



Small Changes for a Big Impact



A tale of little-to-no money renovations at
Blue Ridge Community College Library



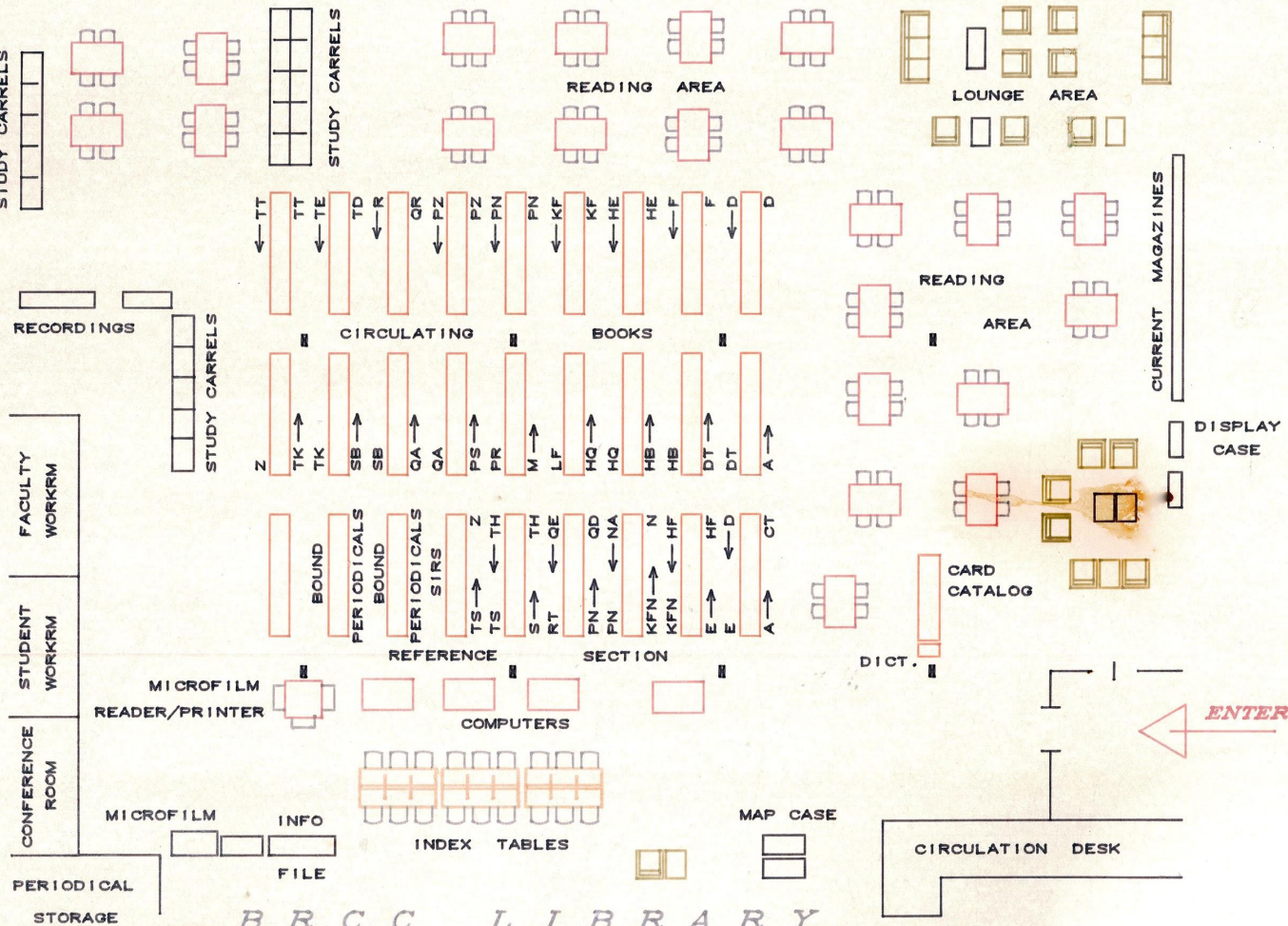
BRCC Library: A History



Killian Building Opened in 1988

Original layout included only a few powered areas for computers and microfilm/fiche

Many more seating/lounge areas than current-day (hoping to change)



BRCC LIBRARY

What we were dealing with 2008-2017



Free Upgrades! -- 2013



New Lighting! -- 2015



2017 - Present: All the free changes



Magazine storage room - Emptied over the course of 2017, once held old magazines, VHS tapes, records, and other old media. Once rolling shelving is removed this will become our teaching classroom.

2017 - Present: All the free changes



WEEDING, WEEDING, and MORE WEEDING.

