

Is the concept of a Learning Commons right for your library?

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Agenda

- Information Commons to Learning Commons
- Campus Partnerships
- Examples



Take from York University Website: http://www.library.yorku.ca/learning_commons/gallery

Information Commons to Learning Commons

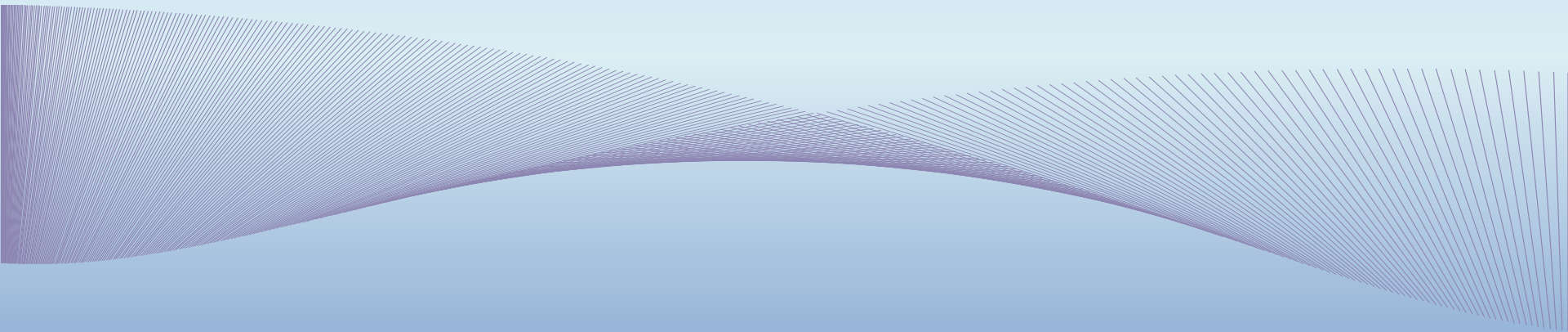
- Collaborative work study spaces
- Practice presentation rooms
- Classroom instruction rooms
- Multimedia center
- Campus Partnerships



Take form Oneonta State University College Milne
Library website: <http://www.meengineering.com/portfolio/14/43/libraries-and-museums/milne-library-learning-commons-design-phase>

Campus Partnerships

- Kennedy (2008) describes the role of a Learning Commons as such, “encourage engagement with information in its various forms, reinforce the value of collaborative inquiry, and create new opportunities for community interaction” (p. 9).



The Learning Commons of the University of Guelph

<http://www.learningcommons.uoguelph.ca>

CHANGING LIVES
IMPROVING LIFE

Undergraduate Students Graduate Students Faculty, TAs & Staff

The Learning Commons

Welcome

The Learning Commons brings together services that support students in their learning, writing, research, numeracy and use of technology. In addition, we provide expertise and resources for faculty, staff and TAs to support and enhance learning in their courses and across the curricula. [More about the Learning Commons >>](#)

Services

- Data Resource Centre
- IT Help
- Learning Services
- Library Accessibility Services
- Research & Information Literacy
- Supported Learning Groups Program
- Writing Services

Services for
First-Year Students



Quick Links

- Book a Writing or Learning Appointment
- Referencing Sources
- SLG Schedules
- Student Job & Volunteer Opportunities
- Time Management Resources
- Workshops

Projects

- Academic Integrity Tutorial
- Graduate Student Learning Initiative
- Numeracy & Quantitative Reasoning Initiative

