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The Learning Commons at SUNY Cortland

Solving, Resolving, Involving, & Evolving...and sometimes... Revolving



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Memorial Library at SUNY Cortland







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Pockets of unconnected activity throughout the library

Reference was on the second floor

Teaching Materials Center on the first floor

Circulation and Reserves on the first floor

Periodicals on the third floor, north wing

Interlibrary loan on the second floor





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Library Tenants vs Partners

Academic Support & Achievement Program

Faculty Training Center, stacks, and study space







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Evolution is sometimes.... gradual and unnoticeable

- ASAP moves out and Advisement & Transition move in
- In 2000, the library begins to circulate cameras and ancillary equipment
- Students began asking questions about the equipment and projects



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Sometimes Evolution rocks the foundations



The Bookmark Café opens for business in 2004



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Information Commons as a concept for Memorial Library "Information Commons, are you sure you don't already have one?"

- Visit to Buffalo State College's Information Commons
- Key Concepts Paper
- Provost's Teaching-Learning Center



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When Ideas Collide

Information Commons

&

Teaching-Learning Center



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Merging and Emerging

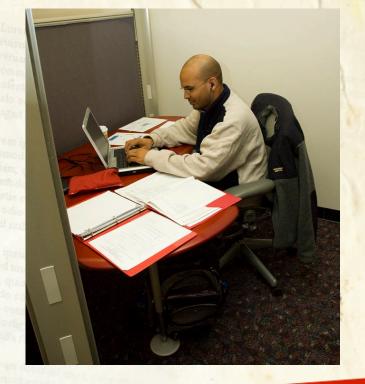
"I don't want a sea of computers obscuring the Teaching Learning Center"

- A place where students & faculty gather together
- A place where ideas and projects are shared
- A place where assistance can be found

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Students drive the use of the space



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Students Move the Space



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Students seeking





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In the Middle of it all







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Contiguous Space becomes a flow

Late Night Computer Lab

Bookmark Cafe









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Circulation



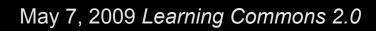
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Teaching Materials Center





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Multimedia Studios







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Lessons Learned

- Perception of topdown initiative
- "whole library is the commons"
- Learning Commons Leadership Team





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The Future

It will change

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