Mapping the Great Indoors

Google Indoor Maps for Clapp Library — 11/30/12
Zoom in to check out the new Google Indoor Maps.
A brief history of Indoor Maps

Launched by Google in November 2011

Initially, department stores, malls, airports

In Boston....

A few colleges
What do you get from Indoor Maps?

Floor plan
Points of interest, + restrooms, stairs, elevators
Switch between floors

Blue arrowhead = You Are Here. But how?

Accuracy
Indoor Maps - on what devices?

As of November 21st, also on desktop Macs & Windows - but only partially...

In 2013......
Which features?

Stacks (more on this later)
Classrooms
Reading Areas
Study Rooms
Groups Studies
The role of Google's engineers
Google's survey teams

3-5 Googlers walk through floors (7/17 + 8/30)

Signal strength of Wi-Fi

Enables blue arrowhead (You Are Here)
9/27 - Clapp Map goes live, but...

- Typos
- Missing labels
- 5th floor - ?
Apologies from Google
Rushing to find that seminar room? Don't know where the government documents are shelved? Can't find the Book Arts Lab?

Search "Clapp Library" in Google Maps on any Android phone or tablet, and zoom in to navigate indoors! You can find your way on all four floors of Clapp, from the vending machines on the first floor to Special Collections on the fourth. A blinking blue arrow shows you where you are (accurate to 3-5 meters).
Next Steps

* Maybe an Indoor Map for Science Center ???

* More granular labels for book stacks in Clapp
Thanks!