Contact Us

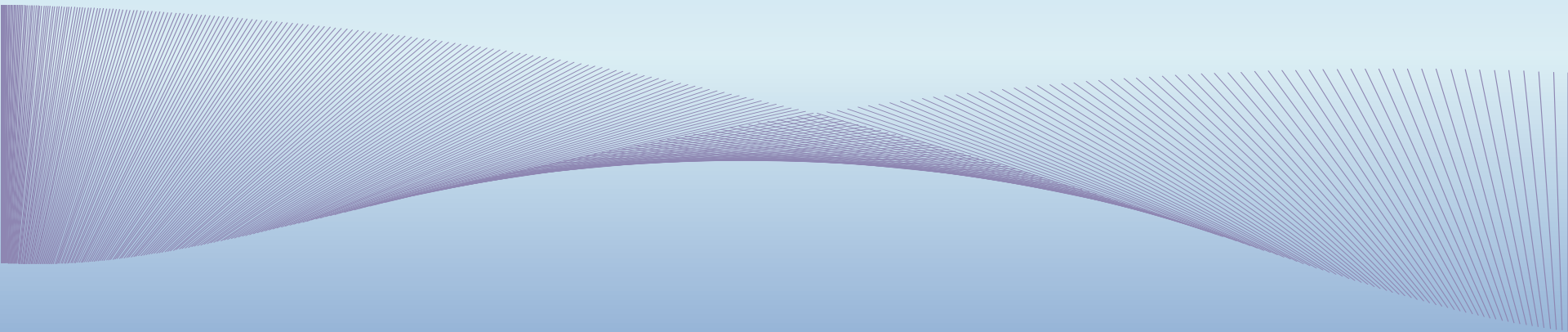
Contact and Feedback Page

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- Partners with:
 - Library
 - computing and communications services
 - office of open learning
 - student affairs
 - teaching support services



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The screenshot shows the website interface for the Learning Commons at the University of Guelph. At the top, there is an orange navigation bar with the text 'CHANGING LIVES IMPROVING LIFE' on the left and three menu items: 'Undergraduate Students', 'Graduate Students', and 'Faculty, TAs & Staff'. Below this is a green banner with the text 'Information for Undergraduate Students' on the left, a photograph of a student reading a book in a field, and 'The Learning Commons' with a tree logo on the right. A breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Undergraduates'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'I want help with ...' with a list of 17 topics; 'Undergraduate Students' which is further divided into 'Individual Assistance' (6 items) and 'Workshops' (5 items); 'Quick Links' with 6 items; and 'Peer Profile' featuring a photo of a student and a short bio.

CHANGING LIVES
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Undergraduate Students Graduate Students Faculty, TAs & Staff

Information for Undergraduate Students

The Learning Commons

Home > Undergraduates

I want help with ...

- Academic presentations
- Academic writing
- Avoiding plagiarism
- Computers & IT issues
- Creating digital maps
- ESL writing support
- Exam preparation
- Finding research resources
- Numerical & geospatial data
- Referencing
- Researching with primary sources
- Statistical computing
- Supported Learning Groups
- Time management
- Working in groups

Undergraduate Students

Individual Assistance

- Appointments on time management & study strategies
- IT Help Desk
- Numerical, geospatial & statistical computing help
- Research help
- Residence drop-ins
- Writing appointments & walk-ins


Workshops

- Exam preparation
- Library tours & workshops
- Writing at university
- Time management & procrastination
- University learning & studying
- View All Learning Commons Workshops

Quick Links

- Learning & Studying Handouts
- Library Research Guides
- Making Sense of Numbers
- SLG schedules
- Time Management
- Tutorials on Researching
- Writing Handouts

Peer Profile



As a former journalism student I was active in creative writing opportunities more about Kate ...

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Information for
Graduate Students

The Learning Commons

Home > Graduates

Information on ...

- Academic integrity
- Academic presentations
- Analyzing project data
- Creating digital maps
- Critical reading
- ESL support
- Exam preparation
- Finding research resources
- Group work
- Procrastination & perfectionism
- Purchasing software
- Refworks
- Time or project management
- Writing & referencing

Graduate Students

Workshops & Short Courses

- Academic presentation skills
- Academic writing
- Numerical, geospatial & statistical computing
- ESL/EAL
- IT workshops
- Statistical packages
- Time management & procrastination
- All Learning Commons workshops for grad students

Individual Assistance

- Critical reading
- Group work
- IT Help Desk
- Liaison librarians
- Numerical, geospatial & statistical computing help
- Presentation skills
- Research help
- Time management
- Writing appointments & walk-in service

Quick Links

- Contact Us
- Graduate Student Learning Initiative
- Guides for Using Data Resources
- Library Research Guides
- Making Sense of Numbers
- Services for TAs
- Student Job & Volunteer Opportunities
- Tutorials on Searching

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Undergraduate Students Graduate Students Faculty, TAs & Staff

Information for
Faculty, TAs & Staff

The Learning Commons

Home > Faculty & Staff

Topics We Address

- Academic presentation skills
- Assessment of writing
- ESL writing issues
- Evaluation of sources & content
- Exam performance
- Group work
- Information literacy
- Meeting course & program deadlines
- Numerical & spatial data search strategies
- Peer editing
- Plagiarism & academic integrity
- Research assignment design
- Statistical computing
- Writing assignment design

Faculty, TAs & Staff

To help improve your students' learning, numeracy, research and writing skills in your courses, programs, and across the curricula.


