

Highlights of the Learning Commons

Date of Inception:	Opened October 24, 2002 with 160 computers in the Killam Library
Current Size:	<p>225 computers distributed over 3 branch libraries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Killam (Main) (160) • Kellogg (Health Sciences) (40) • Law (25) <p>Addition of up to 100 computers in the Killam, Kellogg and Engineering Libraries is planned.</p>
Features:	<p>Basic (All machines)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows XP Professional • Internet Explorer • Netscape / FireFox • Acrobat Reader • WinZip • FTP client • Telnet client • RealPlayer • Library Connect • Beyond 20/20 browser • Flash player <p>Express Workstations All above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted internet access - no chat (e.g. ICQ), no third party email (e.g. Hotmail) <p>Scholar Workstations All above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novell client - Student/staff login only • Scifinder Scholar client • Microsoft Office with Frontpage • ArcGIS • SPSS • SHAZAM • Minitab • Maple <p>GIS Workstations All above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ArcView • ArcGIS Desktop • IDRISI <p>Macintosh Workstations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS X • Microsoft Office • SciFinder Scholar client <p>Video and Sound Editing Workstations Scholar software plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adobe Premiere • Photoshop Elements • Cool Edit Pro

	<p>Graphics/Web Media Workstations Scholar software plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adobe Acrobat - full version • Adobe Photoshop • Adobe Pagemaker • Adobe Illustrator • Macromedia Dreamweaver • Macromedia Flash • Macromedia Authorware <p>Adaptive Workstation Scholar software plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoomtext • JAWS • Kurzweil 3000 • ReadPlease 2002
Services:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference and Research Services • Technical Assistance – Desktop support • Writing Workshop – drop-in centre sponsored by Student Services • Math/Stats Tutor – drop-in centre sponsored by Dept. of Mathematics • Statistical Data Consulting – sponsored by Academic Computing Services • Atlantic Research Data Centre – Statistics Canada • Geographical Information Systems – Sponsored by Dalhousie University
Staffing:	Technical Assistance desk is staffed at all times by student navigators hired and trained by the Learning Commons Technical Lead (reports to Systems)
Administrative structure:	<p>Learning Commons Steering Committee responsible for policy and planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Commons Facility Manager • Reference and Research Services (2 representatives) • Head, Library Systems • GIS Manager • Statistical Data Consultant • Writing Workshop Coordinator • Learning Commons Technical Lead • Head, Circulation <p>This Committee meets at the call of the Chair, which is usually 3-4 times a year.</p> <p>Learning Commons Facility Manager is responsible for day-to-day operational issues</p>
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