

## University of Central Florida Library Knowledge Commons Repurposing

Orlando, Florida



Client:  
University of Central Florida

Total Cost:  
\$1,300,000

### Nature of Work:

This project included repurposing the existing main floor of UCF's five-story library. The scope of work transformed the original 1970's motif of the main floor into a high-tech, modern, collaborative learning center known as Knowledge Commons. This 24,800 square foot renovation included the replacement of floor and wall finishes, removal and reconstruction of the reference desk, recladding of the circulation desk at the entrance, removal and relocation of existing book shelves, new computer equipment and complete furniture replacement, inclusive of modular systems furniture.

The newly renovated space inspires students and has been well received by both students and faculty and the University Staff. Associate Director, Frank Allen describes the floor plan:

*“with its intermixed, varied uses and the beautiful yet functional modular furniture create an attractive, engaging, and professional ambiance.”*



The repurposing also required new electrical work for power, data and distribution as well as task lighting throughout the space. The newly renovated space inspires students and has been well received by students, faculty and the University Staff. The renovated design now accommodates a total of 479 new student stations, 196 PC desktops and approximately 116 student stations that have power at “arm’s reach”.

The overall design also includes new way finding signage for clear pathways and circulation. Additional architectural elements include re-wrapping columns, millwork, pendant lighting and sub ceiling compass treatments.



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