User-Centred Digital Learning

Enhancing Service Through Innovations in Technology

Libraries have long been innovative, creative institutions within their communities. Western Libraries and its staff are no different, long committed to providing equitable access to and effective use of information resources, and instructional technology in order to ensure successful lifelong learning.

Digital technologies have transformed university life in recent years and will continue to change dramatically the way in which Western Libraries delivers its resources to students, researchers, faculty, alumni and community members, across campus and beyond.

Today’s students have different expectations than their parents. They are very comfortable with technology and are very demanding of their education. From digitized content, to interactive technologies, these students actively embrace the changing and challenging nature of the 21st century.

Investing in Digital Innovation

As we educate the next generation of global leaders, it is crucial we continue to be innovative and proactive in the integration of future technological developments, which will enhance teaching and learning, and research and scholarship.

To that end, Western Libraries is committed to raising $1 million to establish a Highest Priorities Fund for technology renewal and conversion.

Digital innovation across Western Libraries will:

• Increase the speed of research
• Increase off-site access to information resources
• Stimulate creativity in learning and teaching
• Ensure full access to required technology to support learning
• Create virtual learning spaces
• Support and enhance collaborative, interdisciplinary and global scholarship

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Be Extraordinary.
The Campaign for Western
User-Centred Digital Learning

Fast Facts

• Western Libraries is available online 24/7 to our users; our website received more than 3.3 millions visits in 2013
• More than 75% of acquisitions are in electronic form
• Our 500 workstations provide a one-stop place to access library research tools and office productivity software
• Collections across Western Libraries include 600,000 electronic books and 50,000 full text electronic journals
• Web access is available via wired and wireless connections throughout all 350,000 square feet of library spaces

Impact

Your support of digital innovation and information technology, including IT renewal and conversion initiatives, will help us to:

• Maintain Western Libraries’ reputation for digital innovation
• Nurture a culture of life-long learning and loyalty to Western Libraries
• Provide a platform to share innovative teaching and learning solutions on a global scale
• Prepare students/faculty for a fast-changing, complex workforce reliant on cutting-edge technology
• Create virtual learning spaces for students and researchers that will include essential hardware, software and multi-media tools

Support for the Future

Western Libraries is proud of its reputation for providing our undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and community members with the innovative resources that have earned us top marks in the Globe and Mail’s Annual Canadian University Report over the last 11 years.

Your gift will ensure we are able to maintain this level of service. By partnering with us you will help implement fundamental changes in the way Western Libraries supports teaching, learning and information literacy to faculty and students across campus and beyond.

Thank you for considering your support for this initiative.

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