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- Friends of the Library website redesign
- Information Center redesign enters its second phase
- Multimedia Lab offers new services to library patrons

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# The Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library

## Growth of the Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library

Greetings to the Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library. When the Friends Group was established last year, it was my goal to build membership and publicize this new organization. This objective was partially met; however, there is still work to be done. This year I intend to build on our past achievements and would like to increase membership in the Farmville community as well as with Longwood alumni.

The Friends' spring 2007 event, which featured noted author Henry Wiencek, was well attended, and everyone enjoyed the reception, presentation and

book signing. You can read more about this event in the newsletter. Plans are also being made to feature another author to speak at the library in spring 2008.

In order to increase Friends Group membership among Longwood alumni throughout Virginia, I would like the Friends of the Greenwood Library to host book club nights in Farmville as well as other towns and cities in the state. If you are an avid reader and are interested in a book club event in your area, please contact me at [barbourwa@longwood.edu](mailto:barbourwa@longwood.edu) or call 434.395.2083.

The Friends Group has made much progress over the past year, and I believe we will continue to grow. **Please consider joining the Friends Group.** Your membership helps improve Greenwood Library's facilities, services and collections. I appreciate all of the support from our existing members, and I look forward to making new Friends of the Greenwood Library this upcoming year.

*Wendell Barbour*  
Dean of the Library and Learning Services

## Friends of the Library Website Redesign

Have you been to the Friends of the Library website lately? Did you know that the Friends Group has its own website? Well, if you have not done so already, please take a look at our newly redesigned pages located at [www.longwood.edu/library/friends](http://www.longwood.edu/library/friends).

Nathan Landis, the new Library Information Systems Specialist, redesigned the Friends Group website. The updated pages are easier to navigate, have a more current look, and emphasize the supporting role of the Friends



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Group as well as its unique functions and activities.

In addition, the website offers information on recent Friends news and events, links to past issues of the newsletter, details

about the library, as well as information about Friends privileges and gift opportunities. We hope you will check it out!

# Information Center Redesign Enters Its Second Phase

The Janet D. Greenwood Library is currently in the second phase of transforming its traditional information commons (48 lab-style computing workstations) into student-centered learning spaces similar to those implemented last year.

To fund this phase, the library competed for and was awarded a \$60,000 grant from a foundation which requires that their name remain anonymous.

Greenwood Library plans to utilize current PCs to develop two types of technology-rich learning environments. The area currently occupied by lab-style PCs will house 32 group learn-

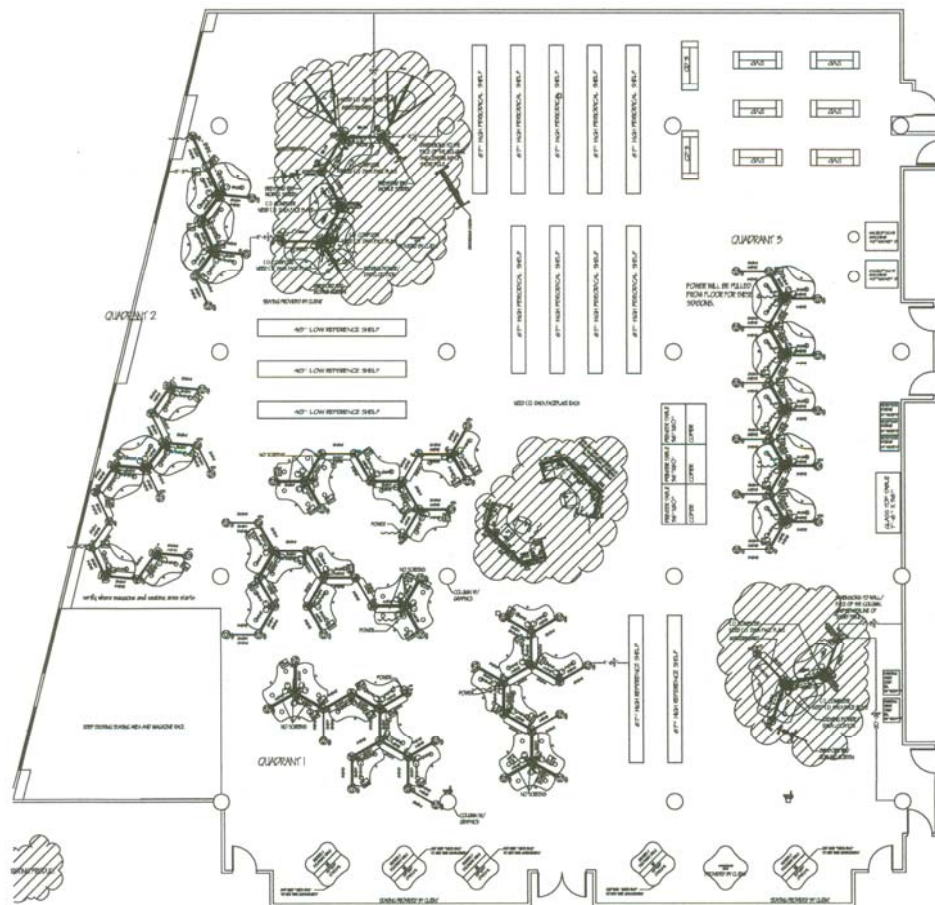
ing spaces in a variety of configurations that can accommodate large groups of students working on a project as well as small groups or individuals. Wooden study tables in two adjacent areas will be replaced by 21 learning modules designed for individual or very small group research.