2017 - Present: All the free changes



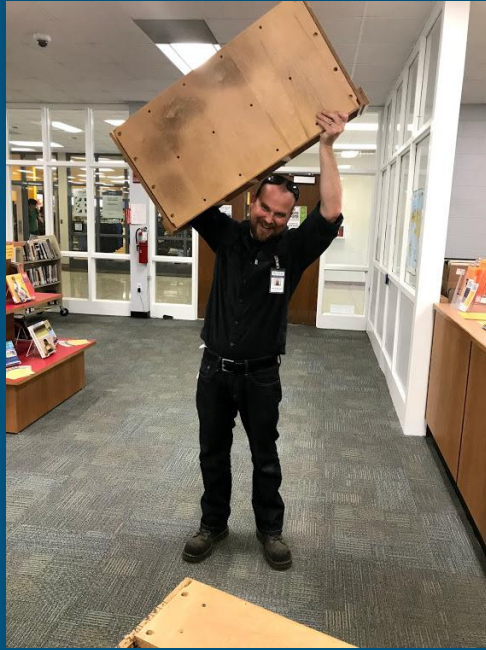
New Carpet and a new layout for Reference & Stacks - Paid for by Facilities budget/FCAP process

2017 - Present: All the free changes



Moved Computers to new location with lakeside view!

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Out with the old. . .

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New Paint!!!!

2017 - Present: All the free changes

Computer
Lab moved
into the
library

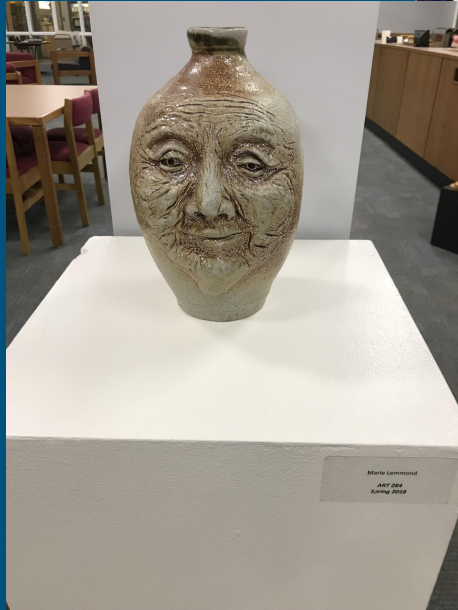




Student Artwork Displays - 2018-present



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SACS Visit = New Study Room Furniture!



Some New Tech!



Roadblocks

No Library Budget - used funds from Facilities, IT, Foundation to gain many of the purchased items/services

Getting rid of stuff is hard - especially the big stuff. Work with facilities and know the process

Feeling overwhelmed - Take things a little at a time

Weeding - Don't let them see you do it

Weeding donating items - whoops! What's your policy?

Ask for forgiveness later if necessary

Lessons Learned

Weeding is good. It's hard to get started when it's not done regularly, or ever

Make friends with instructors. They might want your old crap!

Learn the disposal process for furniture/assets at your college

Clearing out clutter and organizing can make a big impact for staff, if not immediately visible to patrons

Ask for what you want, and keep asking until you get it. If you only ask for small parts of a larger project, that's what you'll end up with.

You can't do everything at once. Start small so you don't get overwhelmed

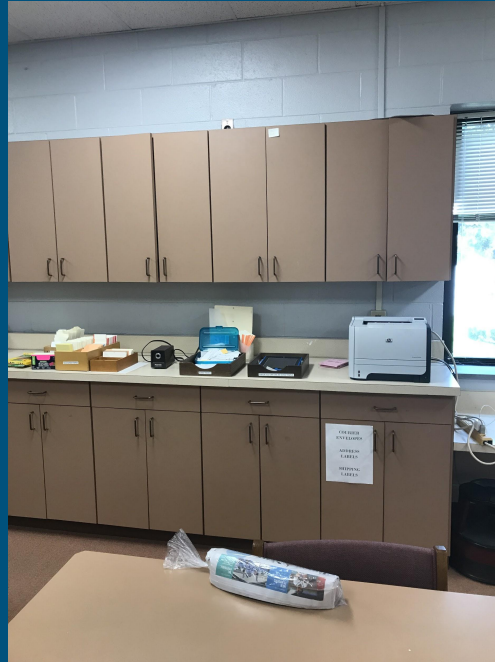
Looking forward

MORE WEEDING!!!



Looking forward

Asking for full renovation - being very clear of our needs and wants.



Looking forward

Computer Lab located in the library - opportunities for more partnerships

Advising, registration, class visits, testing, specialized software, dedicated workstudy students working in the lab area

New classroom! Possibilities for grant funding (LSTA, Steelcase, etc)

Looking forward

We've started a revolution - Art on Campus is BACK!