Learning

Numeracy

Research

Writing

Quick Links

- Academic Integrity Tutorial
- E-News
- Graduate Student Learning Initiative (GSLI)
- Making Sense of Numbers
- Online Request Form
- Referring Students to the Learning Commons  (PDF - 52kb)

Contact Us

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University of British Columbia

<http://learningcommons.ubc.ca>

The screenshot displays the Learning Commons website with a navigation bar at the top containing links for 'Campuses', 'UBC Directories', and 'UBC QuickLinks'. The main header features the UBC logo, the slogan 'a place of mind', and the text 'THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA LEARNING COMMONS'. A secondary navigation bar includes links such as 'HOME', 'ABOUT', 'GET STARTED', 'GET STUDY HELP', 'GET AHEAD', 'GET TOGETHER', 'GET TECHED UP', 'GET CONSCIOUS', 'GOT FEEDBACK?', and 'FACULTY & STAFF'. The main content area is divided into several sections: a large banner for 'UP' (University of Planning) with a helicopter and a person, announcing a premiere on April 8, 2011 at Robson Square, and a 'Question of the Week' section. Below this are links to 'UBC Library', 'Student Health 101', 'Assignment Calculator', and 'Digital Tattoo'. A right-hand sidebar contains a 'What's here?' menu with links to 'Learning Commons' and 'Tags', a list of resources like '10 Things Students Should Know', 'First-Year Lifelines', 'Using This Site', and 'Interact With Us', and a 'Meebo' chat window. At the bottom, there are links for 'Student Blogs', 'Library Blog', and 'Community', and a 'T-minus 3 hours and counting' notice.

Campuses + UBC Directories + UBC QuickLinks +

UBC a place of mind THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA LEARNING COMMONS

HOME ABOUT GET STARTED GET STUDY HELP GET AHEAD GET TOGETHER GET TECHED UP GET CONSCIOUS GOT FEEDBACK? FACULTY & STAFF

What's here? Learning Commons Tags

10 Things Students Should Know

First-Year Lifelines

Using This Site

Interact With Us

Chat Polls Video Quiz

Ask us

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Meebo and Your Privacy
Chapman Learning Commons Assistants

Workshops Tutoring Events

This Week's Workshops:

When the Media Calls

CTLT Showcase 2: Comm Scie 300

Comments from the Edge

Student Blogs Library Blog Community

T-minus 3 hours and counting

Just the online workshops please.

University of British Columbia

<http://learningcommons.ubc.ca>

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NEW TO UBC	NEW TO UBC	NEW TO UBC	NEW TO UBC	STUDENT DIRECTED SEMINARS	STUDENT DIRECTED SEMINARS	STUDY GROUP BASICS	STUDY GROUP BASICS
STUDY TOOLKITS	STUDY TOOLKITS	STUDY TOOLKITS	STUDY TOOLKITS	BUILD YOUR DEGREE	BUILD YOUR DEGREE	ISTUDY	ISTUDY
LEARNING SKILLS RESOURCES	LEARNING SKILLS RESOURCES	LEARNING SKILLS RESOURCES	LEARNING SKILLS RESOURCES	BEYOND THE CLASSROOM	BEYOND THE CLASSROOM	FIND A SPACE	FIND A SPACE
LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS	LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS	LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS	LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS	APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN	APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN	BLOG SQUAD	BLOG SQUAD
THE LEARNING PROCESS	THE LEARNING PROCESS	THE LEARNING PROCESS	THE LEARNING PROCESS			LATE NIGHT STUDY SPACES & STAYING SAFE	LATE NIGHT STUDY SPACES & STAYING SAFE
ACADEMIC ADVISING	ACADEMIC ADVISING	ACADEMIC ADVISING	ACADEMIC ADVISING			RESOLVING CONFLICT	RESOLVING CONFLICT
COPING WITH STRESS	COPING WITH STRESS	COPING WITH STRESS	COPING WITH STRESS			OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OERs)	OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OERs)
STUDENT HEALTH 101	STUDENT HEALTH 101	STUDENT HEALTH 101	STUDENT HEALTH 101			EVENTS	EVENTS
WORKING WITH PROFESSORS AND TAs	WORKING WITH PROFESSORS AND TAs	WORKING WITH PROFESSORS AND TAs	WORKING WITH PROFESSORS AND TAs				

