

LIBRARY AND LEARNING COMMONS, WELLAND CAMPUS

The existing outdated library at the Welland Campus is unable to support the latest technology advancements and there are not enough individual and group study areas to accommodate the student population, which has increased dramatically over the past number of years.

The expanded Library and new Learning Commons will provide resources to support student success. There will be four levels connected by stairs and ramps to create barrier free spaces to accommodate individual and social learning. Students, faculty and staff will come together in an inviting learning environment outside the classroom.

The renovations will provide a bright, airy space with comfortable seating for studying, reading and spending time with friends. The outdoor feel will be maintained through a green living wall, featuring a trellis with plants growing up to the ceiling. There will also be a green corridor with tropical planters.

Benefits

- More resources and better space to research, study and complete individual assignments and group projects
- Number of group study rooms will increase from two to 5
- The Library Research Room will accommodate 30 people, for library instruction and tutorials in English, math, ESL with a SmartBoard (computerized, interactive whiteboard)
- More individual study carrels and tables for project work
- More digital cameras and camcorders will be available for borrowing, as well as books, periodicals and online resources
- Media viewing station will support programs that require viewing videos as part of the curriculum, such as the Dental program, Early Childhood Education and Social Service Worker
- Whole area will feature wireless technology to support online research and communication
- Docking stations for student laptops and another 30 laptops available for lending; there are only five laptops and 15 netbooks now
- Open access computer labs will be relocated from other areas
- An FTP (File Transfer Protocol) site that will have access to CAD (Computer-Aided Design) drawings for programs, such as Construction Engineering Technology – Architecture



Learning Commons next to Library

