Library Design for User Needs: continuity & innovation

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Evolving concepts of libraries - continuity & innovation

- Library as living room
- Mediatheque
- Idea Store
- Learning Resource Centers
- Athenaeum/Mouseion
- Learning Commons/joint use facilities

Design themes and user needs

1. Symbolic significance
2. Cultural & community centers
3. Warmth, light, comfort, functionality
4. Learning spaces
   - Collaboration and content creation
   - Reference and information commons
   - Learning Commons
     - Joint use facilities
     - coordinated curricular support

1. Symbolic significance

- Make an architectural statement
- Reflect:
  - institutional values
  - community identity
  - uniqueness of a campus, a locale, a region

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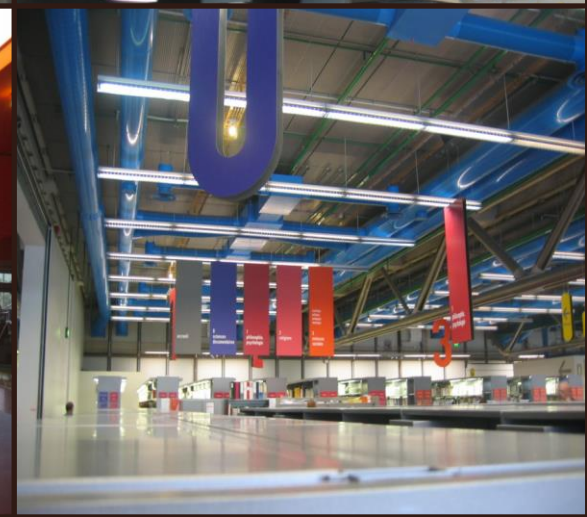

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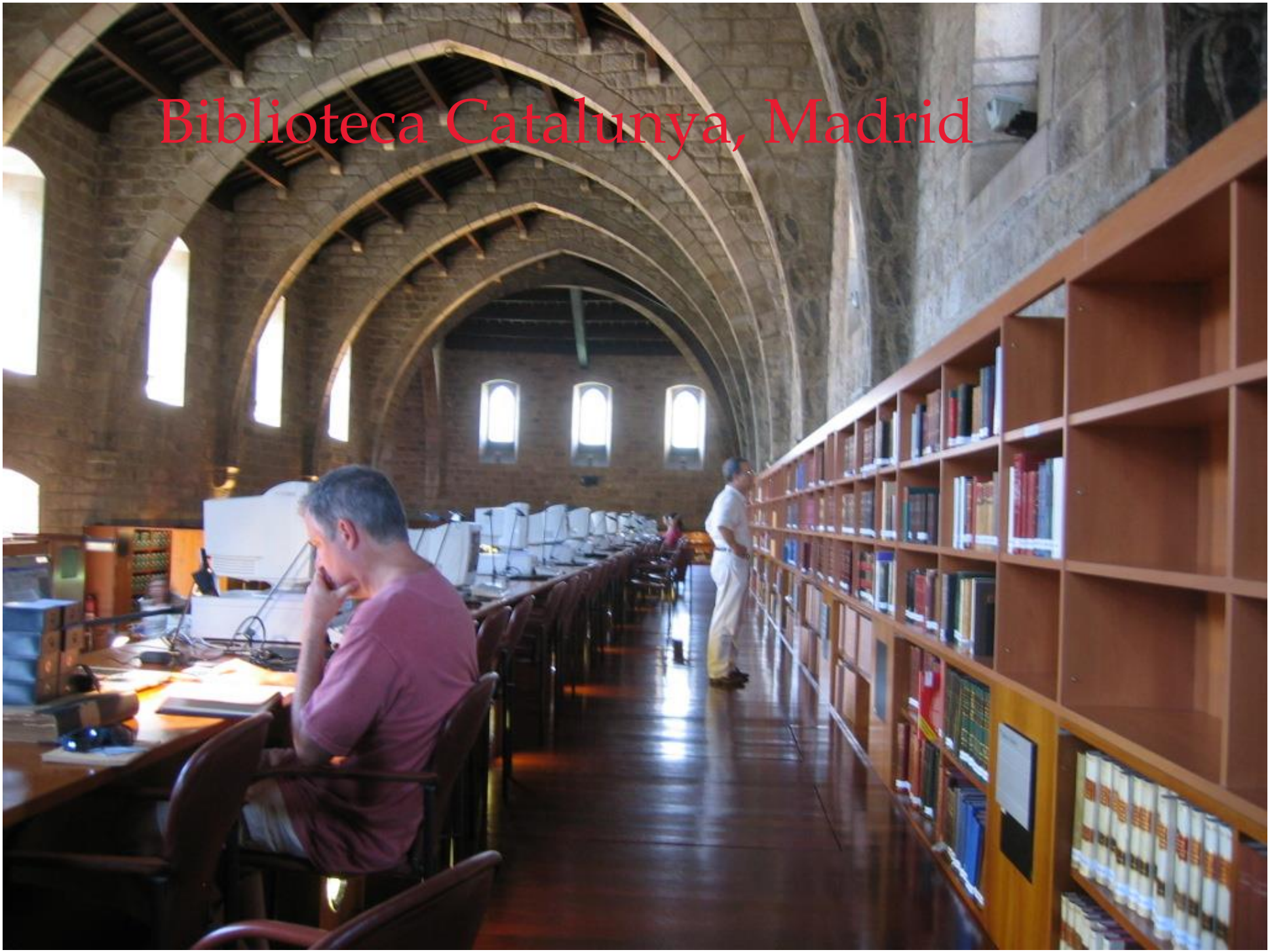
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Help!

2. Cultural and community centers

- Cultural events
- Art and exhibitions
- Agents in community building
  - Gathering spaces, social spaces
  - Cafes
  - Joint use facilities

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Amstelveen Public Library and Art Lending Center, Netherlands

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HOMER STREET

Vancouver Public Library

Rotterdam - moveable shelves

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Performance Space

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3. Warmth, light, comfort, & functionality

- High ceilings, natural light
- High design and finishes
- Design for comfort and sociability
- Comfortable furniture
- Cafes
- Outdoor spaces

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Seattle Public Library, Rem Koolhaus

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Trinity College (CT, USA) Fusion Cafe

Carlsbad Public Library, California

Charter House, Copenhagen

Morton Arboretum Library, Illinois

Agnes Scott College Library, Georgia

4. Learning spaces

4.1 Collaboration and content creation

4.2 Reference and information commons

4.3 Learning Commons

- 4.3.1 Coordinated curricular support
- 4.3.2 Joint use facilities

Collaboration and Content Creation

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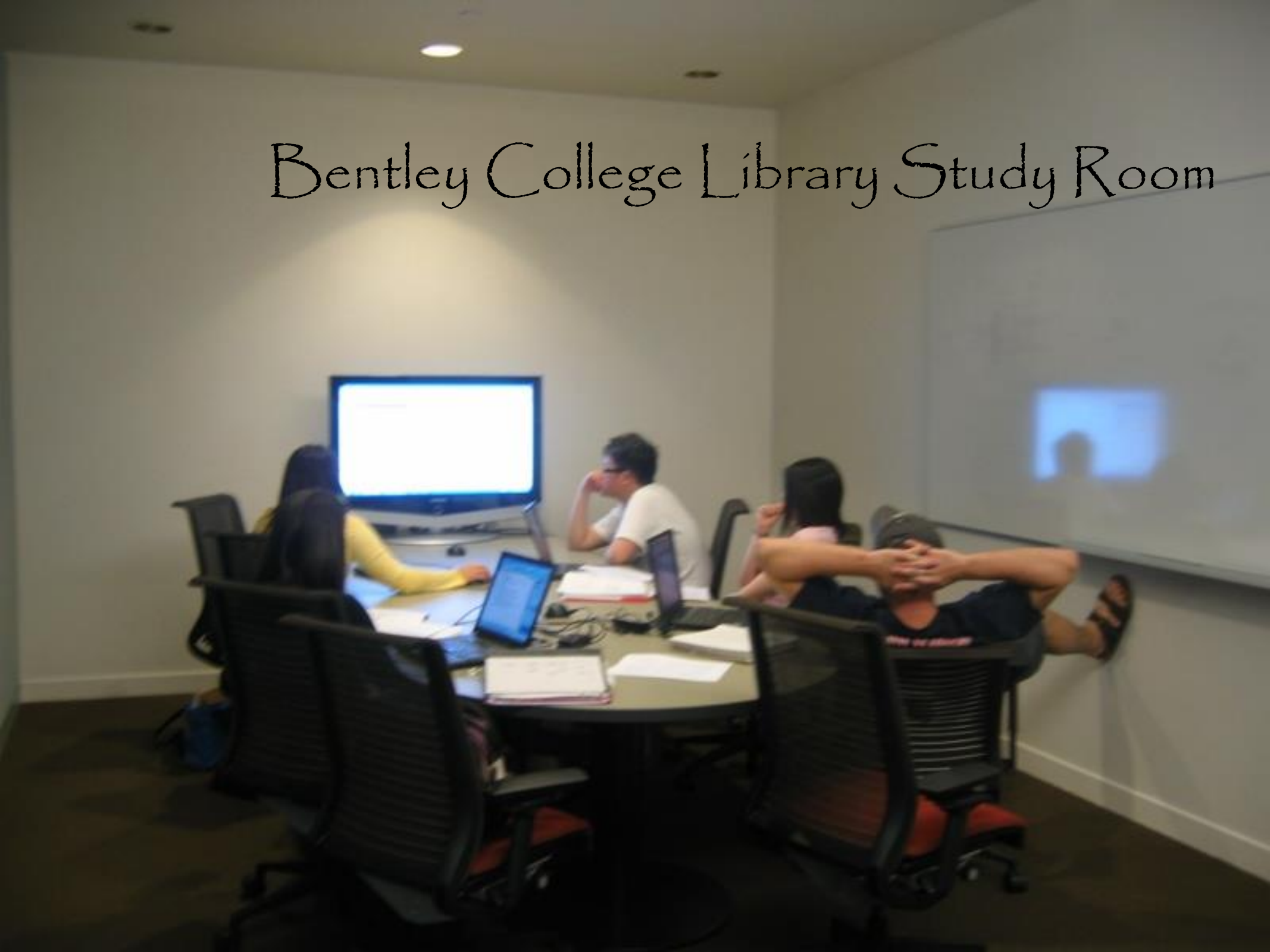
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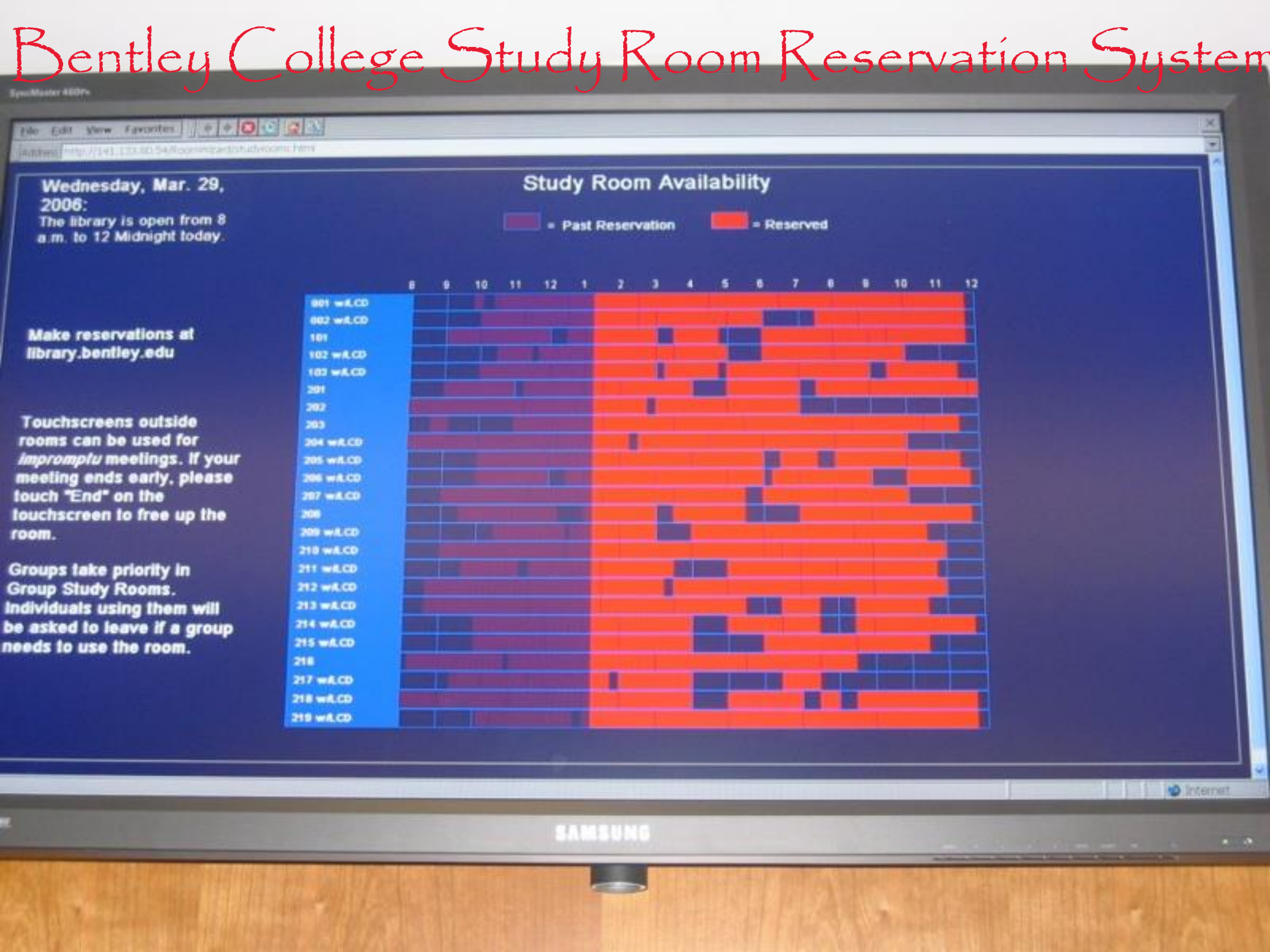
Bentley College Study Room Reservation System



