Learning Commons Task Force wants your ideas...

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Change is coming to Rod Library. If you?ve been in the library lately, you may have noticed that the area behind the Reference Desk, on the 2nd (main) floor, looks different. This space will be transformed into a new learning commons. A Learning Commons Task Force has been appointed to research what a learning commons looks like at other universities and to get the ball rolling. Membership on the committee includes representatives from ITS-User Services and ITS-Educational Technology staff as well as Rod Library faculty and staff.

Students, faculty, and staff, the Learning Commons Task Force (LCTF) wants your ideas! What do you want to see added to the space? The LCTF invites you to share your thoughts in several ways:

- Look for **flip charts in Rod Library**. Initially, there will be one in the Learning Commons area (located behind the Reference Desk) and another in a second location. The flip charts will likely be rotated to various locations throughout the building. Markers will be provided for you to write your ideas.
- You can also submit your ideas for the Learning Commons online on an **electronic Post-It board**! Either scan the QR code with your smartphone, provided below, or go directly to the site: http://tinyurl.com/LibraryLearningCommons-UNI [1]. You can create notes and/or upload photos to tell us what you want!

Not sure what a Learning Commons is? We're glad you asked!

The Learning Commons is a student-centered physical and virtual learning space designed under the guiding principles of openness, flexibility, comfort, inspiration, and practicality. It fosters collaborative and independent active learning by providing technology, resources, and services that help to engage students and faculty in the learning process. Through the Learning Commons the library will strive to create active partnerships with other university units that incorporate campus-wide goals and objectives.

The Learning Commons supports the Library?s goals to provide ?high quality services responsive to the changing cultural, research, and informational needs of our community? and ?functional, flexible, inviting, safe, technology-equipped learning spaces.?

The Learning Commons supports the mission of the University of Northern Iowa to provide ?transformative learning experiences that inspire students to embrace challenge, engage in critical inquiry and creative thought, and contribute to society.?

If you have questions related to the Rod Library Learning Commons Project, please email liblearningcommons@uni.edu [2]
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