The funding will be used to purchase collaborative learning modules designed by Herman Miller, Inc., a company that is committed to developing innovative solutions to address real needs in learning environments. Herman Miller creates “stimulating spaces that draw us

in and spark creative thinking. They can be loud or quiet, crowded or sparse. They are effective as long as they stimulate, motivate, and keep people thinking. The very arrangement of a learning space sets expectations of the activity that will occur there.”

The design recognizes that learning is a social activity that requires a variety of community and individual work spaces that support multiple learning and teaching styles in a mixture of relaxed settings.

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Architectural plan by Chasen’s Business Interiors of Greenwood Library’s redesigned Information Center featuring Herman Miller collaborative learning modules

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## Multimedia Lab Offers New Services to Library Patrons

The lab also houses state-of-the-art equipment available for three-day check-out to Longwood students, faculty and staff.

There is a little known jewel located in room 148 of the Janet D. Greenwood Library. The library's Multimedia Lab, which adjoins the Information Center, opened in fall 2006 with three Power Mac G5 computers, three scanners and production software. Other multimedia equipment, including two camcorders and four digital cameras, was available for check out at the circulation desk.

In spring 2007, Benjamin "Chap" Johnson took the position of full-time multimedia specialist. Johnson brought Mac technical assistance and multimedia equipment experience into the lab that allowed the library to expand this service

area to include one-on-one training by appointment. Johnson's presence also allowed the library to market these new services and equipment, which increased the use of the Multimedia Lab.

The Multimedia Lab is open during the regular Information Center hours. The lab is staffed by Johnson and student technical consultants.

Currently, the Multimedia Lab has seven Mac Pros with multimedia card readers (two with dual monitors), three scanners, internet access and full production software. Software packages include Adobe Creative Suite, Quark Xpress, Macromedia Studio MX, Microsoft Office

and Final Cut Express. The Multimedia Lab has a light table and a negative reader for slides and drafting.

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# Options for Becoming a Member of The Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library

## Levels of Giving

**Author:** Up to \$99

- Greenwood Library Newsletter
- Invitations to special events, such as book signings and book groups

**Editor:** \$100 to \$249

- CD, DVD, and video check-out privileges
- And all of the above

**Publisher:** \$250 to \$499

- Two (2) bookplates in honor or in memory of an individual of your choice
- And all of the above

**Patron:** \$500 to \$1,249

- Five (5) bookplates in honor or in memory of an individual of your choice
- And all of the above

**Collector:** \$1,250 to \$2,499

- Ten (10) bookplates in honor or in memory of an individual of your choice
- Membership in the Longwood University President's Circle

- Recognition on a donor honor roll located in the Library
- And all of the above

**Greenwood Society:** \$2,500 and up

- Twenty-five (25) bookplates in honor or in memory of an individual of your choice
- Lunch with your favorite librarian
- And all of the above

## Become a Friend of the Greenwood Library!

You may become a member of the Friends of the Library by making an annual tax-deductible contribution. Online contributions may be made through the Longwood University Foundation Office at [www.longwood.edu/advancement](http://www.longwood.edu/advancement). Please indicate "Greenwood Library" as your gift designation. You may also mail your contributions to Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library, Longwood University Foundation Office, 201 High Street, Farmville, Virginia, 23909.

## Planned Gifts, Endowment Opportunities and Other Options

Donors making qualifying gifts may request that a room be named in honor or in memory of an individual or organization. The naming of buildings, rooms, or other physical spaces is contingent on approval by the Board of Visitors. Call Franklin Grant at 1.800.281.4677, extension 3, for a confidential discussion about the opportunities available.

## Contact Us

The Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library at Longwood University is governed by a steering committee composed of librarians, faculty, staff, students, and community members. For more information about the Friends of the Greenwood Library, please visit the Friends website at [www.longwood.edu/library/friends](http://www.longwood.edu/library/friends) or contact Wendell Barbour, Dean of the Library and Learning Services, at 434.395.2083.



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