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Lafayette College Technology Studio

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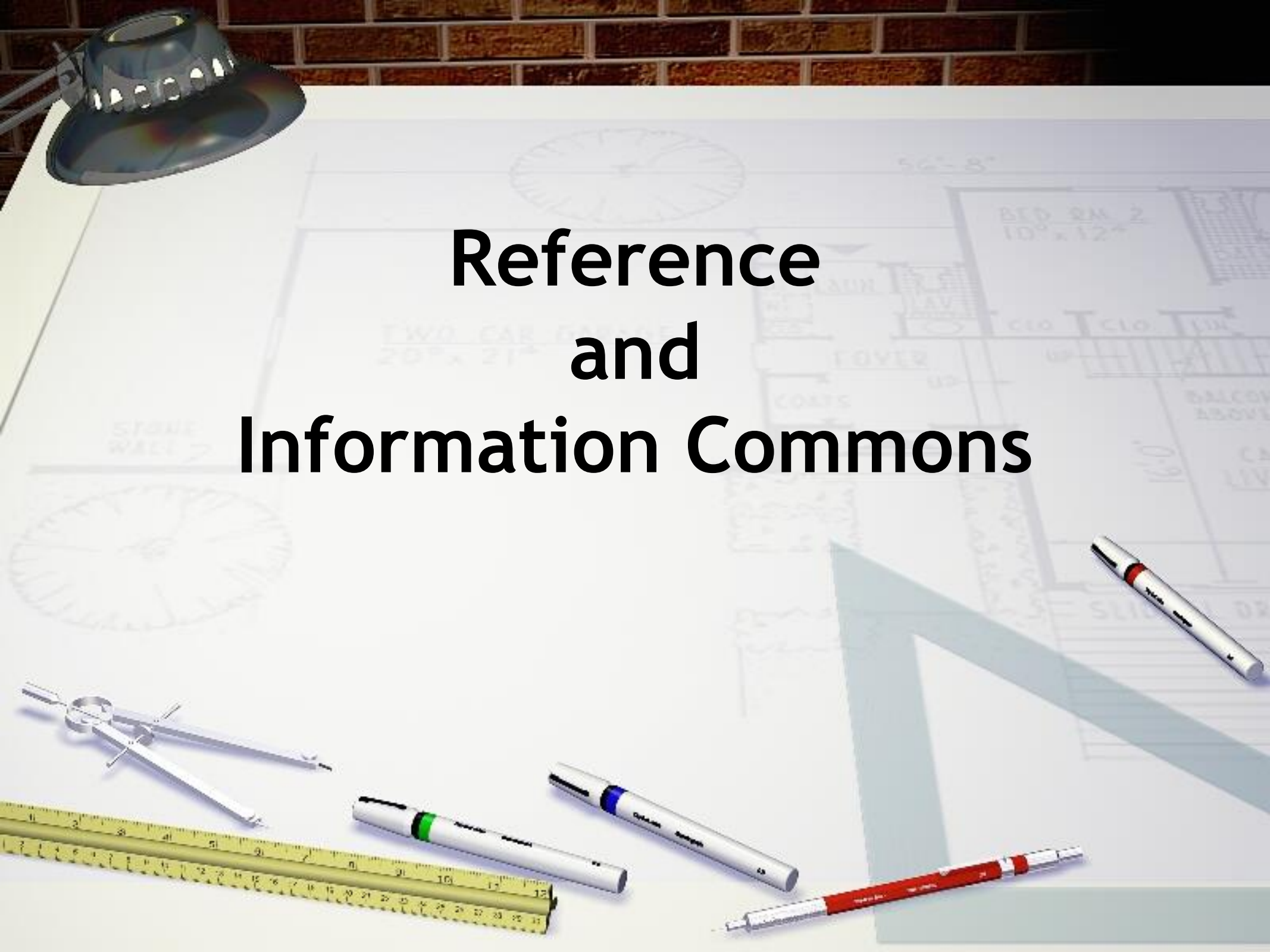

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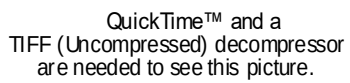
Carleton College Research/IT Information Commons



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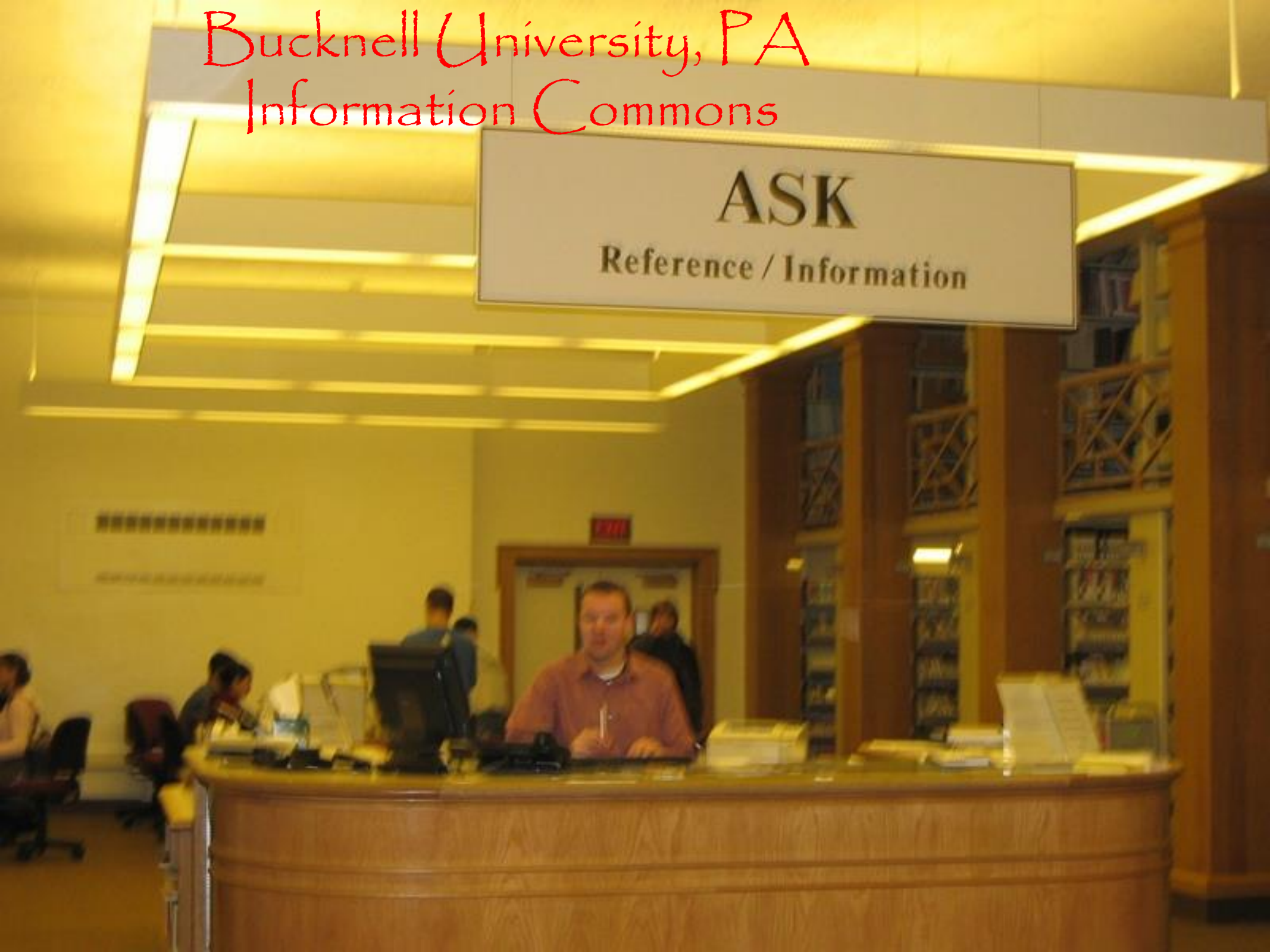

