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Library, IT to unveil digital media center

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KOKOMO, Ind. – The Indiana University Kokomo Library and Information Technology Services (ITS) will unveil a new state-of-the-art digital media center this week, bringing high-technology resources to students. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at the Library on Wednesday, September 29, at 10:30 a.m.

The digital media center is made possible through a partnership ITS and the Library. An open house with demonstrations will take place on Thursday, September 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“This is yet another example of IU Kokomo’s commitment to providing a high-tech environment for students and to provide every opportunity for students to succeed in this globally connected community of learning,” said IU Kokomo Chancellor Michael Harris.

The IU Kokomo Digital Media Center includes:

- Six high-end Mac Pro workstations, offering Mac OSX Snow Leopard and Windows 7 Operating systems (Dual Boot)
- Full Adobe CS5 Design and Production Suites
- STC Standard Software build

In addition, two production rooms (which also offer dual boot Mac Pro systems) can be reserved in advance for access to advanced audio capture and production hardware.

- Shure SM7B condenser microphones for individual or group voiceover audio capture
- Mackie Onyza 1220i 12 Channel Firewire Mixer/interface
- M-Audio BX5q Studio Monitors
- Sony MDR-7506 headphones

These rooms offer some sound dampening and privacy for a better audio recording experience.

Students can also checkout additional multimedia creation tools including Alexis Podcast Kits, JVC HD video\still camera, Novation 49 Key Midi Controller, and Wacom Intuos4 digital tablets.

“The Library serves as a hub for learning,” said Rhonda Armstrong, dean of the Library. “We want students to find all possible resources here to enhance their academic experience and provide all the tools possible for student success.” Armstrong said the Library is the ideal location for the digital media center because students from different majors can work together and learn from each other.

“The digital media center is comparable to what students would find at a much larger campus,” Armstrong added.

“Students don’t have to go somewhere else – they have it here.”

Elizabeth Van Gordon, chief information officer, said the opening of the digital media center marks an era of renewed commitment and dedication to student success between ITS and the Library.

“We want to build excellence in education and further student success by strategically using information technology,” Van Gordon said. “It’s important for students to develop their skills using contemporary technology.”

The IT support center will be on hand to assist students with the equipment.



“IU Kokomo is on the move – bringing our students, faculty, and staff together for our ultimate purpose, which is providing a quality educational environment where students can reach their full potential,” Harris said.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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