

# News Release

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## Capilano College Opens New Library

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In his first appearance at a post-secondary institution in B.C. since his appointment as cabinet minister, Dan Miller, Minister of Skills, Training and Labour, will officially open the \$10.9 million library building at Capilano College's North Vancouver campus on Thursday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. The opening is the highlight of the college's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration.

"Capilano College is one of the oldest community colleges in British Columbia," Miller notes. "This new library ensures Cap students will continue to enjoy outstanding educational opportunities.

"The government's support of this project is evidence of our continued commitment to post-secondary education in British Columbia," says Miller. "We see education and training as vital to the health of our province's economic future."

The official ceremony is scheduled to get underway with a trumpet fanfare from the college's music students. Guests will be invited to tour the new three-storey facility and the adjoining former library, now renovated to house the library's Media Production, Audio-visual, and technical services areas as well as a classroom, archives, administrative offices, and the college's Achievement Resource Centre.

Two floors of the new building house the library's main collection, study areas, circulation and reference services. The 40,000-square-foot facility is over three times the size of the old library, with shelving for 200,000 volumes, more



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than doubling its former capacity. Study carrels have increased from 100 to 350, and many have been wired for laptop computer/modem use.

The third floor of the new building presently contains classrooms, but when enrollment warrants can provide an additional 18,000 square feet for library use, serving a capacity of 7,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. Currently the college has 4,200 FTEs.

"It's very fitting that we mark Capilano College's twenty-fifth anniversary with the opening of this state-of-the-art facility," says Graham Crockart, chair of the Capilano College Board. "The college is committed to providing students with excellent facilities and opportunities. The new library will be the heart of this campus and a focus for our commitment."

Among the high-tech features of the library are a fully-integrated on-line library system, due to be in place in 1994. Users of the system will be able to access current catalogue, circulation, and acquisition information via 22 public terminals. The integrated system will also give students access to remote databases and library catalogues at other colleges and universities, vastly increasing available research materials.

Another electronic resource, a 12-station computer lab, will offer hardware such as a color scanner and a color laser printer — equipment not easily available to most students. The lab, which has both PC and Macintosh stations, was made possible through a \$75,000 contribution from CIBC.

"We are very grateful for the hard work of the Capilano College Foundation in their fundraising campaign," says President Doug Jardine. "This contribution, and many others, help us to provide our students with training and equipment that greatly enhances their learning experience and prepares them well for the workplace or continued studies."

Another example of community support is a \$62,000 contribution from the Royal Bank that will upgrade the college's CD-ROM services to a network.

“Through the Capilano College Foundation’s focused giving campaign, the library has received over \$240,000 in corporate and private donations,” says Jardine. “This vastly increases our ability to provide our students with first-rate support. We are very appreciative of the community’s continuing involvement in the programs and activities of the college.”

College administrators and planners have also provided an attractive learning environment in the design of the building. Architect Richard Henriquez has explored West Coast themes in the interior, which features a stylized boat keel down the centre of the first floor ceiling, stylized sail-like light reflectors, and an abundance of windows looking out on the surrounding trees.

Facilities at the new library are available to the public.