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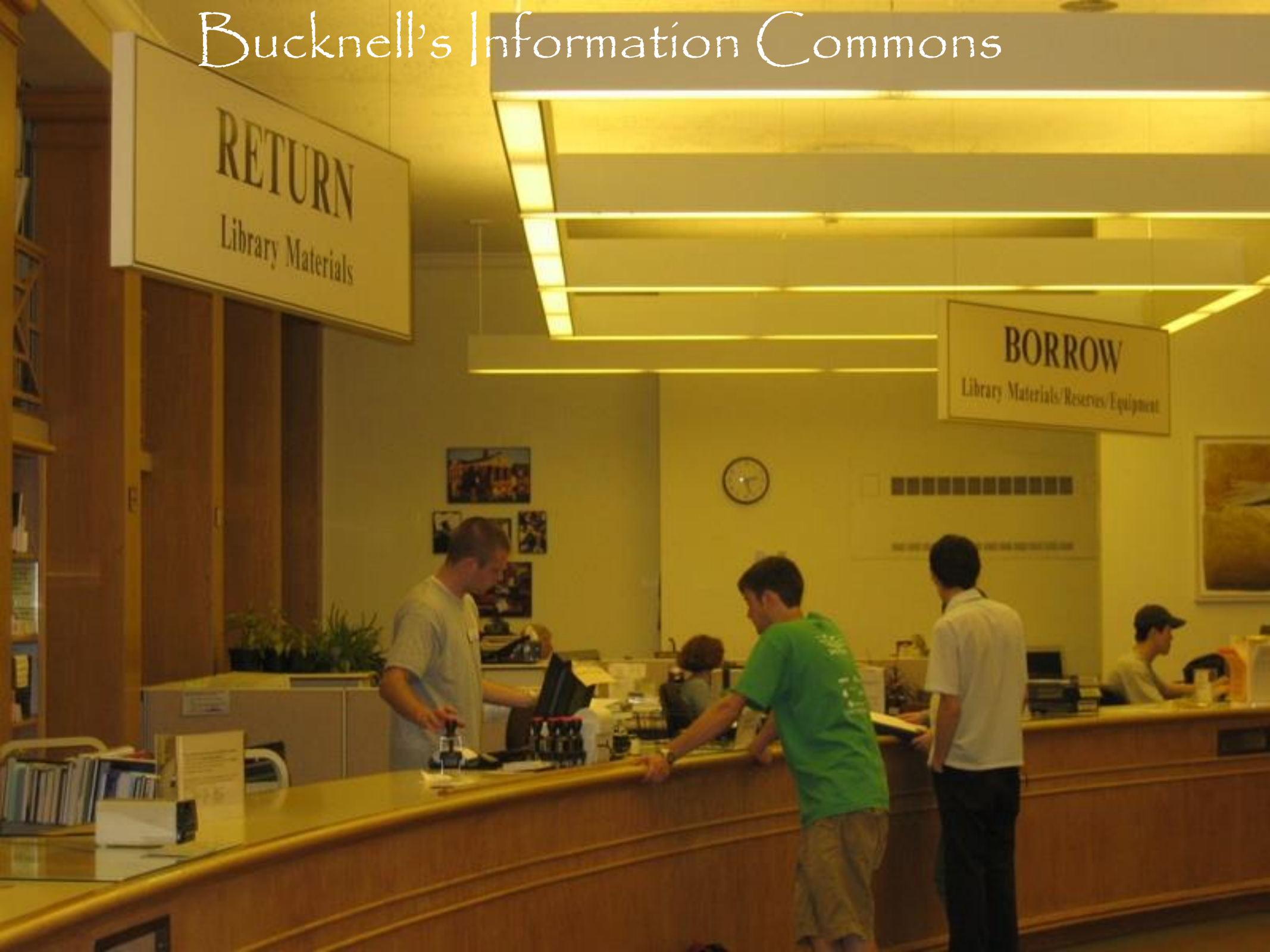

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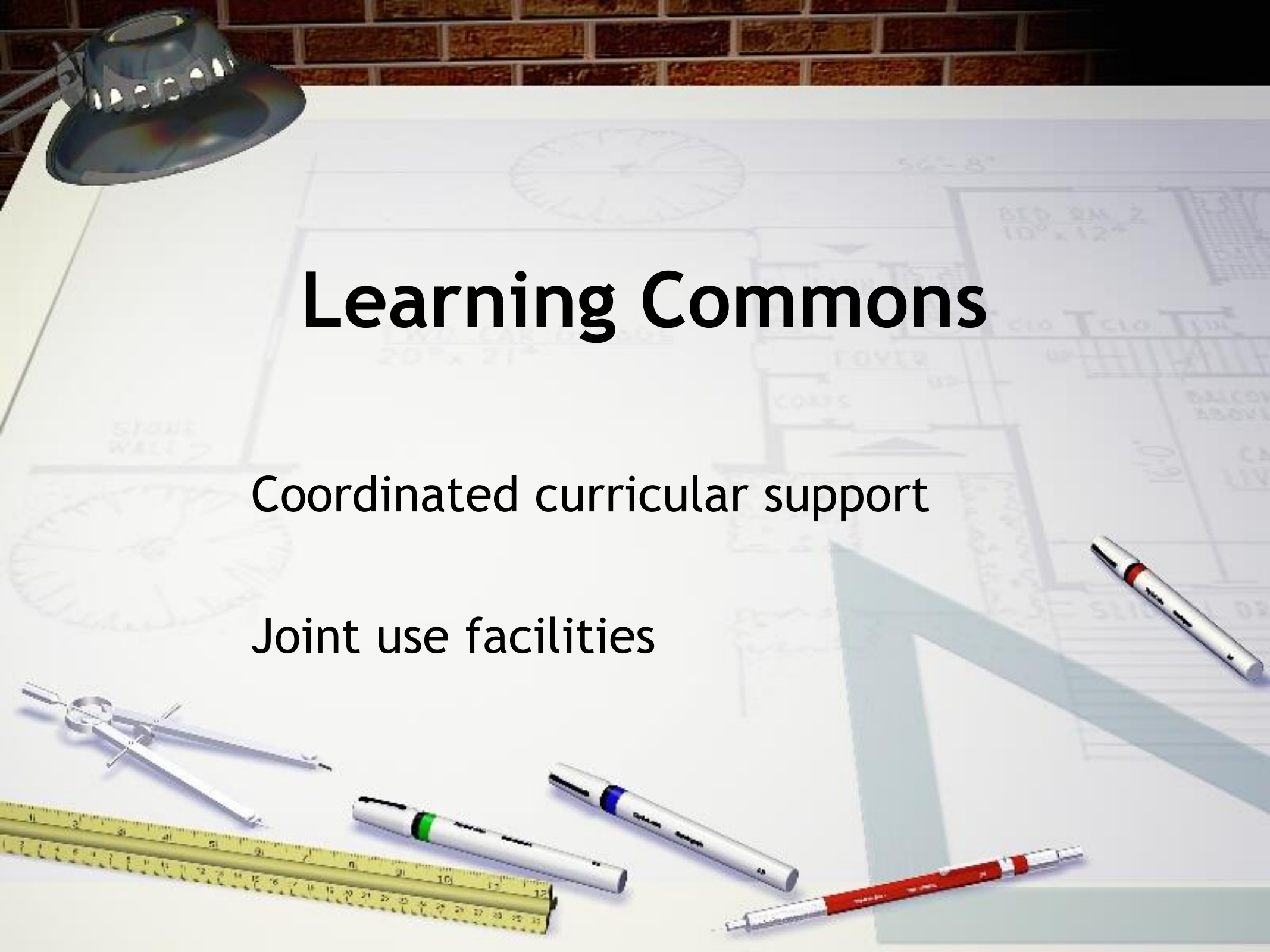
Learning Commons

Coordinated curricular support

Joint use facilities



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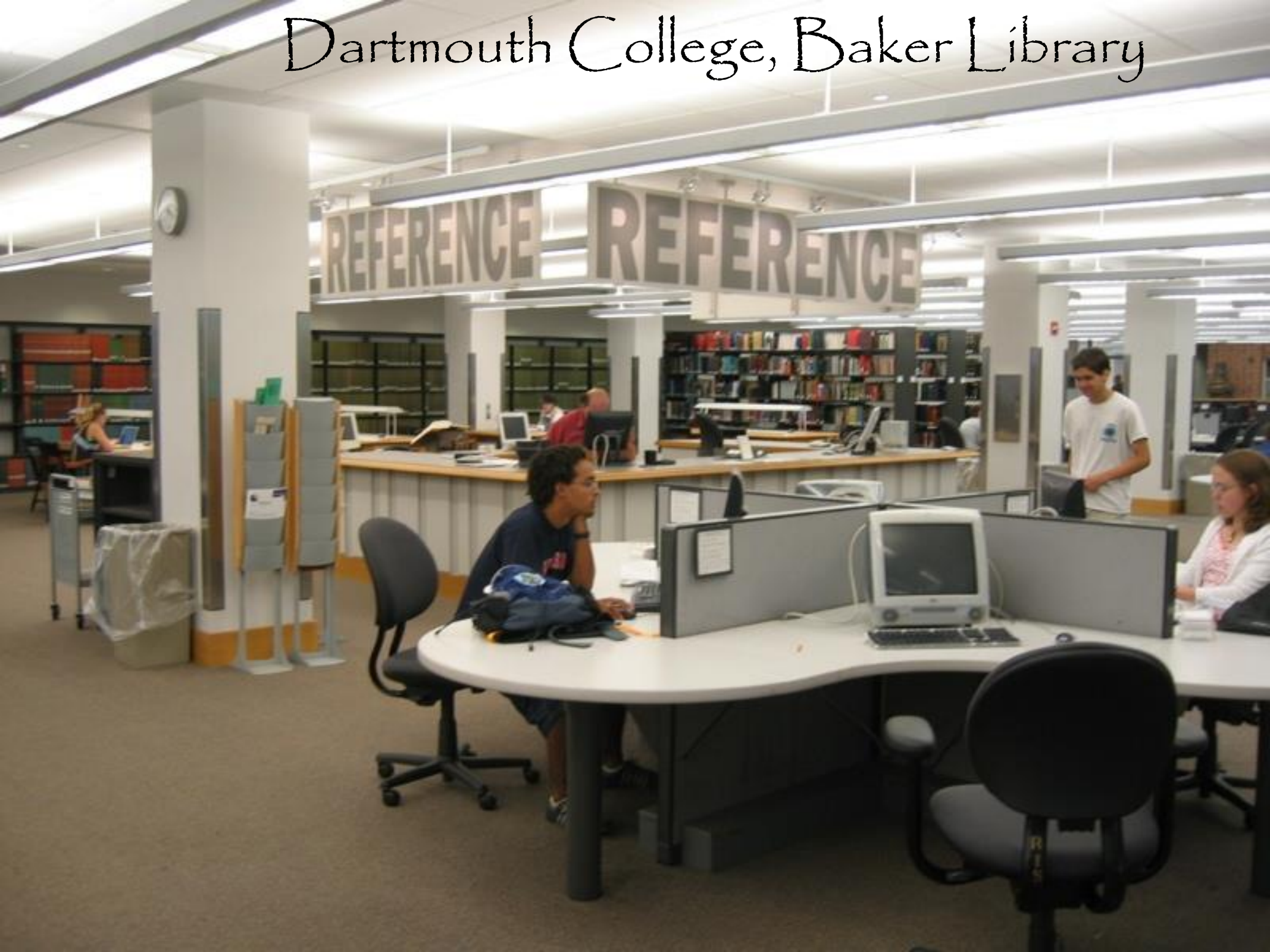

