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THE FIRST SIX EVENT

On October 4, the Centre for Students with Disabilities (CSD), the Library Learning Centre and the Centre for Academic English
launched a new collaborative initiative called The 1st Six. The initiative aims to connect students with the academic support
services available on campus in the first six weeks of their programs. This is the optimal time for students to reflect on their
course achievement and study habits, and recognize areas for support and improvement. The project team set up six tables on
the Progress Campus Bridge, inviting students to work with a learning strategist in two to three minute intensive sessions to
learn about time management, test preparation and note taking, as well as other skills. Adaptive technologists showed students how to
use technology effectively and tutors helped students with English language and math skills. The event was a success with the
team interacting with more than 470 students, indicating significant interest in the event. The College is planning expanded offerings through the coming year at all campuses.

NEW - EXPLORATORY!

The team at Niagara College are pleased to announce the opening of the Exploratory at the
NOTL Campus Library & Learning Commons (LLC). The Exploratory is a digital media lab
and makerspace for students, faculty, and staff to access various types of technology and
software that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to explore. Users are not expected
to know how to use the software or equipment but can use this space as an opportunity to
play. The Exploratory is equipped with technology to record, edit video, film, record audio, edit
digital video, print, scan, and much more. The Exploratory will soon be located at the Welland Campus LLC.

WELCOME TO OUR ZEN DEN

The Centennial College Library team in partnership with their First Generation Advisory
Group (FGA) have launched a new initiative called “The Zen Den”. The Zen Den is a place
within the library for learning and relaxing. It is a quiet area designed for students for
studying and taking breaks. The Zen Den is a cozy, comfortable space that provides
students with a place to relax and de-stress. Students can find a variety of self-care
approaches, such as meditation, reflection, and stress management techniques. The Zen
Den is accessible to all members of the Centennial College community.

NEW POSITION - INDIGENOUS RESEARCH OFFICER

The Sault College Library introduced a new position that is quite unique, Library Technician and Indigenous
Resources Officer. The position does regular library tech roles such as serials, collection development, reference
and instruction. Added to this, this person is working to embed Indigenous knowledge throughout the college. She
has already started reading groups on Indigenous topics. This coming year, she will be collaborating with the
Dean of Indigenous Studies to work with Faculty to embed Indigenous knowledge, awareness, knowledge, to programs
and history into curriculum.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Architectural Heritage Association in partnership with the Faculty of Arts, Science and 
Education, International Library and Information Services and the Killam Fund Trust laun-
hched the new 2017-18 Library Research Grants. The grants will support individual
scholarly research projects on architectural heritage in Canada. The grants will be awarded to
students, faculty and non-tenure track staff. The grants will be used to fund research,
travel, and related expenses. The deadline for applications is January 1, 2018. More
information can be found at the Faculty of Arts, Science and Education website.

First Nation Studies and Research Centre (FSRC) are excited to announce the launch of
the FSRC’s new series, “Seneca 50: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.” This series was
commissioned by the FSRC in collaboration with the Seneca Library of Seneca Nation
of Onondaga with support from the Seneca Nation of Onondaga. The series will feature
historical and contemporary stories of Seneca 50. Each story will provide an insight into
the rich history and culture of the Seneca Nation.

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

In honor of Black History Month, the Library at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
recently launched the Black History Book Club. This collection of books will focus on
Black History and culture. The book club will feature titles selected by the Library staff
and students. The Black History Book Club will be available at the Seida Library on the
University of Alberta campus.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW LEADER

In December 2016 and after 17 years at the helm of the Library, Cynthia McKeich
stepped down as Director of Humber Libraries. The search then began for a new
team leader for this team.

In August 2017, the team welcomed Cynthia McKeich as their new Director of Humber Libraries. The team reported
that Cynthia is pleased to have been chosen to lead the team. She is excited to be at Humber and equally thrilled to be identified as
a leader.