

Addendum: Ongoing Improvements, Fall 2011

Here are some of the changes we have made since April 2010.

Library as Place

- Feedback was useful in the request for a Library renovation at Ashtonbee. Survey results and comments will be used for planning the construction.
- At CCC, glass doors have been installed at the entrance to the mezzanine area clearly demarcating the area as "quiet study". Noise levels have been noticeably reduced. Library staff actively monitor the area.
- The new Progress Library has 103,500 square feet of study space, computer areas and classrooms. There are two enclosed silent study rooms on the fourth floor, eleven bookable group study rooms, and a quiet study area with carrels on the third floor. There are computers on every floor, including a teaching lab with 45 PCs that is open to students when classes are not in session. Hard and soft seating with access to ethernet and electrical outlets can be found throughout the facility. Eco-improvements include a living bio-wall that improves air quality, and large windows that provide light to over 75% of the public space.

Information Control

- The Library has acquired more netbook laptops for loaning to students.
- There is a new loan program for mobile devices such as tablet computers and e-readers.
- A mobile app for the library catalogue is available for downloading.
- Self-check machines have been installed in the new facility at Progress campus.
- A Google-like search engine for Library resources has been implemented, and is available on the home page at www.library.centennialcollege.ca.
- Centennial Libraries, in partnership with libraries in 23 Ontario community colleges, will be purchasing more electronic books and creating an information literacy repository for students.
- A new user-friendly Tutor Booking System, and Group Study Room Booking System are in the final pre-release stages.

- The Fireside Gallery at Progress Library hosts a variety of displays, most recently by Mexican folk artists and a curated collection of newspaper editorial cartoons.