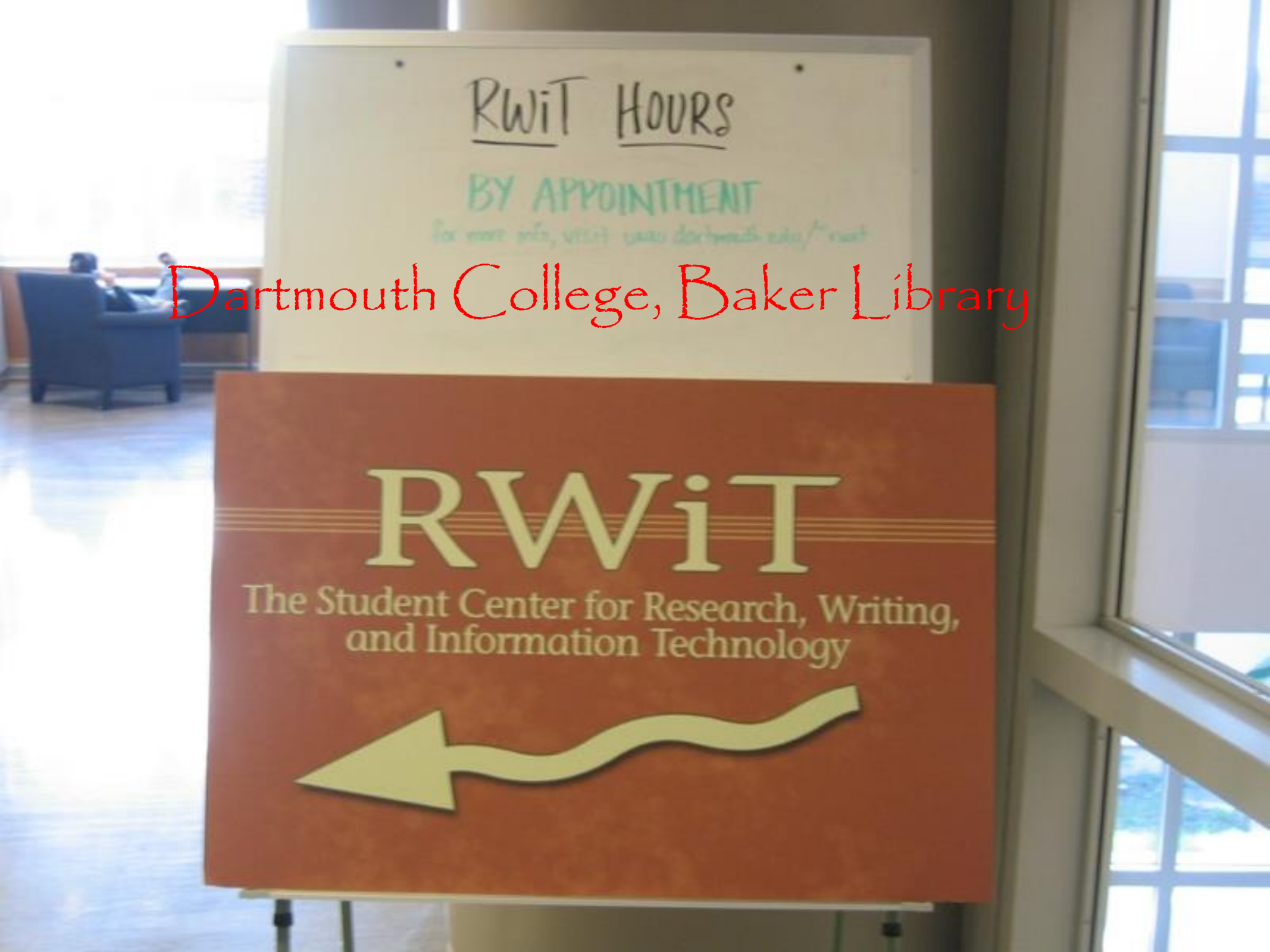

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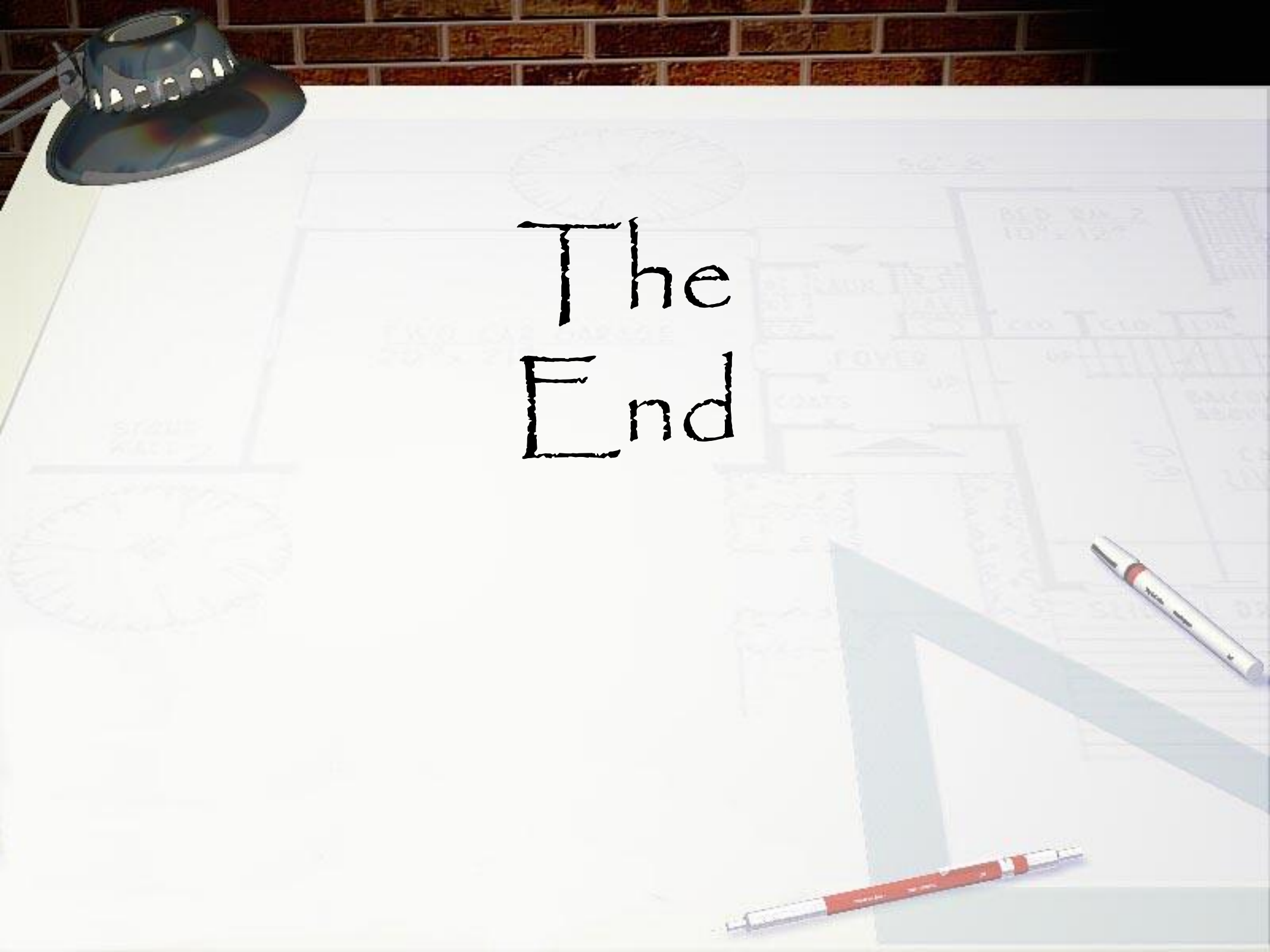
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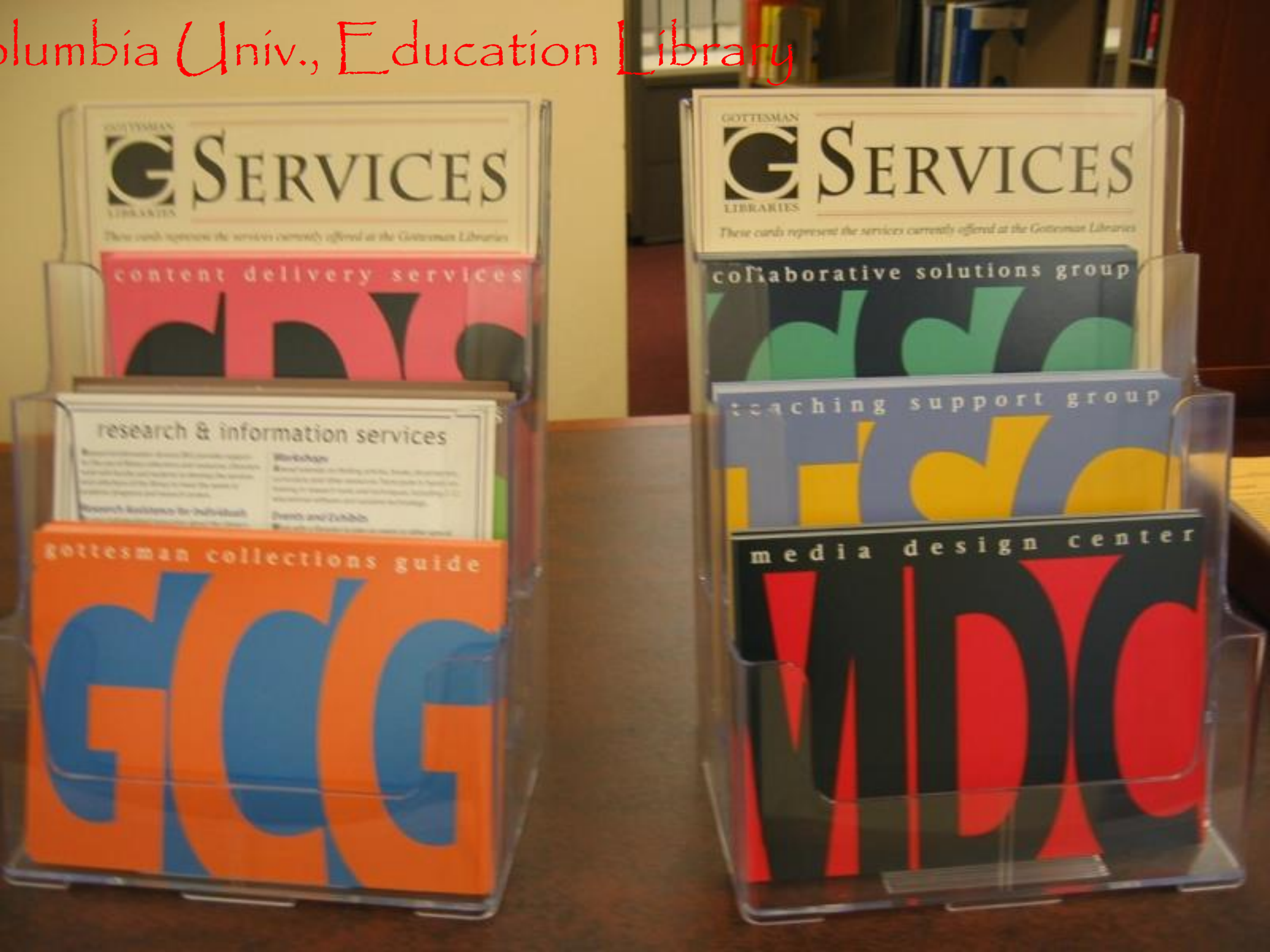

