

## Learning Spaces Spotlight

2120 Learning Lab – University Library, Indiana University Purdue  
University Indianapolis



**Website** [http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/ul\\_tech\\_room](http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/ul_tech_room)

**Vision** A flexible instructional space designed especially for library classes. (View video [here](#).)

**Details** Year Built: 2011. Capacity: 40.

**Design** University Library Client Support Team, Indiana University Architect's Office.

**Key Features** Mobile, dual-boot workstations.

**Technologies**

- 40 mobile Apple workstations running both Windows 7 and Mac OS Snow Leopard that allow individual students to work in the software environment they prefer;
- 2 powerful data projectors and 2 large projection screens that library faculty can refer to when teaching about online resources and databases;
- 6 group display monitors that students can gather around and utilize for small-group discussions;
- A state-of-the-art instructor's work station, including a central room-control system that allows librarians to manipulate all the equipment in the room, from the big screens to individual student work stations, plus
- A high-resolution document camera and
- An advanced audio system with a digital audio processor, ceiling mounted speakers and a wireless instructor's microphone.

**Innovative Features/Uses** In cooperation with other faculty from various schools across the [IUPUI](#) campus, IUPUI librarians teach students how to effectively target and evaluate electronic information, as well as how to use it responsibly. The work they do in the 2120 Learning Lab enables students to better:

- Organize and conduct results-oriented research
- Assess needed information effectively and efficiently
- Evaluate information and its sources

Library classes include students from all levels at IUPUI, but focus in particular on incoming freshmen, teaching core skills that will help them complete a degree at IUPUI and equip them for a career in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workplace.

David Lewis, Dean of the University Library explains that, “in today’s world technology is key to information discovery, evaluation, and use. This new space, which is very flexible, gives librarians the capacity to teach in multiple ways. Instructional space had been a constraint for our program, so this facility is a big plus for us.”

Unique in its design, the classroom’s [mobile workstations and wireless configuration](#) make it possible to quickly rearrange furniture and equipment to accommodate an array of teaching and learning styles. The new space can also be used by individuals and groups of students when classes are not in session.

The new instructional space was made possible by [philanthropic contributions](#) from several Indiana companies with an interest in helping IUPUI students succeed. Additional support came from a local community fund and a number of generous individual donors.

Located at 755 W. Michigan Avenue in the heart of the IUPUI campus, the University Library is a public library, serving the people of Indiana as well as the university population. Resources and librarians are also available on-line at [www.ulib.iupui.edu](http://www.ulib.iupui.edu).

**Staffing** 30 librarian liaisons, supporting programs across the IUPUI curriculum from Science to Liberal Arts and Nursing; University Library Client Support Team dedicated to designing and providing technology solutions and services to support the needs of faculty, students and community users.

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