<u>GET TECHED UP</u> ▾	<u>GET CO</u>	<u>GET CONSCIOUS</u> ▾	<u>GOT</u>	<u>GOT FEEDBACK?</u> ▾	<u>FACULTY</u>	<u>FACULTY & STAFF</u> ▾	
COMPUTERS ON CAMPUS	COMPUTERS ON CAMPUS	STUDY GLOBAL ISSUES	STUDY GLOBAL ISSUES	CONTACT US	CONTACT US	OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OERs)	OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OERs)
GETTING HELP AT UBC	GETTING HELP AT UBC	GET INFORMED	GET INFORMED	WISH LIST FOR LEARNING AT UBC	WISH LIST FOR LEARNING AT UBC	PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS	PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS
USING MEDIA	USING MEDIA	GLOBAL ON CAMPUS	GLOBAL ON CAMPUS			CONTRIBUTING TO THE LEARNING COMMONS	CONTRIBUTING TO THE LEARNING COMMONS
SOCIAL SOFTWARE	SOCIAL SOFTWARE	GO BEYOND UBC	GO BEYOND UBC			TEACHING TOOLS	TEACHING TOOLS
GETTING YOUR STUDY ON	GETTING YOUR STUDY ON	GET ACTIVE	GET ACTIVE			PROMOTE THE LEARNING COMMONS IN CLASS	PROMOTE THE LEARNING COMMONS IN CLASS
SOFTWARE BASICS	SOFTWARE BASICS					USING EMBED	USING EMBED
YOUR ONLINE PERSONA	YOUR ONLINE PERSONA						

The Queen's Learning Commons

<http://library.queensu.ca/learningcommons/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Queen's Learning Commons. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Queen's University logo, a search bar, and a quick access list. Below this is a red banner with the text "Queen's Learning Commons" and the university crest. A horizontal menu contains links for Home, About, News, Workshops, Media, Assignment Calculator, Graduate Students, Contact, QLC Sticker, and Accessibility. The main content area is divided into three sections: a "Quick Links" sidebar on the left, a central "Welcome to the Queen's Learning Commons" section with a large image of a spiral staircase, and a "News" section on the right. The "News" section lists three recent updates from May 18, 2011, and April 15 and 13, 2011. At the bottom right, there is a red social media widget for "QLearnCommons" with a Twitter link and a "Join the conversation" button. The footer contains copyright information for Queen's University.

Queen's University Pages People Search Queen's... Search My QueensU Quick Access List Go

Queen's Learning Commons

Queen's UNIVERSITY

Home About News Workshops Media Assignment Calculator Graduate Students Contact QLC Sticker Accessibility

Home

Quick Links

- Adaptive Technology Centre
- ITServices
- Learning Strategies Development
- Queen's Library
- Writing Centre
- Hours

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Welcome to the Queen's Learning Commons



News

May 18, 2011
List of Peer Services at Queen's
[Full Story](#)

Apr 15, 2011
Writing Centre - Spring Hours
[Full Story](#)

Apr 13, 2011
QLC Facebook & Twitter
[Full Story](#)

