Library Perceptions during Times of Terror: Students Affected by the October 1 Shooting and their Impressions of Safety in the Academic Library Community

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Research Questions

1: Library Users
- Do students use the main branch library space and in what capacity?
- Did students’ behaviors significantly change regarding use of the library after the October 1 shooting?

2: Library Safety
- Do students feel that the library is safe; how safe?
- How can safety be increased in areas that are already constructed?

3: Campus Space Use
- Where do students spend their free time on campus?
- Did students’ behaviors significantly change regarding use of these spaces after the October 1 shooting?

4: Campus Safety
- Are there areas on campus where students perceive are safer than the library?
- Where are they (general areas), & why do students feel that way?
- What noticeable design, spatial, interpersonal, or architectural features of a shared space make it feel safe?

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