



Indiana University South Bend Opens Media Commons and Café



Indiana University South Bend recently celebrated the opening of its new **Dorene Dwyer Hammes Media Commons & Café**, a user-centered environment, named in honor of its lead donor.

The new space includes a renovated circulation and interlibrary loan area, a multimedia production studio, media viewing stations (featuring Blu-Ray DVD/VHS combination players and 19" monitors), and a coffee bar. The Café area has an eco-friendly LED TV for viewing cable news, full wireless connectivity, and a newspaper reading area.

The Multimedia Production Studio provides a wide range of technology and software for students to create multimedia enhanced presentations for course projects. This room features a green screen, video lighting, controlled acoustics, and software to create and edit multimedia projects, including Final Cut Express and Adobe Premiere Pro, as well as special effects design with Adobe After Effects, the full 2D design suite from Adobe, including Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign. Audio recording with various microphones, a 12 channel mixer and sound dampening is also available.

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