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Scottsdale Community College's renovated library now open; features modern spaces, connectivity and more



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(SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Aug. 17, 2016) -- A stunning, state-of-the-art library is now open at Scottsdale Community College, following a renovation that took the space from old and tired to fresh and inspired.

Students returning to campus for the fall semester will be among the first to use and experience the newly updated library, which provides 33,200 square feet of exquisite, modern space for students to

study, relax, research and discover.

It opened this week just in time for the fall semester, which begins Aug. 22.

The massive, three-year makeover began in 2013. The library building is one of the school's original structures, built in 1970. The updated library will offer the high-tech capabilities needed for today's varied learning environments, along with a traditional offering of information and materials critical to academic success.

Among the highlights:

- Two collaborative learning environment classrooms, featuring interactive whiteboards, 28 PCs, interactive touch TV displays and lecture-capture technology;
- Ten study rooms, most of which feature media enhancements focused on today's digital learning styles;
- Writable tables with USB port-hubs to encourage collaborative learning;
- A large Quiet Study Room accommodating numerous students at a time; and
- A common area featuring 30 computers, a variety of seating options, copier/printing services, and a host of other services.

"This library is modern technology at its finest, with all the high-tech bells and whistles, but also the high-touch support from our wonderful librarians and library staff who are here to serve students and the community," said SCC President Jan Gehler. "The renovation took longer than we had hoped, but it is most definitely worth the wait and is exactly what our students and our community deserve."

Community members interested in visiting and using the library will be able to get a community borrower's card to check out books. They also will have limited access to computers.

The library's robust collection of print and electronic materials will feature the school's specialties: Native Americans of the Southwest, Culinary Arts, Interior Design, Theatre and Film. Students also will have access to a collection of bestselling books and feature films, noted Library Division Chair Danielle Carlock.

Over the summer, new furniture was delivered, IT staff members installed digital wiring and connections, and books and other materials were re-shelved. The library staff was integral in coordinating the furniture/technology/building setup, the move, and shelving books.

Media interested in covering the library opening or seeking more information should call Jonathan Higuera to arrange an interview. He can be reached at (480) 425-6637 or jonathan.higuera@scottsdalecc.edu.

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