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Cap celebrates 25 years with new library

College unveils \$10.9M facility

CAPILANO COLLEGE officially opened its new \$10.9 million state-of-the-art library last week, and the facility is now open for both college students and North Shore residents to use.

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The opening of the library also marked the 25th anniversary of Capilano College.

Skills, Training and Labor Minister Dan Miller, who is the minister responsible for colleges and universities, noted that Capilano College is one of the oldest community colleges in B.C.

"The new library ensures that Cap students will continue to enjoy outstanding educational opportunities.

"The kinds of courses and activities that this college is conducting impresses me very, very much.

"It's the 25th anniversary this year of Capilano College and if this is an example of the first 25 years, I'm certain that 25 years from today the achievements of the college will indeed be remarkable," said Miller.

Capilano College president Dr. Doug Jardine said the new library could not have been built without the fundraising efforts of the



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TWO CAPILANO College students use the many resources available to both students and North Shore residents at the new \$10.9 million college library, which was officially opened last week.

Capilano College Foundation.

The foundation raised over \$240,000 in corporate and private donations for the college library.

"This vastly increases our ability to provide our students with first-rate support. We are very appreciative of the community con-

tinuing involvement in the programs and activities of the college," said Jardine.

The new library is 40,000 feet square and is over three times the size of the old library with shelving for 200,000 volumes, more than double its former capacity.

Study carrels have increased from 100 to 350 and many have been wired for laptop computer and modem use.

Two floors of the new building house the library's main collection, study areas, circulation and reference centres.

The third floor of the new library currently contains classrooms, but when enrolment increases, the third floor can provide for an additional 18,000 square feet for library use, serving a capacity of 7,000 full-time equivalent students.

The college currently has 4,200 full-time equivalent students.

Among the high-tech features of the new library are a fully integrated on-line library system, due to be in place in 1994. Users of the system will have access to current catalogue, circulation and acquisition information via 22 public computer terminals.

The integrated system will also give students access to remote data bases and library catalogues at other colleges and universities.

Another electronic resource, a 12-station computer lab, will offer hardware such as a color scanner and a color laser printer, equipment not available to most students.

Capilano College has also received an award from B.C. Hydro for constructing the new library with advice from Hydro's Power Smart program.

The new building uses almost 160,000 fewer kilowatt-hours of electricity than a comparable building.

The electricity saving is equivalent to the amount of energy used in one year by 16 homes.

The library has advanced energy-saving fixtures in its lighting design.