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The Learning Commons has a new list of peer services on campus! Check it out!
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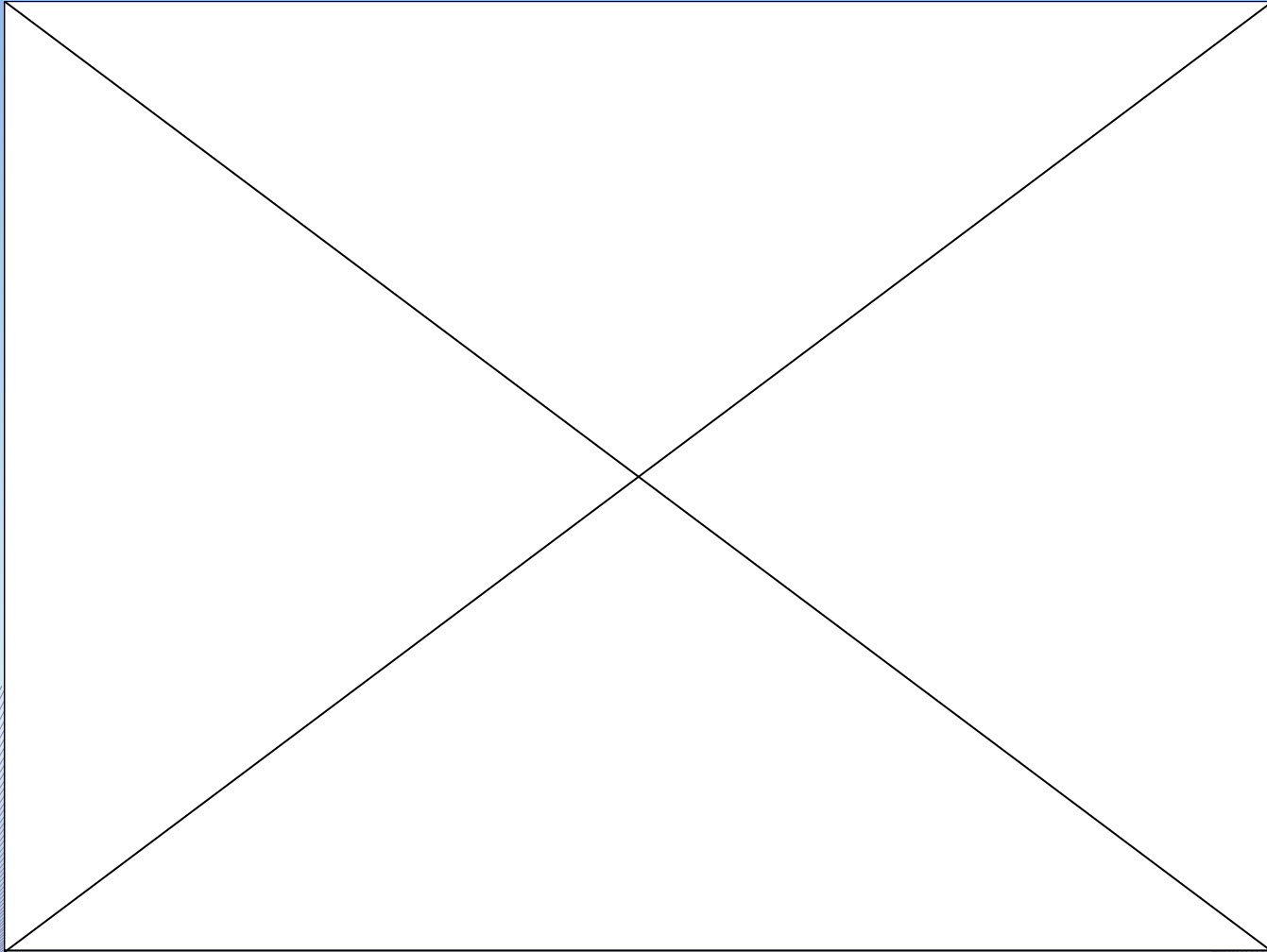
@Queen's University Writing Centre is open for business during the summer. If you are writing a thesis or working...
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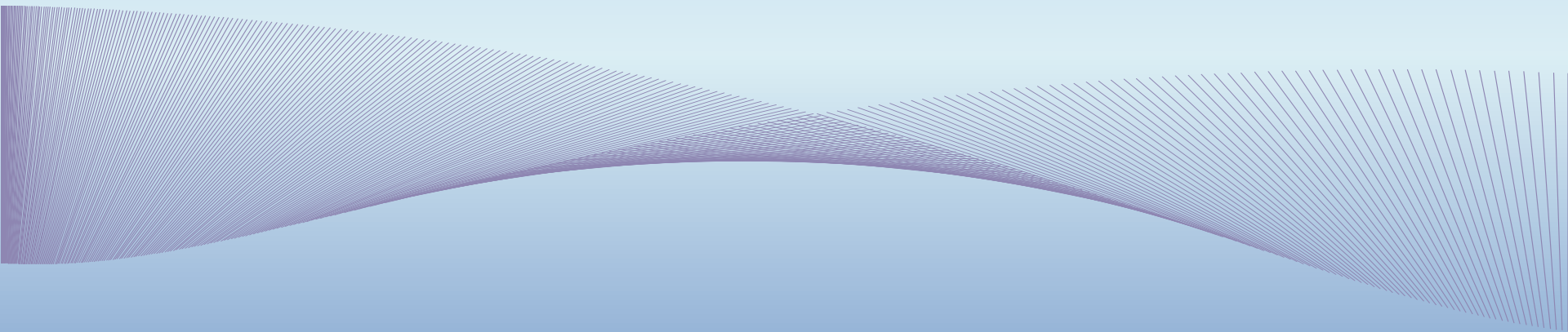


