

The Atmosphere of The University Library During Finals Week

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The library at the end of term library acquires the attributes it has never possessed before: the serenity of the library is inflated to a point of artificial silence, the sitting areas are occupied with mourned expression and accelerated motion, the structure is imbued with an arrested and shared vitality. When you walk in through the main doors, a locking of a direction of attention is experienced with an immediate sense with students taking up backpacks, caffeine, dusting off chargers and notes, and getting down to business with one thing in mind, viz., maximising the remaining hours. It is not merely about sound or human beings but about a narrowing of time, in which time of sitting hours is not only too long but time of minutes is also too brief. The impression one sees initially of the scene is that of deep stillness, yet beneath the scene is a feeling of panic, helping each other, little rituals, stretching, whispering problem-solving, time-taking breaks, that keep holding the evening together. Such a combination of concentrated urgency, group pressure, and sometimes relaxation characterizes the way people make use of the space, the air, and each other as often as possible in finals week.

The library is physically arranged and furnished in such a manner that it underlines the emergency among students. Long opening hours, large numbers of electrical outlets, shared carrels and individual booths, and a high level of lighting are all contributory factors to sustained study periods, factors that research has verified have a significant effect on student satisfaction and length of stay in library facilities (Lee et al., 2022). Once a row of desks offers adjustable light and quality Wi-Fi, students rearrange furniture and occupy a space to stay; when the area has small cafes or vending machines, customers are able to spend more time without losing focus. These are practical design features that create a framework of marathon study, which turn the library into a workstation and a refuge from the late-night affliction of distraction. As a

result, the physical traits are not an unbiased backdrop; they do facilitate and protract the concentrated energy required during finals week.

With the design-based perseverance, stress and coping behaviors determine the atmosphere of the library. The library is an active place of dealing with anxiety for many students: some of them directly face the task, throwing textbooks and drafting outlines, practicing formulae, and others use the library as a place to take some time and have a short pause or short talk. Libraries also serve as a third place of learning with both formal and informal learning, where students are able to focus and also have some time off; students deliberately seek out quiet spaces to study and in group rooms to study and reassure each other during last-minute cuddling. This role of the library is thus not limited to academia, but it is part of stress management that students need at times when examinations are at their highest (Akbar et al., 2021). These decisions are indicative of problem and emotion-oriented coping mechanisms that students use in stressful situations and bring the environment of a study hall to a state of active emotional management and intellectual activity.

The human semblance, audio, smell and minor social rituals, equalize the nature of the library in the finals week and preserve its human facade. it is a low and deep murmur of sound: of the scratch of pens and the moan of low-pitched key knows and the repressed laugh or sigh, of the slow walk of the staff between the stacks. The scent of instantly brewed coffee and hot snacks at the places where one takes a short break, and a cold metallic odor of night air cooling is under everything. Moreover, even particular conventions are invented by students, a slight knock on the floor when you need to ask one of the neighbors something, a piece of paper on a table to show that a person is occupied, a group of people whispering silent mumbling trying to solve a problem in order not to make the communal pressure out of these problems; social conventions

that are able to make the communal pressure within the limits. It is through such practices that the library becomes a common place that is respectful enough to enable the excessive individual effort to be balanced with a rules-free custom of ensuring everyone is on track. Through such that, the atmosphere becomes a collective of dances of perseverance, courtesy and clouds of little human consolations. In conclusion, the university library finals week may be described as a stratified environment because of the existence of the sense of urgency stress, group stress, and personal relaxation which are integrated to influence the study and coping systems of students. The practical needs, which are reliable facilities and versatile spaces, psychological strategies, including coping and peer support, and sensory stimuli, including auditory and olfactory, are moved to a demanding and contributing environment simultaneously in the final days. Leaving after a hard night, a person experiences some sense of tired success and silent prayers and this confirms the fact that the library is not merely the place where people study but it is also some culture of overcoming a commonplace.

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