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FURNITURE

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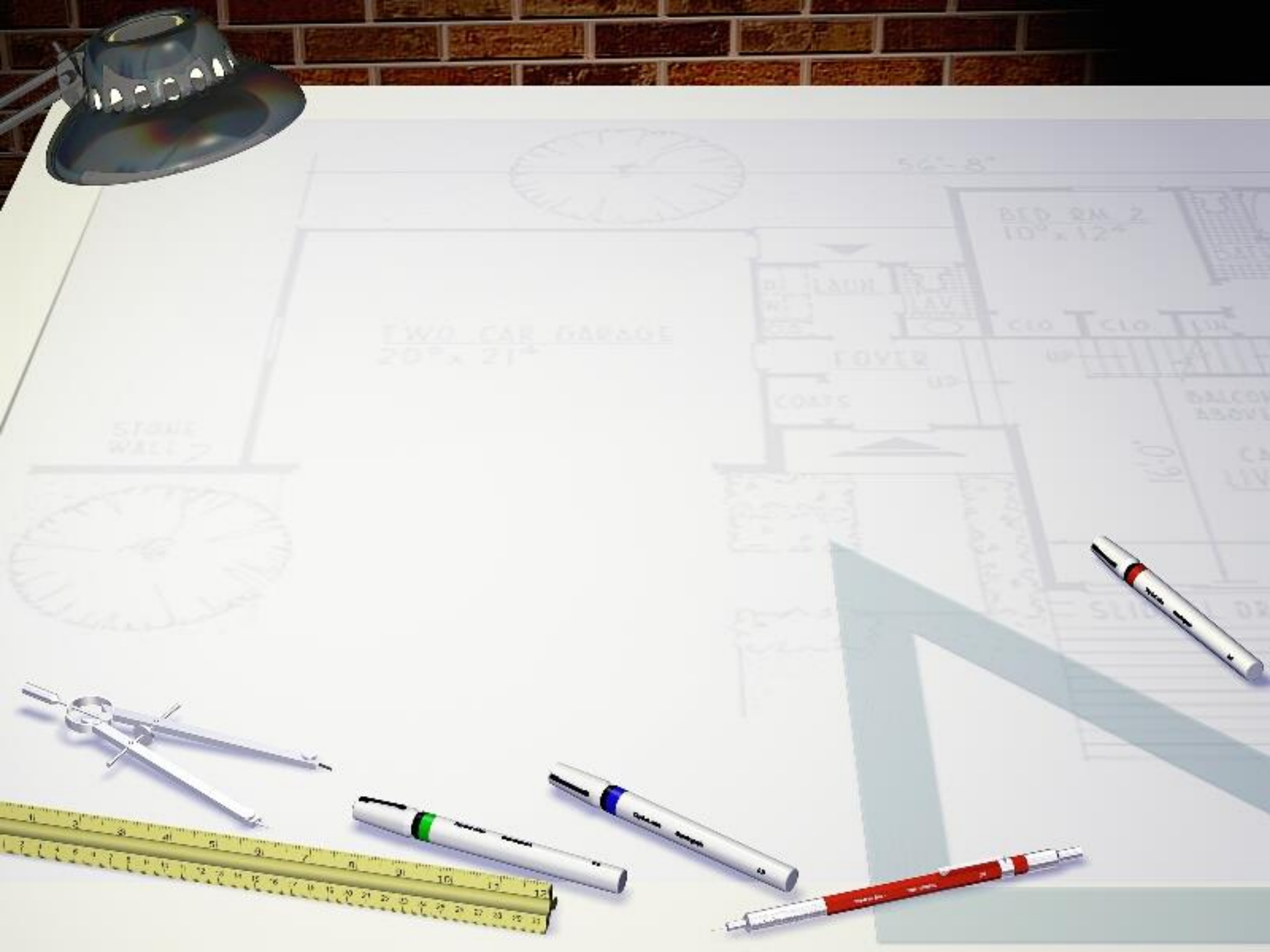

