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### Rohrbach Library

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An important building to the Kutztown University Campus is the Rohrbach Library. The Rohrbach Library is a building for studying, socializing, and relaxation. The main purpose of the library is to provide access to materials and resources to help students. The Rohrbach library is special since it also provides students with a place to interact with others and also having a safe secluded place to study. The library is open for absolutely everyone to use and it creates a comfortable environment in which someone can sit for hours without realizing. Even if someone is not there to study, they can always sit outside and enjoy the scenery. The Rohrbach Library is a very unique and important building on campus by providing educational amenities, study spaces, and even a comforting atmosphere.

The Rohrbach library is a massive building with an appealing look to it. When observing the outside of Rohrbach library, one will see a structure that stretches across 53,205 square feet of land. This massive building has a very symmetrical, yet complex, look to it. The evenly spaced, large windows surrounding the outside of the building create a symmetrical and unique look to the building compared to other bricked buildings on campus. Most, if not all, of the other buildings on campus are normally in the shape of a rectangle, the library is in a much more peculiar shape. The library displays a variety of architectural designs, namely the overhang over the front doors and a balcony area with bright red chairs and umbrellas to sit. The reflection of the sunlight hitting the windows creates a vibrant look, making the library seem like it is sitting in a spotlight. Another important aspect of the building is the various plants scattered about the sidewalks. The plants are well kept and strategically planted to match the building, further creating the symmetrical look of the landscape. These plants bring a sense of liveliness to the building that others do not normally have. Around the sidewalks and in between plants are a multitude of benches which allows people to sit down and take in a view of the scenery or simply

enjoy the sunlight while having a conversation. The brightness of the building itself and the lively scenery wrapping around the outside creates the ambiance look of a new building even though the last time it was renovated was in the year 1997.

Upon stepping into the Rohrbach Library one would come to notice that the large building is divided amongst smaller areas. Spreaded among the three level building are areas such as private study rooms, a designated quiet study place, a coffee shop, and even a small game area. Having a multitude of areas and amenities for students to use allows students to have a variety of options on how they would like to study, work, or take breaks. The most appealing aspects of the first floor would be the coffee shop and small game area. Before seeing the coffee shop one can definitely smell it. The area itself is rather small yet efficient so it is not always crowded, it is really easy to grab a coffee and go. It is rather odd to have a giant Jenga game in a library but the way it is situated right next to the muffled coffee shop and by an array of tables, the sound does not bother anyone.

The private study rooms are neatly scattered around the first and second level of the library, strategically placed for the areas around it. Smaller rooms for small groups of one to four are set more in plain, open areas where as the study pods for larger groups of six to ten are set more in corners of the building to hide the sound of large groups. While private study rooms are nice and secluded, on the second floor has a designated quiet study area if a student requires absolute silence whilst studying. The quiet study area is a lightly dimmed room separated from the second floor. It is more of a bi-level add on to the second floor, this extra seclusion acts as an extra caution to keep the room quiet at all costs.

Once inside the building there is an overwhelming feeling of comfortabilty that every library seems to possess. With a building consisting of a variety of areas there is a variety of

atmospheres to walk through. The private study rooms create a feeling of comfortability and peacefulness since they are so secluded and allow someone to be completely alone and separated from everyone. Private study rooms can also make way for socialization since groups can reserve one room to study together. Another area that creates spaces for socialization is the game area; being such a brightly colored area creates a sense of welcoming to draw the attention of students. The giant Jenga blocks are like a temptation to see if anyone is willing to break the silence. The lighting throughout the building shifts between brightly lit to low lit, seemingly guiding where the atmosphere splits, allowing the atmosphere to change throughout each section. The lights seems to be strategically placed with the windows to create the ambience the library is trying to obtain. Whilst being the center of the university, it is also the center of place for all students. Overall, the Rohrbach Library creates a safe and welcoming atmosphere where it could be an outlet of emotions for students.

The Rohrbach Library is an important building to the Kutztown University campus. Being such a large beautiful structure it would be very hard to miss, especially being centered in the middle of the university. With being separated into multiple floors, areas, and sections it is not hard to believe that the library's uses are as different as its rooms. Ranging from a study place to hang-out space, the Rohrbach Library provides students with the materials and the comfortability to do so. It creates a welcoming and safe enough environment for all students to use. Many may think that libraries are mainly to check-out books and to study, but the Rohrbach Library proves to go beyond the norm of a typical library.