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Workshops at the Learning Commons

Learning Commons facilitators have organized a number of workshops on various topics to help address reading and writing difficulties. Workshops will be arranged during peak hours (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and topics will be publicized each month. Workshops will attempt to correspond with content from English and developmental classes.

Film & Discussion Topics at the Learning Commons

It is important to understand that reading is more than simply decoding words on a page. It involves a close interaction with the text, often dealing with themes, cultural issues and certain timeframes. Often the use of visuals and the review of ideas through discussion help in the formation of ideas for writing. Therefore, the Learning Commons has organized Lunch-and-Learn sessions and other discussion venues.

Please leave comments, questions or suggestions about the Learning Commons at a campus location or email ErikaLynn Mwenze at emwenze@ccac.edu.

THE CCAC LEARNING COMMONS is a place for students to meet—with each other, with faculty and with learning facilitators (LFs) and peer tutors (PTs). The Learning Commons can help students gather ideas to write a paper, complete a project, work on study skills or just learn to use the technology.

The Learning Commons can accommodate all CCAC students.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

How is the Learning Commons different from the Learning Assistance Center?
The Learning Commons is a gathering place for students, faculty and staff; a place they can come to talk over ideas, work on projects or get assistance with reading and writing assignments. The Learning Assistant Center is designed to provide one-on-one tutoring on a prescheduled basis from a facilitator, peer tutor or by using appropriate computer assistance.

Do I need an appointment to visit the Learning Commons?
No, just walk in. No appointments are necessary in the Learning Commons.

Can I get help proofreading and editing a paper?
Yes, we will assist you with proofreading and editing what you have already written.

Do I need my CCAC Student ID to enter the Learning Commons?
Yes, each time you come in please log-in to Appointment Central. If you need assistance, please let our learning facilitators or peer success coaches know.

Appointment Central won’t accept my sign-in. Does that mean I can’t enter the Learning Commons?
No, you are always welcome. But if you can’t log in, please let the staff know—they will know how to assist you.

Can I work independently in the Learning Commons?
Yes, you may come for independent study anytime. Please log on to any free computer or sit at a study table. If you find you need assistance at any time, please feel free to ask us. You may meet your peers here for study as well.

Can I get one-on-one assistance in the Learning Commons?
Yes, but we emphasize collaborative (small group) learning. One-on-one assistance is available in the Learning Assistance Center.

I haven’t been assigned to the Learning Commons by a professor, but I have been having difficulty reading college texts. Can I get assistance at the Learning Commons?
Yes, if you’d like to discuss a text, we can help. We can help you explore a text, generate ideas or improve your comprehension skills. Come in any time but please don’t forget to bring your text and study materials.

English is not my native language. Can I get ESL (English as a Second Language) assistance in the Learning Commons?
Yes, we have a number of facilitators who are trained and certified to teach ESL. We also have ESL-based materials that can be used to assist ESL students who want to improve English in or out of the classroom.

Can I bring a beverage with me to the Learning Commons?
Yes, it’s not a lunchroom but we have no problem with you having a beverage or light snack in the Learning Commons. But please be considerate—keep lids on and clean up after yourself.

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Hours of operation
Monday–Thursday: 9:00AM–8:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM–2:00PM
Saturday: 9:00AM–2:00PM

Locations
Allegheny Campus: L-313 (Library Bldg. 3rd floor)
Boyce Campus: NWG N-504
North Campus: 2101 (Library 2nd floor)
South Campus: L-547 (inside the LAC)