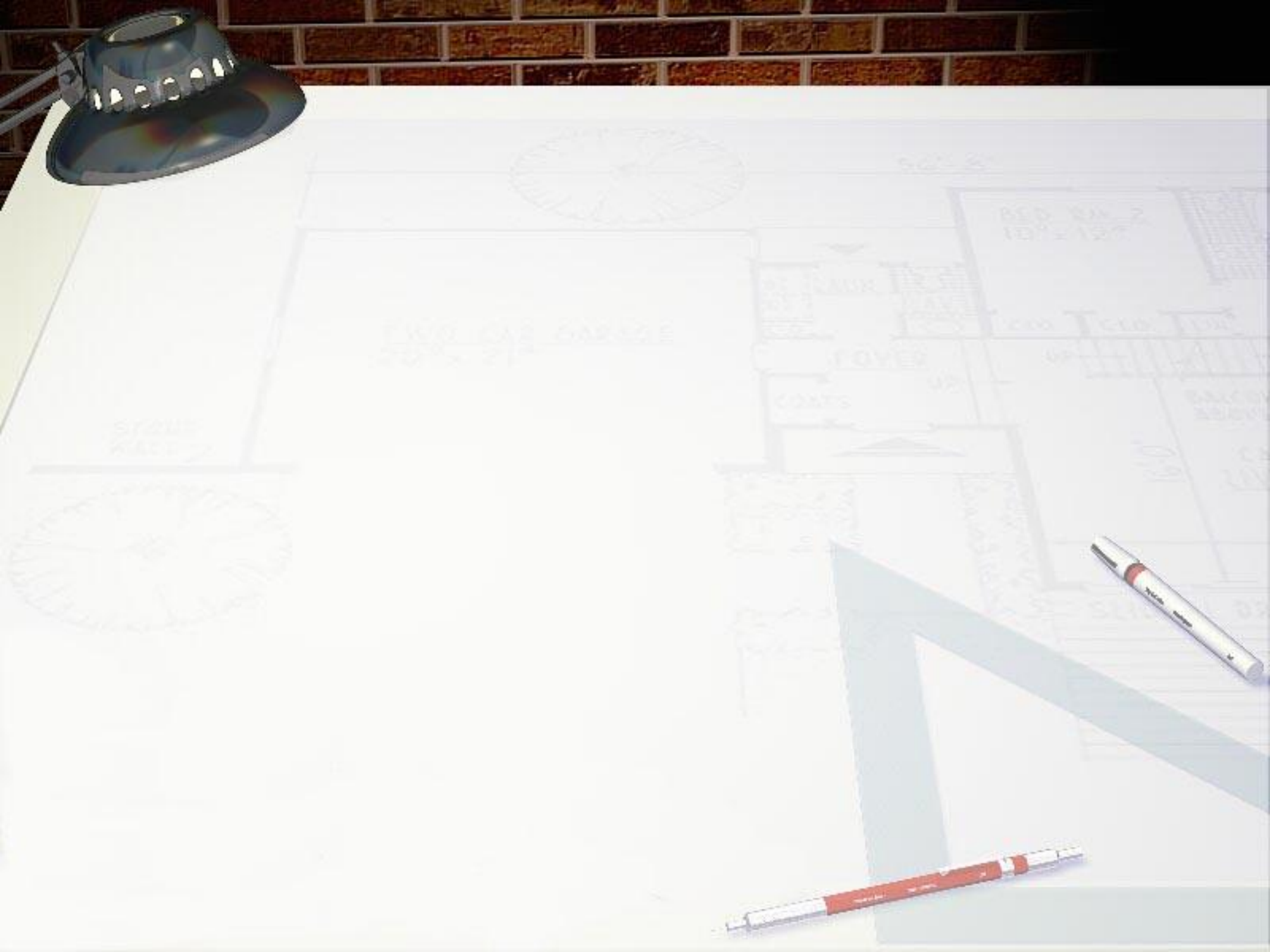

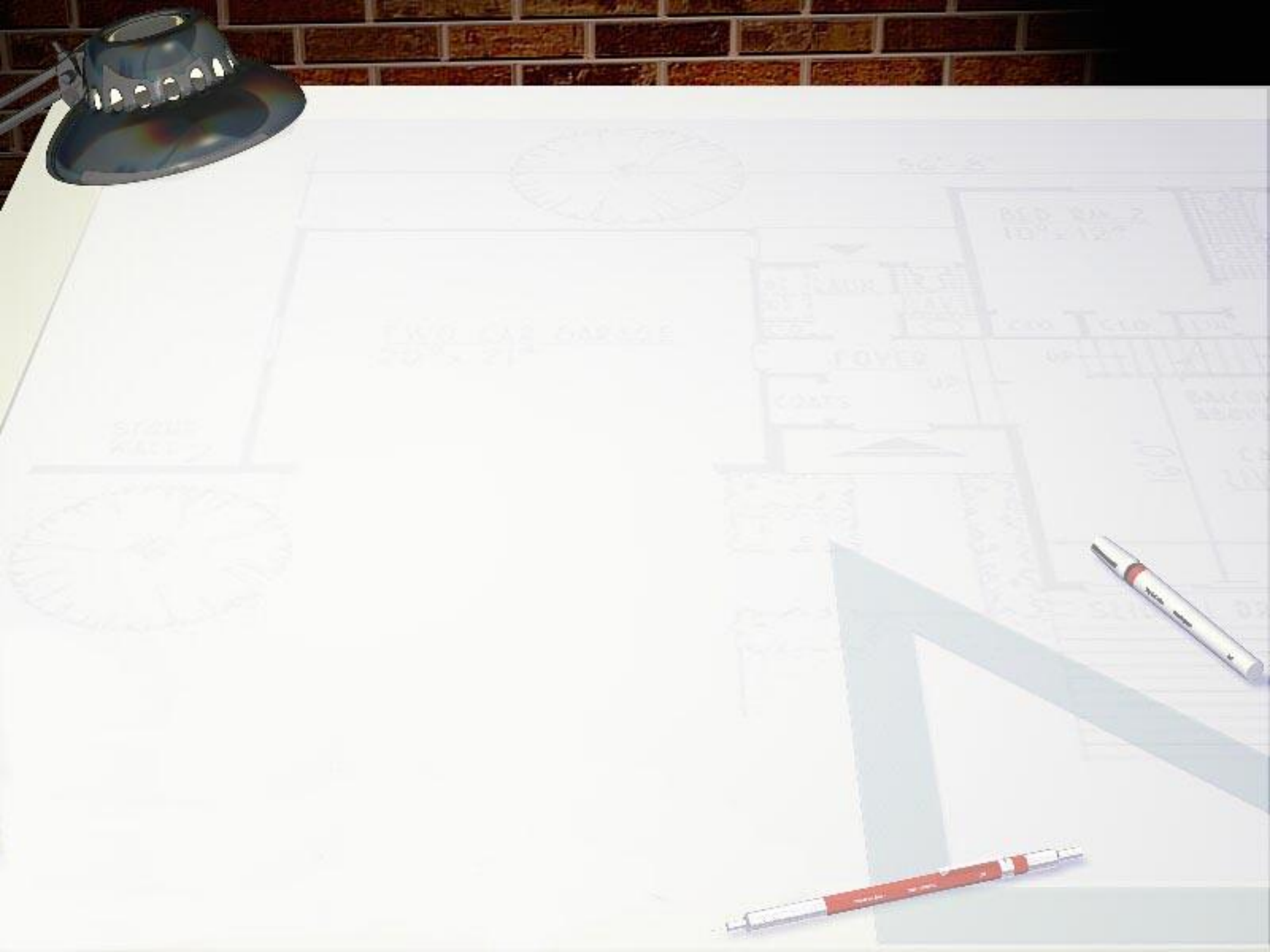

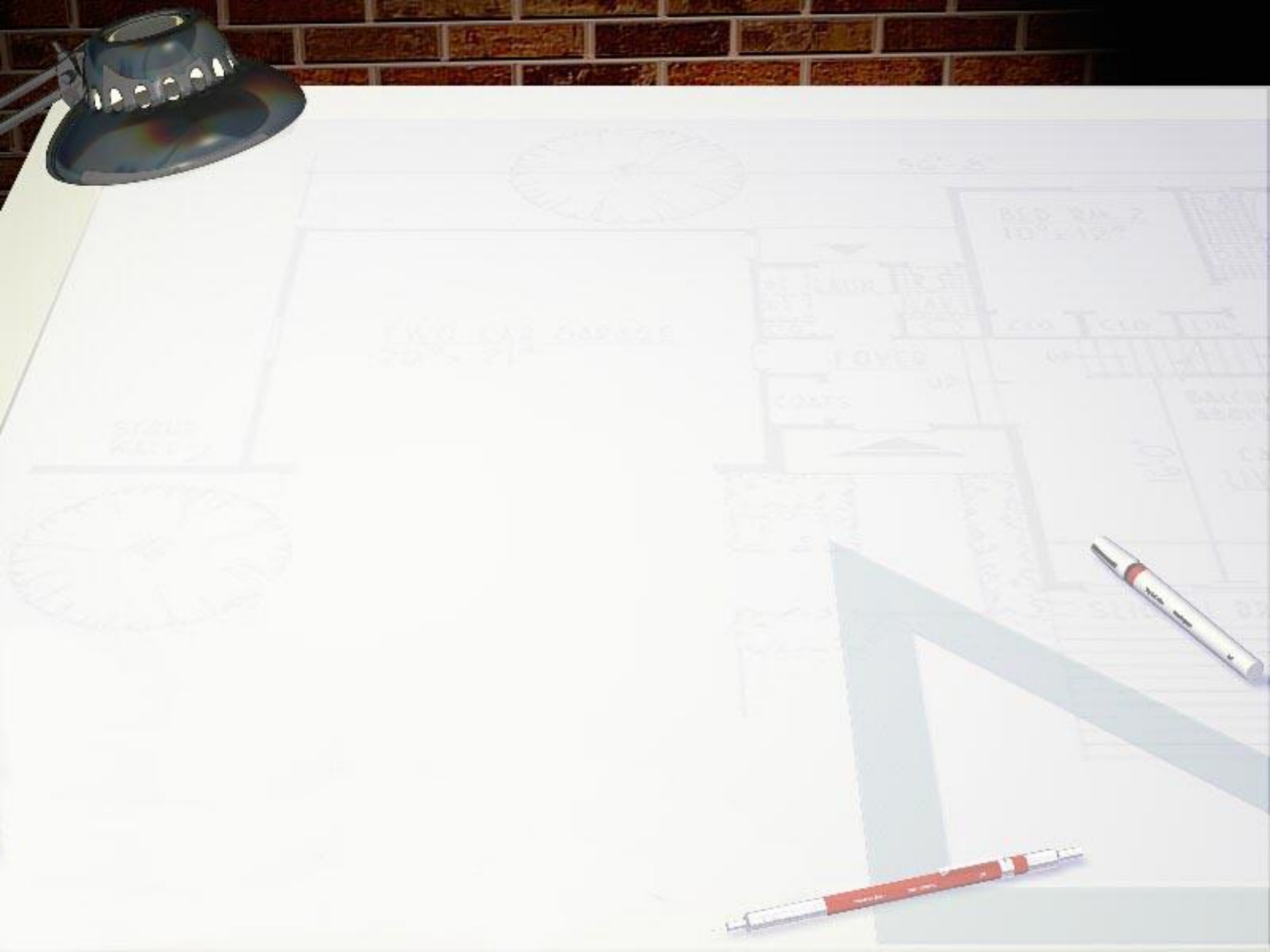

Emerging elements of the learning commons

- Collaborative spaces/group study
- Reference spaces
- Information commons
- Gathering spaces
- Service partnerships and co-locations

Co-locations
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Emerging Partnerships

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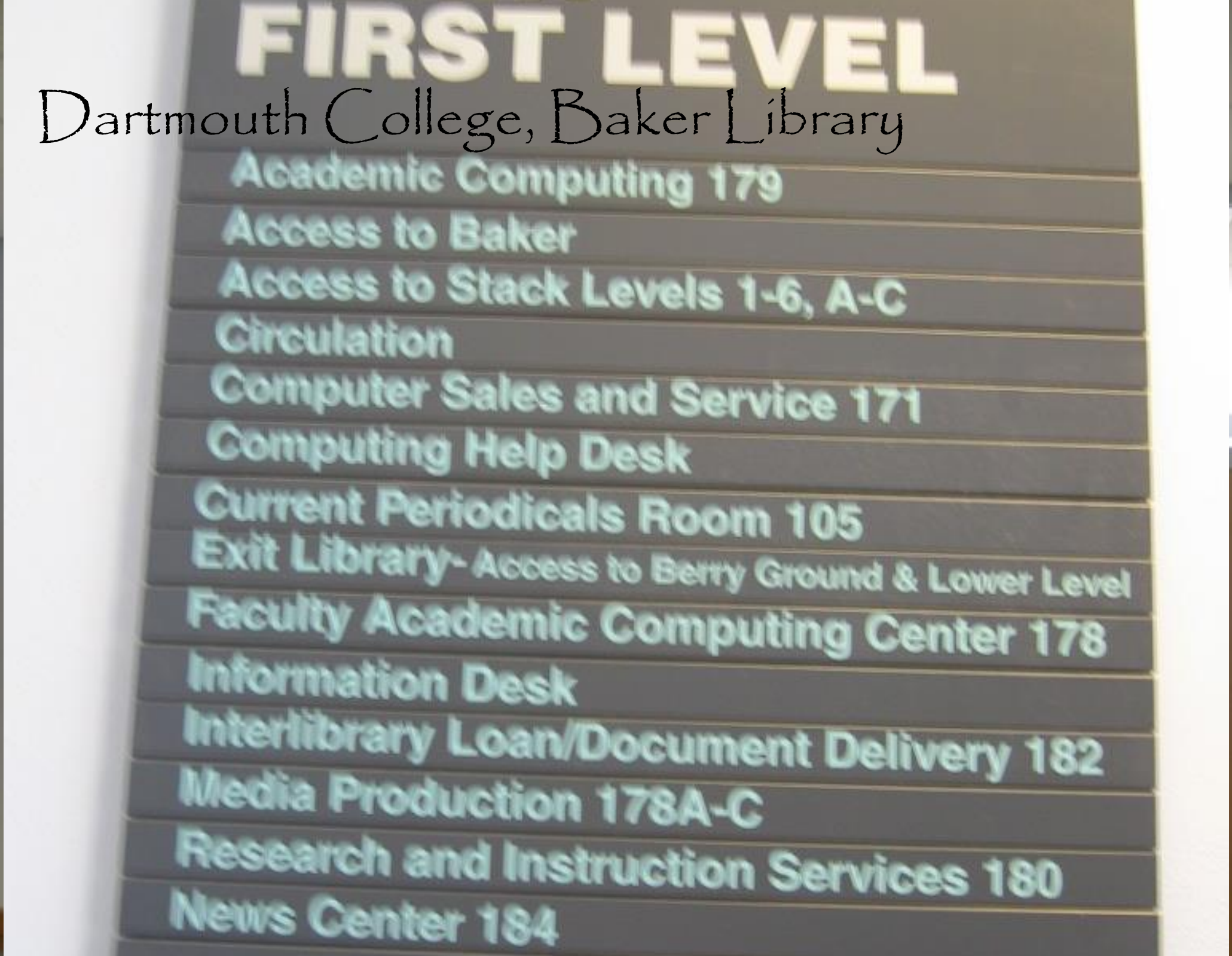

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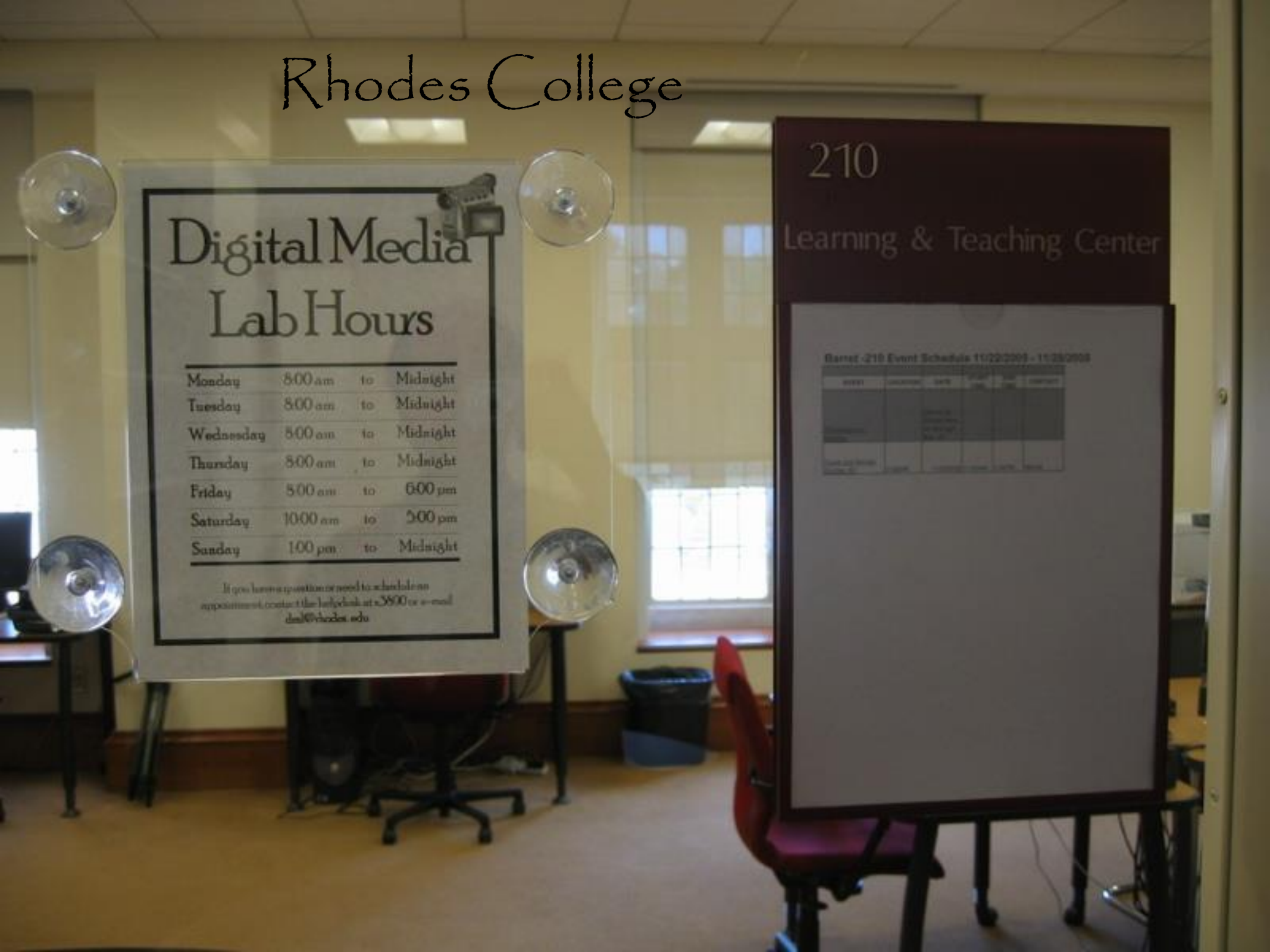

