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8 Ways to Annoy Everyone at the Library

Become every student’s worst enemy.

1. Bring food, all the food, the crunchiest foods. Get Jimmy John’s, but don’t just get a sandwich you can unwrap one time and be done with. Get an Unwich, so after every bite you can tear a little bit more of that wrapper and make your neighbor cringe. Follow it up with those chips that sound like shrapnel when you chew.

2. Snacks aren’t enough, you’re going to need some caffeine. Bring a 32 ounce Mountain Dew from the gas station. Fill it full of ice, then soda. Drink out the soda, shake the cup, slurp the ice melt, shake the cup, slurp the ice melt, etc. Give up; chew the ice.

3. Listen to Skrillex with your headphones in, but use earbuds and definitely don’t put them all the way in your ear. Let those heavy bass drops not only escape your ear canal but ricochet off of every ear curvature, filling the third floor. Whisper-sing when appropriate.

4. Wear a ’90s style nylon sweat suit.


6. Keep your phone set to vibrate for texts and “Call Me Maybe” for phone calls. Mass text everyone in your phone, “Hey I need to talk ASAP.” Place your phone on the hardest surface possible while you go to the bathroom.

7. Watch videos of your favorite stand-up comedian, headphones in, laughter on full volume. Don’t fight it; repeat your favorite lines immediately after you hear them.

8. Inconveniently get a tickle in your throat. Morph into DJ Kool, perform “Let Me Clear My Throat.” Let a mic materialize in your hands, hold it out for the audience to join in only to throw it on the ground and announce, “DJ Kool, out.” You’re sure to get a standing ovation.

Bonus: If all else fails, just have sex in the tiers.
Waste your time effectively

Between papers, projects, assignments, readings, exams, quizzes, work, meetings and maybe sleep, college life gets busy. Sometimes students need to procrastinate to get away from it all. Instead of wasting your time scrolling through your Facebook news feed, waste your time constructively with these websites.

1. Livemocha.com: For the international buff who wants to learn a new language, Livemocha uses traditional methods, games and feedback from native speakers to help you become conversationally fluent.

2. Supertracker.usda.gov: Striving for a healthier lifestyle? SuperTracker gives suggestions on how to live healthier after you document five goals in exercise and diet-related fields. The site then creates customized plans for diet and exercise, but it’s up to you to make it beneficial.

3. Lynda.com: This software tutorial site is an often underused resource for Iowa State students. The University has a subscription, making it free for anyone with an ISU net-ID. Lynda offers a wide range of courses that teach users about any kind of software including anything from the Adobe Creative Suite, GarageBand and even HTML coding. Each lesson is taught through videos that walk you through whatever you’re learning, making them easy to follow and understand. If you’re looking to get a technical boost, look no further.

4. Crash Course! channel on YouTube: The Crash Course! channel covers five subjects—world history, biology, literature, ecology and U.S. history—and gives users brief, yet thorough overviews of a variety of topics from each one. While it is educational, it’s nothing like a class lecture. The goofy John Greene guides you through each video and keeps the information fun and conversational, which makes even the dullest of topics entertaining.

5. Radiolab.org: Like to multitask while doing homework? Listen to the enlightening conversations Radiolab offers while doing other things, if you can handle it. The site describes itself as a place “where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy and human experience.” If nothing else it makes for informative background noise.

6. Artbabble.org: Art Babble is a compilation of videos that present different mediums, periods, styles, themes and locations of art. Even if you’re not in the know when it comes to the art world, visiting this site will help you keep up with any art buff.

7. Mint.com: Always wondering where your money goes? Mint tracks your spending habits and breaks them down into categories, which can help make sense of always-depleted bank accounts. It accesses your accounts directly and sends weekly updates on your spending habits to keep users in the know. It will also alert you to any unusual spending if you’re looking for a little extra protection.

8. TED.com: Progressive talks from top speakers in areas of education, inspiration, business, empowerment and more is what TED has to offer. If you want to listen to ideas that are worth spreading, which is TED’s mission, this is the place for you.

9. Mashable.com: Mashable reports on the latest digital updates in social media, technology, business, lifestyle and more, to keep you in the loop and on top of things.

10. Humantouchofchemistry.com: Offering fun games, information and activities about chemistry in an interactive website, Human Touch of Chemistry offers users the chance to enjoy the daunting subject in a simplistic light.

What Not to Do at the Gym

don’t be the person who

Types “ha.” after every sentence
Wears cut-off jorts
Stops in a major walkway to talk
Takes selfies that give you a boob job
Picks fights on Facebook
Sleeps wherever you fall
Leaves bottles of chew spit in the kitchen
Takes up an entire chair for your stuff
Has a purse that’s big enough to take up an entire chair
Talks about your “diet”
Lives at your significant other’s place
Has shower sex when your roommate is home
Doesn’t do your own dishes

1. Check yourself out in the mirror
2. Talk on your phone
3. Anything other than working out while using a mat
4. Taking selfies on the equipment
5. Wear jeans
6. Leave your weights on the floor