



GROUP LEARNING

AT THE VAN WAGENEN LIBRARY

THE VAN WAGENEN LIBRARY PLANS TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROUP LEARNING. The proposed expansion would incorporate new rooms for group study, as well as furniture conducive for group collaboration, enabling SUNY Cobleskill's students to come together in a more productive and cohesive learning environment.

Areas of the building have been identified as potential spaces for the construction of group study rooms, or reading rooms. Quiet study space is the most sought-after aspect of campus life, especially during the high-pressure times of midterm and final exams. The library, like many academic buildings is a bustling center of student activity, and quiet-work spaces can be hard to find. The quiet rooms would allow students to focus on their work without noise or interference. The construction of the rooms offers the prospect of a naming opportunity, at a cost of \$10,000.

Additionally, group learning furniture would provide innovative study spaces. Collaborative learning and group work is a common aspect to college assignments. Designers for higher education furnishings have developed interesting and unique seating and desk combinations that allow students unique collaborative work environments.

SUNY Cobleskill's students, regardless of major or assignment, would greatly benefit from high-tech and comfortable collaborative-work stations such as the one pictured above left.

Faculty:

- Beth Orgeron, Dean of the Library.

About the Van Wageningen Library:

- 62,000 books
- 3,800 audiovisual materials
- 28,000 ebooks
- 210 journal subscriptions
- 30+ full-text research databases
- Specialized spaces: computer labs; classrooms; evening study rooms; multimedia room; tutoring center; writing center
- Seating: 550+
- Opened 1973, renovated 2011