http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THGU9QJTAew&feature=player_embedded

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 - Queen`s Library
 - Writing Centre



Harold B. Lee Library Learning Commons

<http://lib.byu.edu/sites/informationcommons/>

BYU Harold B. Lee Library

Learning Commons

[Home](#)

Search this site

Navigation

- [Services](#)
- [Equipment available for check out](#)
- [Learning Commons Computers](#)
- [Creative Learning Rooms](#)

Services

The Harold B. Lee Library Learning Commons, commonly referred to as the "No Shhh! Zone", is a state-of-the-art educational technology facility that integrates a variety of learning services in one location.

The Learning Commons provides a space where students collaborate with peers and consult with faculty, teaching assistants or tutors.

Services:

- **Library Information:** Get help with general library questions.
- **Research Assistance:** Get help using the library's home page and the many available research resources, including databases. Items available for checkout at the information commons desk include headphones, LCD projector (for group study rooms), memory card reader, 3.5 inch floppy drive, style manuals, phone books, and almanacs.
- **Computer Assistance:** Get help with a wide range of computer questions, such as scanning, word processing, wireless access and other general questions.

Resources in the Learning Commons:

- [Creative Learning Rooms](#)
- [Writing Fellows](#)
- [Writing and Research Lab](#)
- [The Hub \(Freshman Mentoring Space\)](#)

Links

[Multimedia Lab](#)
[Writing Fellows](#)

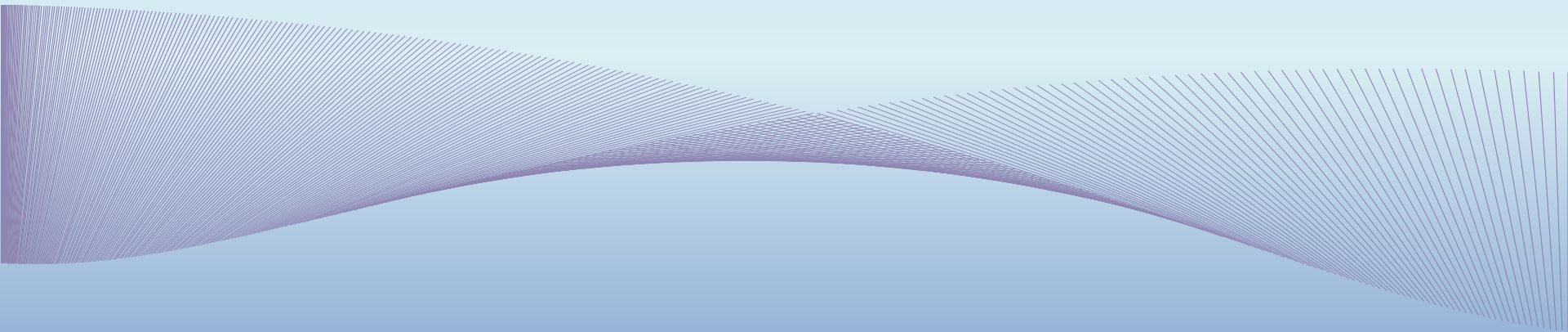
Reservations

[Group Study Room Reservation](#)

