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- Receives over 800K visitors a year
- Increasing need for more group study space, quiet study areas, presentation support, and laptops to checkout
- Students wanted more flexible furniture and wireless connectivity
Learning Commons Project

• Floors 1 and 2, completed summer of 2015
• Increased seating capacity, group study areas, laptops, added collaboration stations, and a presentation practice space
• 1438 new electrical outlets and more data ports were added
• New sound masking systems allow groups to study in close proximity
• ITS Help Desk and Call Center moved into the library
First Floor Carpet & Furniture
First floor - before
First floor - after
Post and beam
Second floor - before
Second floor, during
Second floor - after
Artwork, Security, and Hardware

• Tampering
• Security hardware
• Storage and updating the inventory
• Caring for frames
• Hire experts
Collaboration Stations

- Dual displays
- Single displays
- Roaming
Writable walls and whiteboards
Writable partitions
The Finale: New Artwork

• The library reached out to sculpture professor Jenny Hager, who teaches an *Enlivened Spaces* public sculpture course

• October 2014, A committee reviewed proposals by 7 students.
Graham Study Area - before
Sculptures by Mary Ratcliff

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Thank you!
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