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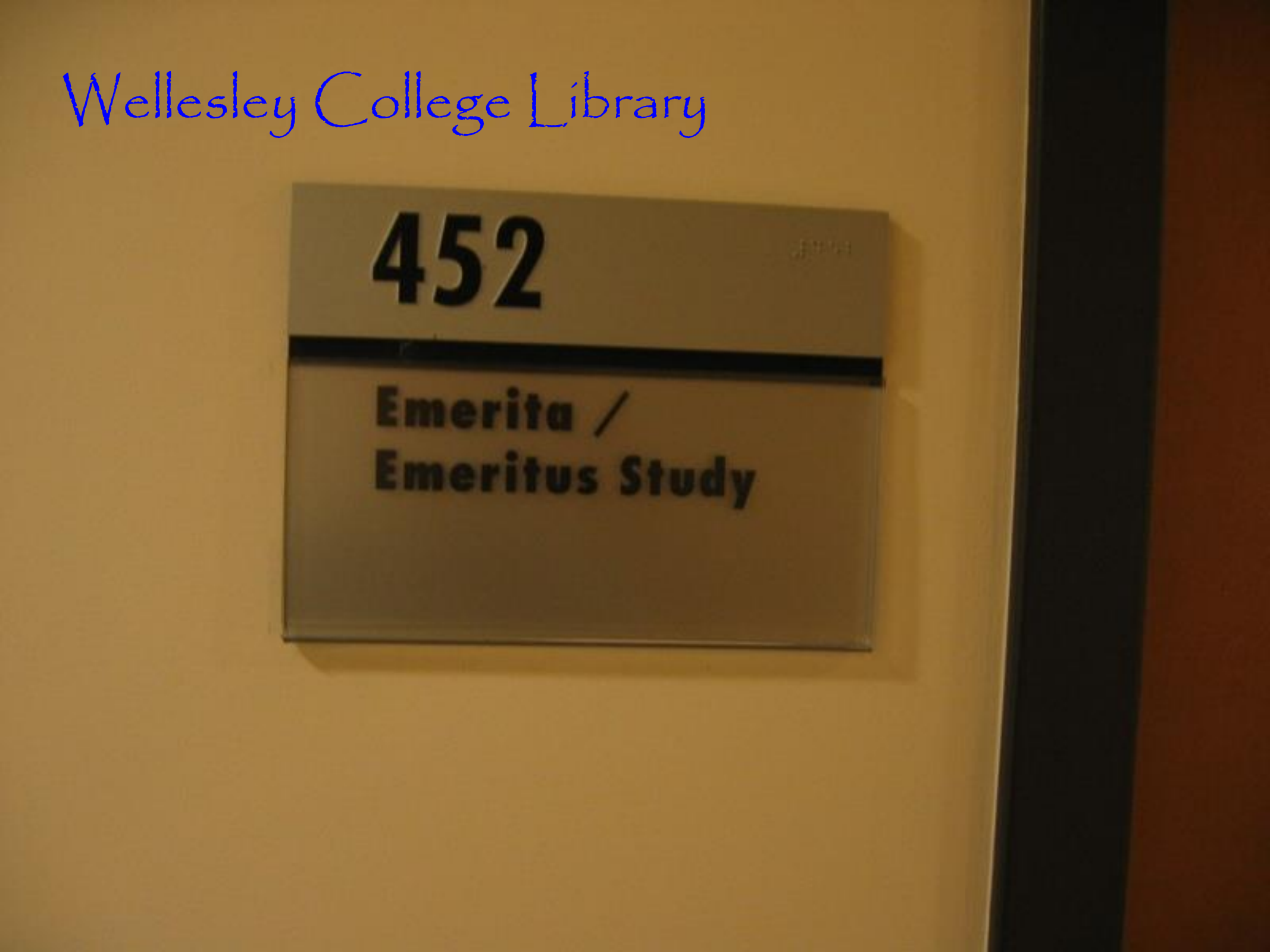

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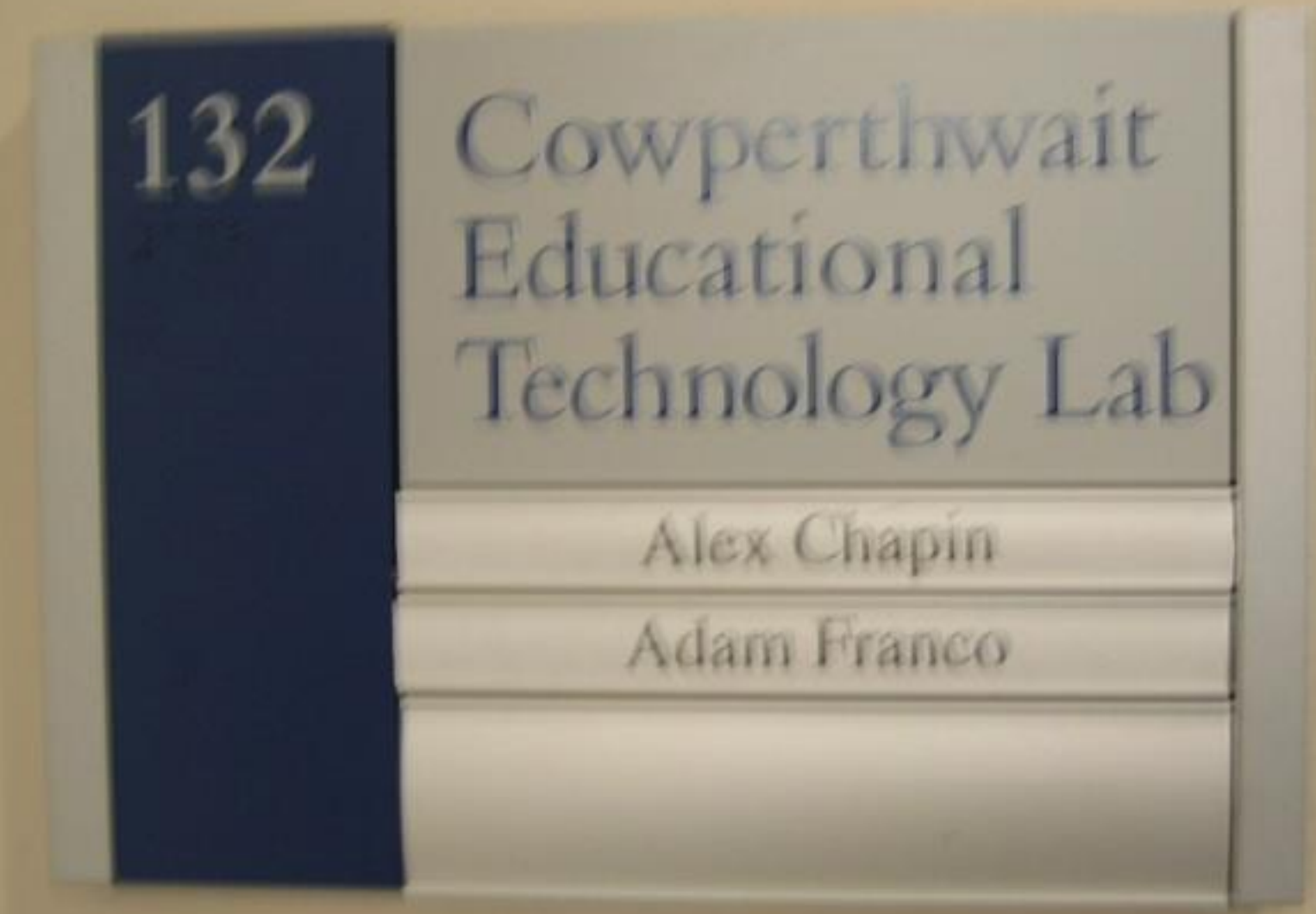

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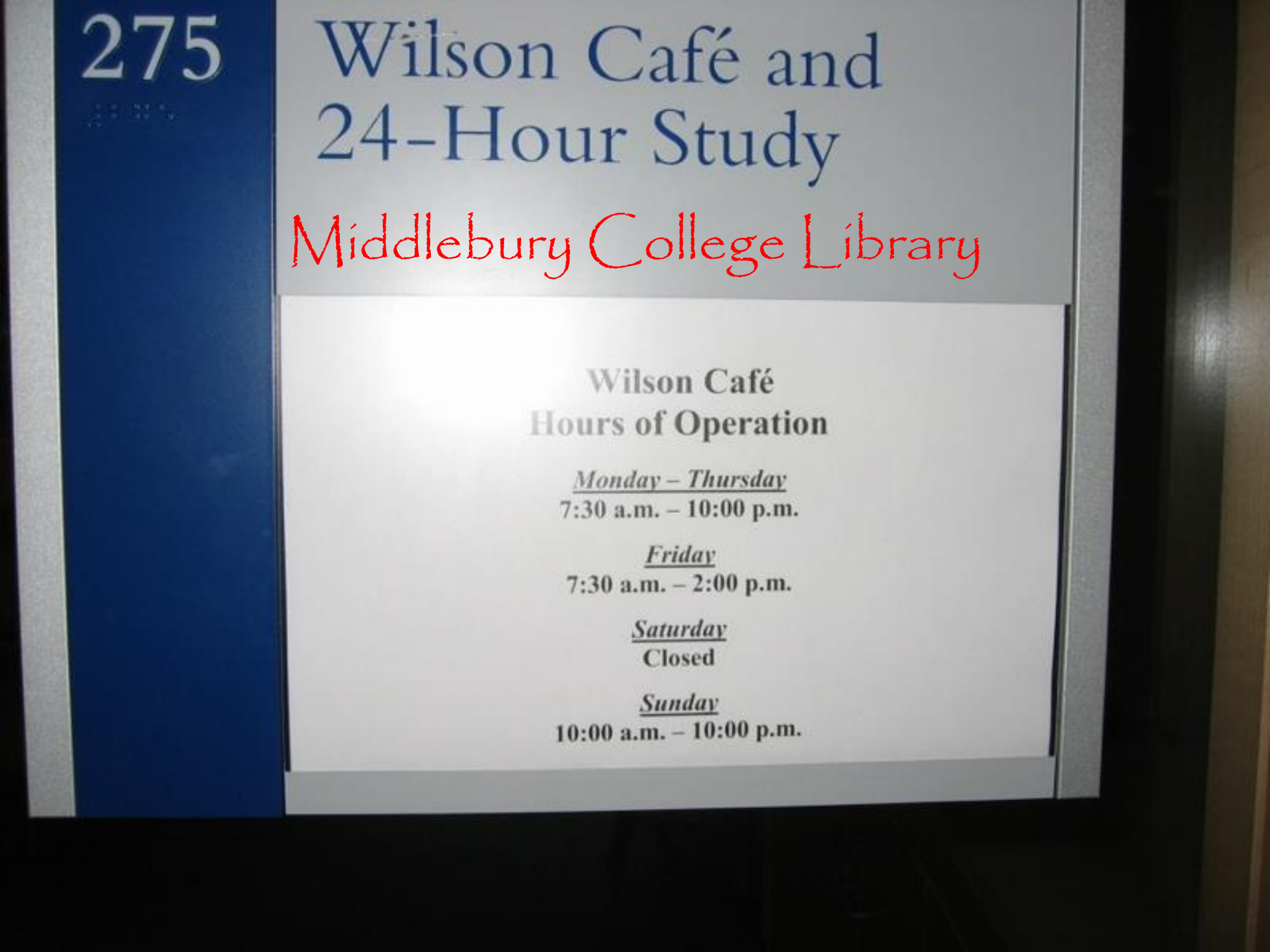
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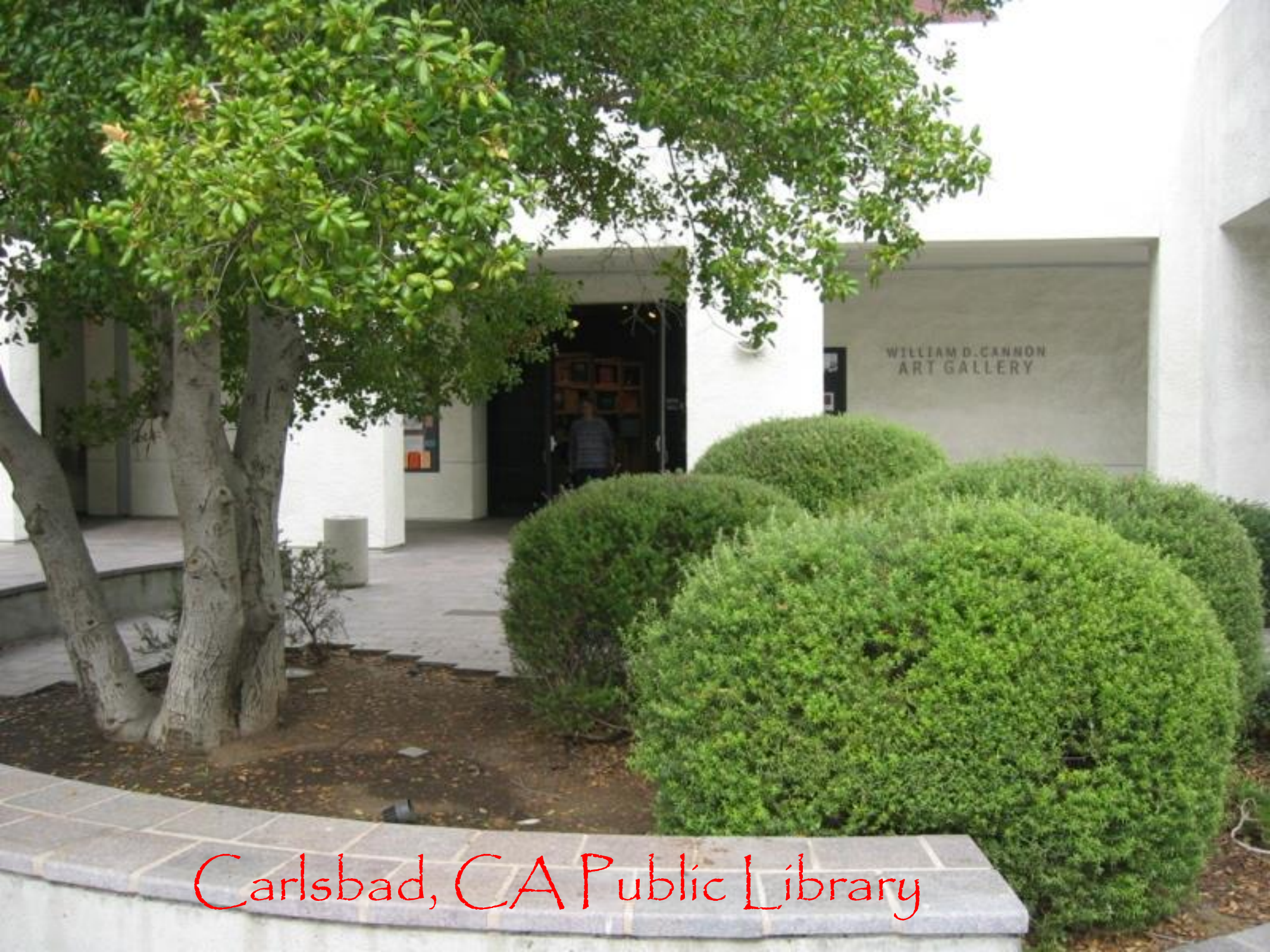