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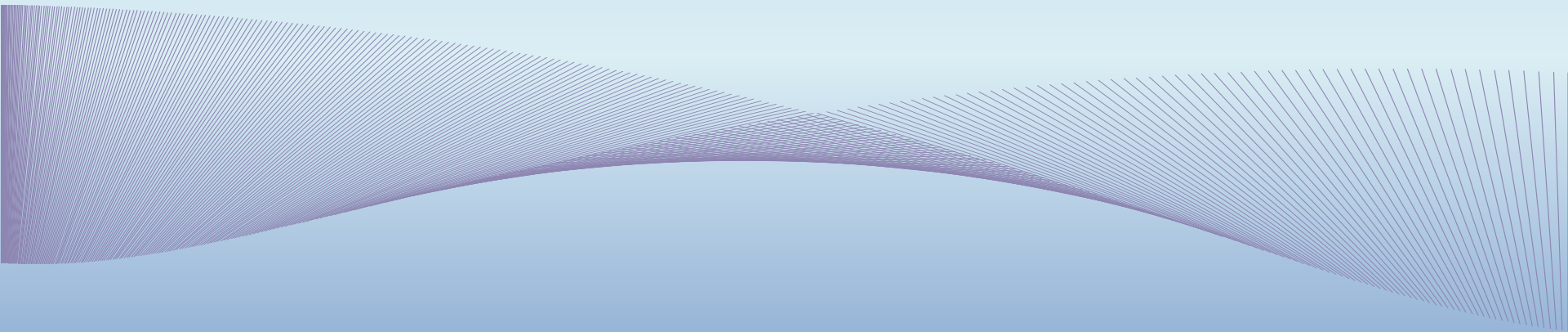
- Resources
 - Creative learning rooms
 - writing fellows
 - writing and research lab
 - An area for mentoring freshman



Harold B. Lee Library Learning Commons

<http://lib.byu.edu/sites/informationcommons/>

- Services
 - Library information
 - Research assistance
 - Computer assistance



Robert E Kennedy Library Learning Commons

<http://lib.calpoly.edu/learningcommons/>

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Quick Search For...

[Home](#) > [Learning Commons](#)

Learning Commons

- Collaboration Rooms / Study Rooms
- Labs and Classrooms
- Laptop and AV Checkout
- Kindle Checkout Pilot
- Printing
- Support at the Desk
- Satellite TV

Events and Exhibits

- Gallery at the Commons
- Science Café

How To...

- Print files
- Save files from library labs & workstations
- Use library online services off-campus

Labs & Classrooms

- Computer Labs
- Scheduling Labs as Classrooms

Open Computers

There are open computer stations throughout the library, available to any of our patrons.

Wireless Access

Thanks to ITS, wireless access is available throughout the entire library, allowing users to work online via their own laptops.

- [View ITS coverage map](#)
- [How to get connected](#)

Wireless Printing

Want to print to a Learning Commons printer from your laptop? Download the print driver, install, and you are good to go.

**WE'VE GOT
KINDLES**

We're excited to have you try the Kindle. Check out a Kindle in our pilot program and let us know what you think.

Robert E Kennedy Library

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<http://lib.calpoly.edu/learningcommons/>

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

<http://www.library.illinois.edu/ugl/lc/index.html#about>

Make the Connection

About the Learning Commons
Study Spaces
Technology
Media Editing Labs
Campus Partners
Digital Display
Social Media

Talk to Us

Ask a Librarian

Twitter

Facebook

UGL Suggestion Box

Library » Undergraduate Library » Learning Commons

Learning Commons

About the Learning Commons

The Learning Commons at the Undergraduate Library aims to extend the successful programs and services of the Undergraduate Library to meet the evolving learning, studying, research, and content creation needs of the 21st century undergraduate student. The Learning Commons at the Undergraduate Library isn't separate from the Undergraduate Library, but an extension of its core values, and representation of its philosophical approach to library services & programs

For the past 40 years, the Undergraduate Library has been the central hub of undergraduate research and learning on the University of Illinois Urbana campus. The LC@UGL is built on the principle that today's students need the library to not only be place where they can access the information resources they need to do their coursework, but a site that supports their entire research process, from engaging their curiosity through producing a final intellectual product-in whatever form they need that final project to take.

