Welcome Back from the Library Director

Happy New Year and Welcome Back for the Spring Semester. I hope you had a great holiday and are back ready to utilize the resources and services of the Library Resource Center. The Library is changing. This is nothing new; the Library continually experiences change, both in ways that are invisible to the patrons and in very noticeable ways. Last year, we made significant visible changes on the first floor – We opened up the area, replaced the carpet, and added a total of 46 power outlets, utilizing the columns, the walls, charging tables and charging stations. We purchased new comfortable furniture and reupholstered some chairs. We now sport a new stand up computer table and added curved shelving that displays our new books and leisure reading material. We even added plants and a television for your comfort. On the academic level we have added more electronic and printed resources.

Our changes this past year have been the first in a series of changes that will cumulatively change this Library into a library of today and tomorrow, reflecting the needs of today’s students, the manner in which they incorporate the library into their academic life on campus, and the continued role of libraries to support and sustain lifelong learning.

As you will observe when you go to the 2nd Floor, we continue to make changes. During the winter break, we removed a number of shelves, and replaced the carpet. Other changes will follow.

We invite your input. We have a placed a board for you suggestions.

Arnold Bennett tells us that “any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.” We’ll try to effect our changes in a manner that involves the least amount of inconvenience to you, our users, but there may be times when noise or activity may become a little overwhelming. Please bear with us because in the end, the changes will be worth the inconvenience.

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