modern concepts.
Tavern

The “Speakeasy” at the Mount Washington Hotel

Brick and wood similar to the attic of Neilson.
More Interior Inspiration

- Exposed brick walls
- Dark wood
- Stone
- Low, intimate lighting
- Books as decoration
- Comfortable seating
work-study

creating sustainable jobs for students on Smith campus
A “Gateway” to Neilson
A Hybrid Space

CC meets Library

- academically social
- an “everything space”
- creative/cultural attraction
- 21st century revitalization
- convenience
  - mental break
“No social spaces! Please! The library is not a place for socialization! We do not need the library to be another campus center! If there is such a place, it should be in the furthest deepest corner of the library so as not to disturb the work that is to be done.”

- Library Suggestion Box
Current Neilson Space

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Revitalizing the Library by Integrating a Café
Sources

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Library Suggestion Box

Library Beyond the Book by Schnapp and Battles

A Room of One’s Own by Virginia Woolf

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