

Alternate Format Pilot Project

Developed in collaboration with Accessibility Services and the Centre for Accessible Post-Secondary Education Resources (CAPER-BC), the Library launched a pilot project in January 2026 to provide alternate formats of materials to students with common accessibility barriers. The addition of a custom link in the Access Options drop-down of an EDS record allows users to request their preferred alternative format. Item record data prepopulates the fields for title, author, publication dates, and more. Library staff assess requests to identify if alternate format can be provided through in-house remediation or via the Centre for Equitable Library Access. Seven requests for alternate formats were filled during the pilot period, between January and March 2026.

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Access options

☒ Link to Full Text

☒ Alternate Format for Users with Disabilities



DC Authors' Celebration 2026

Having hosted the inaugural event in 2020, March 2026 marked the 4th biennial Douglas College Authors' Celebration. In this iteration, 27 authors affiliated with Douglas submitted works – including 20 faculty, 1 administrator, 1 student, and 5 alumni, totaling 48 works altogether. These include 22 academic research articles, 14 books, 4 book chapters, 5 journal supplements, and 3 works of poetry. 22 of these works were published in an open format, either through open access journals, open textbooks, or through other means designed to make work available beyond commercial paywalls. This was an exciting milestone for the Library and its efforts to encourage open resources.

First Year Instruction

Online research and citation tutorials for ENGL 1130 and BUSN 1210 were launched in Summer 2025. Developed using Articulate software, these tutorials offer various options for asynchronous and in-person classes, plus different citation styles. Tutorials are also able to incorporate accessibility features, and the option to include academic integrity and AI literacy instruction. Over its first year, these tutorials were embedded in 49 courses. Feedback has been positive, with one student sharing their opinion that “this is a valuable course that should be provided to all students expected to do research or write papers”, and others highlighting appreciation for ability to review and assess their understanding of concepts within the tutorial itself.



Members of the Coquitlam Learning Centre and Library Moving Team celebrate the Learning Centre's new location in July 2025.

Learning Centre re-location at CO

In early July 2025, the Learning Centre began operations in their new space inside the Coquitlam Library. With this move, the Learning Centre and Library are now co-located at both campuses, providing students with closer proximity to a wide variety of services and academic support. The planning team included members from the Learning Centre, Library and Facilities, who began meeting in March to manage the many logistical details of the move.

Teaching and Research Commons

The Teaching and Research Commons (TREC) was launched in Fall 2025. A collaborative partnership between Learning Resources, Academic Technology Services, the Research and Innovation Office, and the EdTech and Pedagogy Coordinator, TREC was designed to provide faculty with in-person access to coordinated supports for teaching, research and learning. The Library at both campuses served as the physical hub for TREC, making use of offices for consultations with teaching and research specialists and learning designers. A shared calendar of events and newsletters was developed to capture and promote online and in-person faculty development offerings. Since 2026, 85 events on a variety of subjects have been offered including Blackboard support, AI-resistant assessments, authentic assessment, copyright, and more.



CD weeding and giveaway

Due to declining usage of our physical CD collection and growth in the use of streaming music resources like Grove Music Online and Naxos Music Library, work to withdraw the Library's music CD collection was undertaken in Fall 2025. In December, withdrawn CDs were put out in the Library foyer at New Westminster for anyone interested to browse and take for free, with a listening station with CD player and headphones set up nearby. The free CDs were very popular, with frequent refilling of the shelves required, and the giveaway was even featured in some fun social media content on the College's official Instagram account. It took just a few weeks for all withdrawn CDs to be claimed.



Doug Zine Fest

On Wednesday, November 12 the Douglas College Library Zine Collective hosted its second Doug ZineFest in the New Westminster Concourse. Nearly 30 vendors attended with their zines and other art creations. A self-serve collage table and a supervised stamp-making table were also available to give a chance for visitors and vendors to enjoy some creative hands-on activities. Held from 12-4 pm, the Concourse was very lively as students and employees browsed the wide variety of items created by local zinesters, writers and artists.



The LC-DC Podcast

The Learning Centre podcast, more affectionately known as the LC-DC podcast, brings students quick, practical tips on learning, studying, and student life. Its first episode was released in September 2025 and additional episodes have been dropped about once a month since. The podcast was created and is hosted by Learning Centre faculty Ryan O'Connor, and typically features a conversation with a peer tutor on topics such as exam prep, planning and procrastination, and overcoming writer's block. Show notes with links to resources mentioned during the episodes are provided both within podcast apps and on the podcast website; transcripts of each episode are also provided in multiple formats. Statistics show at least 600 listens of the 10 episodes since the first episode was released.



USE

Library

eResource downloads	5,853
Article downloads	392,913
Circulation - monographs/physical	12,590
Circulation - equipment	50,965
Gate count (Physical Visits)	407,732
Reference questions	8,867
Instructional classes	291
Students instructed	8,594
Website visits	167,443
Guide views	451,263

Learning Centre

Tutoring sessions	4352
Workshops + drop-in sessions	190
Students supported	1282

RIM & Privacy

Record requests	122
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COLLECTIONS

Monographs/physical	104,196
Equipment	1,292
eBooks	478,988
eJournals	83,294
Streaming media	170,852

EMPLOYEES (FTE)

Staff	32.72
Faculty	11.00
Admin	3.00
Total	46.72

EXPENDITURES

Library

Collections	\$740,247.26
Salaries + benefits	\$3,653,895.08
Other	\$16,622.06

Learning Centre

Salaries + benefits	\$965,914.11
Other	\$13,410.63

RIM & Privacy

Salaries + benefits	\$243,077.21
Other	\$1,667.69

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