

Library Learning Commons

St Benedict's Library Learning Commons is also the Clemens Mill library branch of [Idea Exchange, Cambridge Public Libraries and Art Galleries](#). This shared facility is simultaneously a school library and public library, supporting students and their families.

Student Support:

Your school librarian is here to support teaching and student learning. For research or assignment assistance, visit the library or contact Ms. Pilon at ppilon@ideaexchange.org. Student support is available **Monday to Friday 8:00am-2:00pm**.

Study Spaces:

- **Learning Commons:** The library learning commons offers a space to quietly collaborate with your peers. This area cannot be reserved in advance.
- **Meeting Rooms:** Meeting Rooms are available on a first come, first served basis for small group work or studying. Digital equipment is available for presentations and school work. A valid library card in good standing is required for all room bookings.
- **Quiet Study Area:** A laptop bar and study tables are available for quiet work only. This area cannot be reserved in advance.

Books and Resources:

- **Find a Book:** Search the [library catalogue](#) to find books and other materials. Visit [Bennie's Bookshelf](#) for access to eBooks, recommended reads, and booklists.
- **Databases and Online Resources:** Visit the [Online Resources](#) page for access to Idea Exchange and St. Benedict resources. Search for articles, peer-reviewed journals, magazine articles, literature resources and more. Please see your teacher or [contact the school librarian](#) if you need access from home.

Other Library Services:

- **Chromebooks:** Borrow a Chromebook for up to 2 hours to use in the library. Student ID card and valid Idea Exchange library card in good standing is required.
- **Printing and Photocopying:** Use our computers or your own device for wireless and mobile printing. Photocopying is also available. Charges apply.
- **Scanning and Faxing:** Scanned documents can be sent to an email or saved to your own USB. Faxing can be sent locally and within North America. Free.

Contacts

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Library Hours

School Access (closed to public):
Monday to Friday 8:00-10:00am

Clemens Mill Library (open to public):
Monday – Thursday 10:00am to 8:30pm
Friday 10:00am to 5:30pm
Saturdays 9:30am to 5:30pm
Sundays 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Library Links

[Library Learning Commons](#)
[Get a Library Card](#)
[Search the Library Catalogue](#)
[Borrowing Information](#)
[Unusual Things to Borrow](#)
[Programs and Events for Teens](#)

Library Learning Commons Code of Conduct

Everyone is welcome at Idea Exchange libraries and Cambridge Art Galleries. We are committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment. Library users will be treated courteously and respectfully by staff and are expected to treat staff, students, and other members of the public in the same manner.

Please refer to the [Code of Conduct](#) on the Idea Exchange website for more details about our expectations and commitment to creating a welcoming, safe, and respectful environment.

Student Reminders:

- **No food during school hours**
 - Students are not allowed to eat in the library during school hours.
 - After school hours, students may eat simple snacks that are not messy or smelly. All food must be consumed in a responsible way, including proper waste disposal.
- **Quiet study**
 - The laptop bar and study tables are available for quiet study only. The Learning Commons area of the library features areas for group work or socializing, but you must do so quietly.
- **Small groups (max 5 per table)**
 - There should be no more than 5 students per table. Not only is there not enough space for more, but noise becomes an issue with larger groups.
- **Headphones required**
 - Headphones must be worn when listening to videos, music, or other content.
 - Phone calls should be taken quietly and not on speaker phone.
- **Lunchtime capacity**
 - If you can't find a seat in the library during lunch, then we have reached our capacity.
 - Please avoid standing in clusters or within aisles, and look for lunch spaces in the school.
- **Children's department**
 - The Children's Department is only to be used by children and their families.
- **Personal belongings**
 - Students are expected to attend to personal belongings. Idea Exchange is not responsible for theft or damage to personal items left unattended.
- **Library use for intended purposes**
 - Use library furniture, equipment, facilities and designated spaces properly and only for the usual and intended purposes. Library furniture and equipment should not be moved unless directed by library staff.
 - Use washrooms only for their intended purposes.

Consequences of violating the Code of Conduct:

Students that are disruptive to others, behaving inappropriately, speaking disrespectfully to library staff, or contravening the Code of Conduct in any way will be asked to leave the library.

Serious incidents will involve further withdrawal of privileges. Idea Exchange staff will work in collaboration with School Administration regarding issues involving students.