The students of the School of Nursing and the School of Allied Health Sciences have previously used ECU’s east campus general academic library. This expanded clientele resulted in heavier library use and a change in focus for the library’s teaching programs.

Information Commons
Laupus Library’s Information Commons is a service concept that fosters student, staff, and faculty learning and interaction, enhancing research, information access, and teaching opportunities.

Information Commons service areas are centered in an inviting environment complemented by comfortable lounge seating areas, a study and laptop use area, a computer lab, a Smart® classroom, a Multimedia Development Center, an adaptive technology center, and two Collaborative Resource Centers.

A popular space for study, the library has individual study carrels and twenty group study rooms to accommodate four to eight students. Two Collaborative Research Centers are equipped with supportive technology for group project work.

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A History of Medicine Department on the 4th floor focuses on a Rare Book Reading Room with a heart of pine floor made of planks restored from an old eastern North Carolina tobacco barn.

The Conservation Lab is used to restore and repair library materials. A fume hood removes noxious gases, spores, airborne dust and mold from the work space.

A history of medical transcription on the 4th floor features a new Beau Besseley Linen with a heart of pine floor made of planks restored from an old eastern North Carolina tobacco barn.

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