



“We had two definitive requirements for the Information Commons: to stay within budget and to meet a very aggressive time line. Forrer Business Interiors worked with us to meet both without compromising our vision. They were truly a partner and the end result is terrific!”

– Linda Cabot, Vice President/CIO

□ Cardinal Stritch University

Cardinal Stritch University's Milwaukee campus recently began a project to transform the campus' student library into a central "Information Commons". They wanted the new space to be versatile and transitional with multiple functions in order to accommodate the study habits, styles and ages of the school's very diverse student body.

Architect Groth Design Group and Forrer Business Interiors worked together to create "touch down" spaces featuring lounge furniture in various styles and layouts, each accommodating different student modes - from last-minute paper-writing or cramming before an exam, to social gatherings or relaxation. Mobile tables of varying shapes located throughout the space also make it super easy to rearrange the furniture for team work, meetings or study groups without disturbing other students.

Technology "pods" (small computer stations with privacy screens) allow students to work on a computer alone or in groups, while maintaining proximity to library resources. And a standing-height table that's wired for technology allows students to plug-in to the campus network on their own laptops to share information, print out their homework, or access the internet quickly and easily.

The new Information Commons provides a place for students of all types to gather - whether they're coming to study, relax, research, meet, nap or socialize, there's truly "something for everyone."

