

Case History

Jefferson College Library







## **Overview**

Jefferson College provides quality student-centered education, offering dynamic programs for students and residents of all ages and backgrounds.

At the heart of campus is the Jefferson College Library, used by students, faculty and staff, as well as the surrounding community. Originally built in 1966, the 32,000 sq. ft. building was in need of an extensive renovation, lacking natural light, integration of technology and defined spaces.







## **Solutions and Spaces**

The Jefferson College Library has evolved into a completely enhanced space, now flooded with both natural light and an abundance of energy efficient LED lighting. Technology integrates seamlessly into the furnishings. And spaces throughout the library are now purposefully defined, incorporating group study rooms, individual study spaces, a history center and a content creation lab.

Jefferson College staff members Sheree Bell, Procurement Coordinator, and Lisa Pritchard, Director of Library Services, worked collaboratively with NewSpace Business Interiors to redesign the space through site visits and researching current library design trends.

"Using our mid-century modern building as inspiration, we envisioned a welcoming contemporary space connected to nature. NewSpace supported and helped actualize this vision," said Bell.

As with many educational projects, budget was a constraint, but according to Bell and Pritchard, "NewSpace worked very hard to help us achieve our vision while keeping to our budget limitations. NewSpace introduced several innovative products that enhanced our spaces beyond expectations."



## Satisfaction and Results

According to Bell and Pritchard, the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with several users of the library indicating the spaces made them feel happier.

The first floor now serves as a collaborative space for students. First Office Coact booths enable students to work together and plug in, while the high backs of the booths allow privacy at the same time. And KI Pirouette nesting tables and shelving on casters are all mobile, which can easily open up the space for public speakers and community events.

The second floor now provides a quiet study space for students to have more privacy for focusing. According to library staff, signature pieces such as the Agati pods and Teknion Fractals are the first to be occupied by students each day.

"Many of the furniture pieces were much more impressive and substantial in size than we envisioned. We were able to optimize furniture usage in spaces beyond planned installations ... Everything was better than expected," concludes Bell.

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