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Library Learning Commons Enhances Facility

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Stockton's Richard Bjork Library has a new look this semester which is adding to the facility's firmly established reputation for user-friendliness.

"We call it the Learning Commons," said Mary Ann Trail, interim director of Learning Resources. "It is a gathering point and a focal point to encourage better and more frequent use of the Library."

Visitors who have not been to the Library recently are immediately struck by the changes in the area which previously housed periodicals. The first phase of Learning Commons is a large, open area brimming with natural light, new furniture and spaces to encourage student interaction.

Group study areas, designed for interaction and collaboration, resemble cozy booths one might find in a New Jersey diner.

"I like the new set-up," senior SameR (6 -9((R4)-aa2d2jjTf 0 0 10.97s k 0 37.



phase of the Learning Commons will add large screen monitors and writing resources.

“We also categorized areas to better serve the students’ needs,” Trail said. “We have collaborative, quiet and silent zones. There have been more power outlets installed to accommodate electronics and mobile computing. It’s important to have lots of plugs for today’s students. There was a concern our usage of the Library would drop when the Campus Center opened, but that has not been the case. One of the reasons our usage has held steady is we have so many plugs for students to use or recharge their various devices.”

It’s not just about facilities and hardware. The Library has expanded its technical and tutoring support and information technology assistance as well.

The Library has always been a focal point of the Stockton campus. These new changes and upgrades further enhance the facility for the education, research and recreational needs of students, faculty and staff alike.

“The campus has been much more alive, particularly in the evenings, than in years past,” Trail says. “The Learning Commons certainly places our Library in the heart of the activity.”



Chirenje Trains for Race, Raises Funds With Latin Dance Night

When he’s not in the classroom, Tait Chirenje, associate professor of Environment Studies, is usually hiking, backpacking, camping with students in the Sustainability Living Learning Community, in the field teaching students, researching, dancing and most recently added to this list — running.

Professor Chirenje is currently training for the January 27, 2013,

Building Osprey Nests With Professor Rosky

Last January, during the MLK Day of Service, sev-

Wheelchair Rugby Inspires Stockton Community

The [Magee Rehab Eagles](#) wheelchair rugby team played an exhibition game in the I-Wing Gymnasium on October 12.

“This is the sixth
