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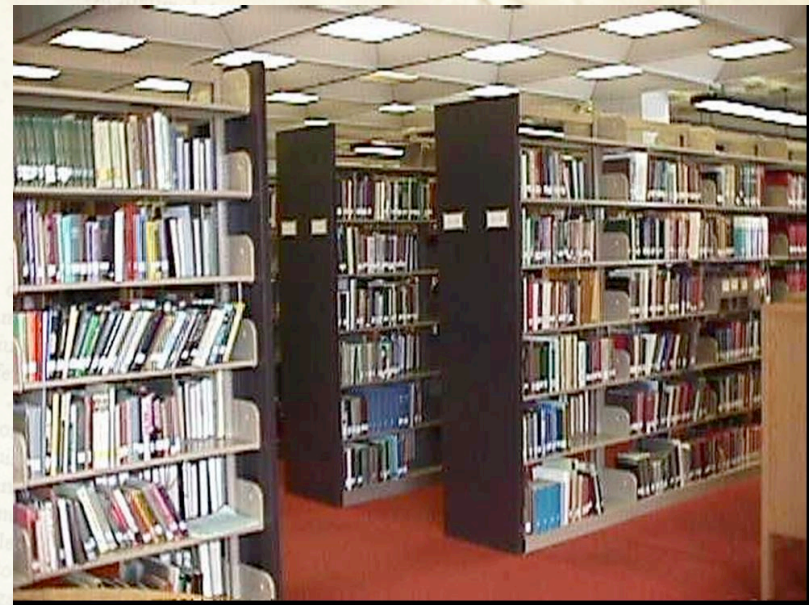
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Memorial Library at SUNY Cortland



Cortland
State University of New York College at Cortland

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



Library Tenants vs Partners

Academic Support & Achievement Program



Faculty Training Center, stacks, and study space



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**

Sometimes Evolution rocks the foundations



The Bookmark Café
opens for business
in 2004

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

When Ideas Collide

Information Commons

&

Teaching-Learning Center

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



Students Move the Space



Students seeking



In the Middle of it all



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Contiguous Space becomes a flow

Late Night Computer Lab



Bookmark Cafe



Circulation



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Teaching Materials Center



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Multimedia Studios



Lessons Learned

- Perception of top-down initiative
- “whole library is the commons”
- Learning Commons Leadership Team



The Future

It will change



Questions and Discussion