How do we do this?

Space

The LC @ UGL wants students to be comfortable. We are continuously working to develop & improve our spaces to match the ways students use them. Our goal is to provide flexible spaces that accommodate group-work & single study, with spaces for those who need quiet isolation and spaces where groups can work together.

We have silent study rooms (downstairs) and our Collaboratories provide space and tools for groups working together on projects and presentations.

We also have specialized areas for working with our Partners, for media editing, for comfortable browsing of new materials, and for watching films.

We try hard to be responsive to what you want. Is there something you'd like to see us do with our space? Let us know!

Equipment & Technology

Computing: The LC@UGL offers a variety of technology, as flexibly as possible. We have dozens of PCs, and 8 Macs loaded for media editing. We have 18 laptops available for in-library use as well.

We recently began offering public gaming, with Wii, Xbox & PlayStation consoles & controllers available for use in the UGL (you can check out games from UGL too!)

We circulate a lot of small **technology** as well -- MP3 players, GPS, TI-89 graphing calculators, USB thumb drives, digital cameras & video cameras, and so much more. Check out what you can check out!

We also partner with CITES Security Outreach to provide several Laptop Clinics each semester, where you can bring your equipment in for a check-up

Is there something you'd like us to circulate that don't have? Let us know!

Media

The Undergraduate Library hosts the media collection for campus (there's great stuff over at the Music & performing Arts Library as well!), so for all your media needs, we're here. If you're looking to explore avant garde movements, the best of Bollywood, study award-winning cinematography, or just grab something to watch, we have it. Our media viewing booths hold the equipment you need to watch - laserdisc players, VCRs, and DVDs all hooked up to televisions for your viewing pleasure (we also sell earbuds at the Circulation Desk so you can watch without disturbing others)

We also have a significant game collection, including games, consoles and controllers for Xbox, Xbox 360, PlayStation 2 and 3, Wii, and others.

Want a game we don't have? Let us know!

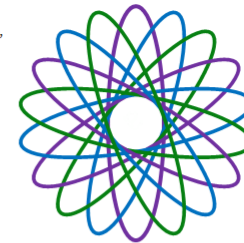
Digital Display

The Undergraduate Library highlights a digital image collection on campus and displays it on a flat screen television located in the Browsing/New Materials section. This digital display is updated periodically and showcases different pictures or artwork from the UIUC community, so be sure to check it out!

People

The people make the place -- and we have great people. We work hard to be helpful, to be friendly, and to be knowledgeable. The 70+ people who work in the Learning Commons, and the Undergraduate Library care about making sure you can find the information or equipment you need. We're here to help!

You can email us, IM us, call us, drop us a suggestion, or stop by the Research or Circulation Desks for assistance - that's why we're here! We're also on Twitter and Facebook.



UIUC Undergrad Lib
askundergrad

Using your NetID to print is currently down in the library. You can still pay cash to print. Or try the CITES lab in the corner.
yesterday · reply · retweet · favorite

Have a safe and happy summer, everyone! For those of you sticking around, check out our summer hours:
<http://bit.ly/dM9tgp>
4 days ago · reply · retweet · favorite

Do you want the library on your phone? Check out our (beta) mobile site today.
<http://m.library.illinois.edu>
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Researching topics that are close to home? Check out our resources for local and regional research: <http://bit.ly/9m5e7w>
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Did you know that you can borrow a MacBook or a PC laptop from the library? Learn more here! <http://bit.ly/h11fr>
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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

<http://www.library.illinois.edu/ugl/lc/index.html#about>

- Campus Partners
 - The writer's workshop
 - McKinley Health Services
 - CITES
 - Division of General Studies Academic Advising
 - The career Center
 - Office of Study Abroad
 - Illini Union Bookstore
 - Unite 1/Allen Hall
 - Residence Hall Library System
 - Division of Intercollegiate Athletics and The University Library.