

SENECA LIBRARIES

Library and Computing Commons Fact Sheet

What is a Library and Computing Commons?

Seneca students, staff and faculty have been working in the 21st century at Seneca's Library and Computing Commons, which are located at two of our campuses and soon at our new Markham Campus.

The Library and Computing Commons is a dynamic fusion of library, learning centre and large open access computing centre providing today's students with the learning facilities required for the information economy of tomorrow. The commons facilities offer our students a traditional and virtual library, open computing lab and student help desk staffed by Information Technology staff, Librarians and Library technicians, an electronic classroom, study rooms, Audio-Visual technical support help desk, and a Learning Centre for tutoring support.

The Library and Computing Commons offers one-stop shopping. A student involved with an assignment can research online information services, "surf" the Internet, use application software, seek research advice from library specialists or obtain computer and software technical support from Information Technology specialists, as well as receive tutoring in all the programs offered at the individual campus without ever leaving the facility. Study rooms facilitate group work and numerous network ports throughout the study areas as well as wireless network access enable notebook or PDA carrying students to congregate and create impromptu collaborative learning spaces.

Services

In Person / By Telephone - Highly trained Information Technology (IT) and Library reference staff, available 7 days a week.

Online - Library research assistance is available through an innovative "chat" based live online service called **Ask Us Now** available through our Learning Commons Online web site, URL: <http://learningcommons.senecacollege.ca>.

Student Help Desk website – IT staff offering a variety of computer hardware and software support services. For more information please visit the student help desk website at: <http://studenthelpdesk@senecac.on.ca>

Learning Centre - Offers academic support through tutoring services, language workshops, and oral communication skills.

Administrative structure

Library and Computing Commons Steering Committee responsible for policy and planning and consists of:

Vice-President of Research and Innovation

Chief Information Officer

Chief Librarian

Director of Counselling and Special Needs

Manager of Client Services

Library management team (3)

One Faculty Librarian

Three Learning centre Professors

This committee is meeting once a month, because it is our first year of operation. Next there will be a creation of a Library and Computing Commons Operations Team which will be responsible for day-to-day operational issues.

Library Resources Available for the System

Print Collection

Books	80,958
Periodicals	631 Titles

Databases Collection

ABI/Inform Global Abridgements: Canadian Case Digests Academic Search Premier Access Science ACM Digital Library Alt-Health Watch Applied Science and Technology Boardwise Books 24X7 –IT Pro Britannica Online Canada Statute Service Canadian Encyclopedia Online Canadian Encyclopedic Digest Canadian NewsStand Canadian Reference Centre CBCA Business CBCA Current Events CBCA Education CBCA Reference CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Health Literature) CISTI Clinical Pharmacology Communication & Mass Media Complete	C.P.I.Q. (Canadian Periodical Index) CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics Current Biography Dictionary of Canadian Biography E-Laws ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) E-STAT (Statistics Canada) Financial Post Corporate Profiler and Reports Financial Post Dividends GaleNet Literary Database Globe & Mail, Canada's Heritage from 1844 Grove Dictionary of Art Online Health Source: Consumer Education Edition Health Source: Nursing / Academic Edition Index to Federal and Ontario Statutes Online International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Science Knovel Handbooks	Lexis / Nexis Library Literature & Information Studies Full Text Magill OnLiterature MedLine MSDS plus CHEMINFO National Academic Press Digital Library National Fire Codes Online National Newspaper Abstracts Netlibrary Ontario Statute Citator Service OVID (CancerLIT, Medline, CINAHL) Oxford Reference Online ProQuest Nursing Journals ProQuest Science Journals Quick Law Research Library Safari Tech Books Online Science Direct Theses Canada Portal Toronto Star – Pages of the Past U.S. Pharmacopeia Online Weissmann Online Total of 63 Databases
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Seneca @ York Library and Computing Commons

Opened on June 7, 1999

Dimensions:

Total square footage	29,300 Ft ²
Library	13,386 Ft ²
Computing Commons	14,713 Ft ²
Learning centre	1,201 Ft ²

Library Resources Available

Print Collection

Books	13,000 Volumes
Periodicals	120 Titles

Seneca @ York Equipment in Computing Commons

Computer Workstations	234 PCs, Intel Pentium IV 1.8 GHz, Windows XP Professional 512 MB RAM, 60 GB Hard Drive, 19" Monitors	32 MACs Power Macintosh G4 800 MHz Mac OSX 10.3.2, 512 MB RAM 60 GB Hard Drive, 21" Monitors
Colour Scanners	HP ScanJet 7400C Prime Film, 3600 Pro (slide & film scanner)	
Computers in Classroom	40 PCs	
Photocopiers	2	
Printers	16 HP LaserJet 4000N (Black and White) 1 HP Color LaserJet 4500N, 1 HP Color LaserJet 4600N	
TV/Preview Stations	2	

Seneca @ York Seating / Study Area

Total number of seats	395 + 71 soft seats and unwired study carrels
Quiet study rooms	2 (includes 1 room with 14 carrels)
Seats in quiet studies area	68
Seminar rooms	5 (8 seats each)
Wired area	27 wired carrels; SeneNET wireless network

Newnham Library and Computing Commons

Opened in May 2004

Dimensions:

Total square footage	39,990 Ft ²
Library	26,375
Computing Commons	11,300
Learning Centre	2,315

Library Resources Available

Print Collection

Books 49,245 Volumes
Periodicals 376 Titles

Newnham Equipment in Computing Commons

Computer Workstations 319 PCs, Intel Pentium IV 2.53 GHz,
Windows XP Professional
512 MB DDR RAM, Western Digital
7200 RPM 80 GB Hard Drive,
17" Monitors
Scanners HP ScanJet 7400C
Computers in Classroom 40 PCs
Photocopiers 2
Printers HP LaserJet 4000N (Black and White)
HP Color LaserJet 4500N
CD Writers LG 52x24x52x
Dictation Foot Pedals HTH Engineering

Newnham Seating / Study Area

Total number of seats 341
Quiet Study Rooms 1 (15 carrels)
Study Room 5 (6 seats each)
Seminar rooms 1
Wired area Wired and wireless access with authentication