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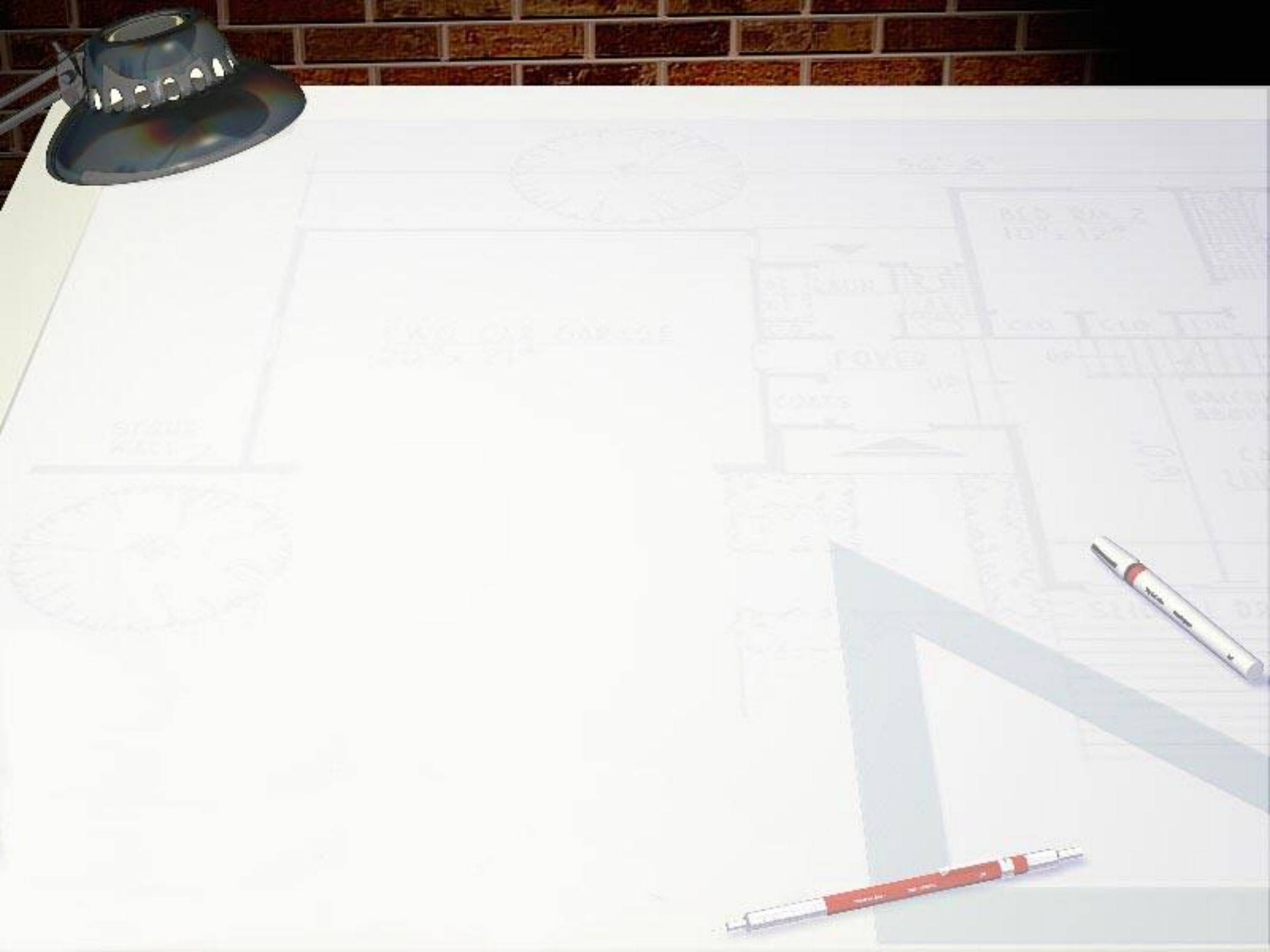

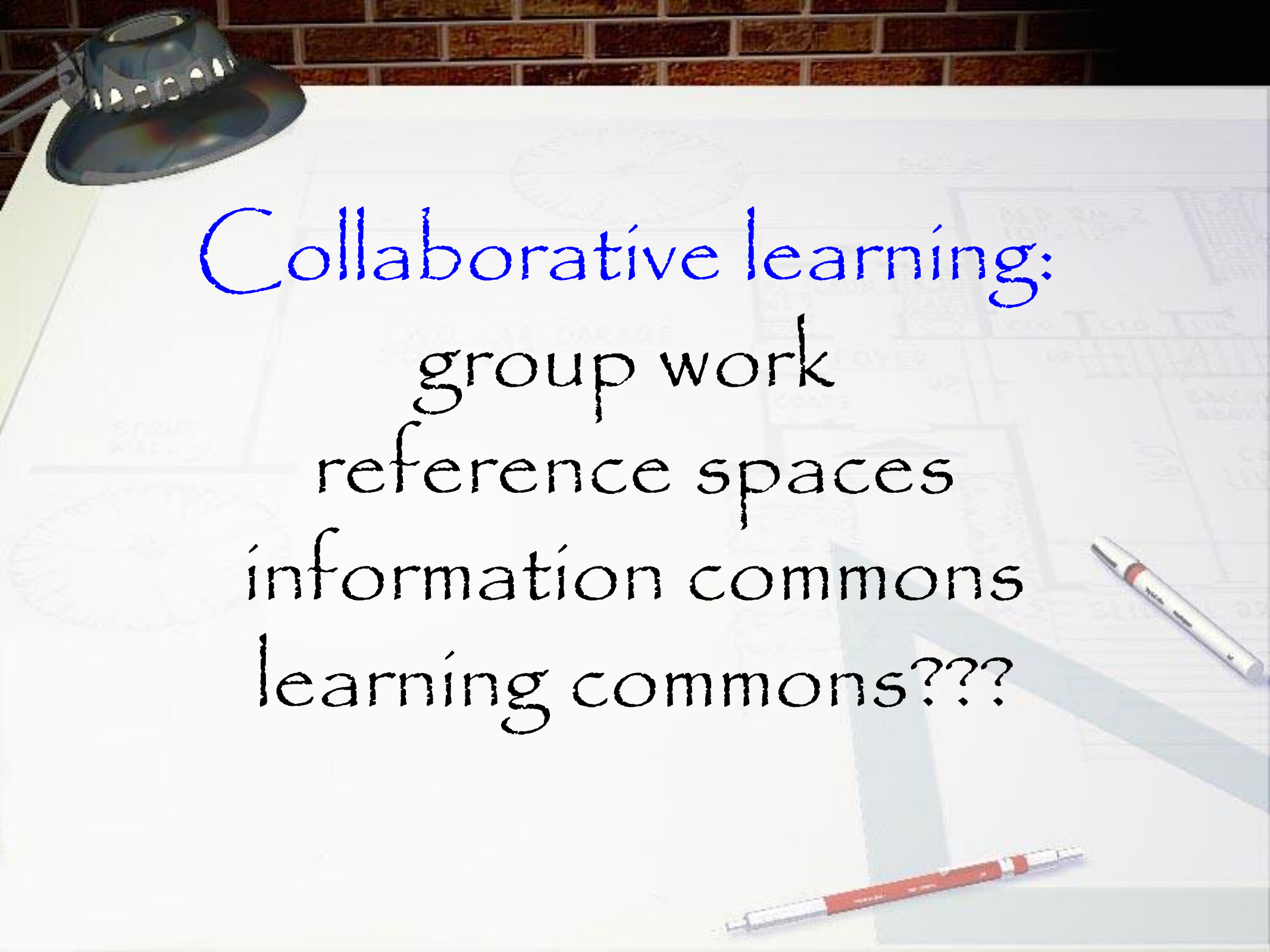
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