

Demco Widens Horizons for Nautical College



Demco updated the 60's interior of this traditional College library to create a modern and inviting space for a new type of student studying a broader range of subjects.

It was a visit to nearby Gorbals Library that inspired Library and Learning Resource Manager, George Howie, to head to Demco for a colourful, contemporary and very different range of library furnishings.



INSPIRING
LIBRARY
DESIGN

The College of Nautical Studies in Glasgow, has traditionally been a provider of nautical and maritime studies, but a change of student base and a need to keep up with DDA requirements prompted a £150,000 refurbishment funded by the Scottish FE Funding Council.

The brief to Demco was to achieve a library that moved away from the traditional, to a more vibrant café style, yet still meet the practical needs of a busy, educational library. Looking at the projects' database on the Demco website convinced George Howie that the company had the design, and practical, expertise to create a library space that would not only look smarter, but also, work harder.

“It was clear from our research and talking to the people at Demco, that they had the expertise and skills in library design but also, very importantly, understood library business issues as well. They were excellent and we worked all the way through as partners”.

Bold colour schemes and modern materials

Glass top study tables, red leather sofas and high workstations for using the library's wireless laptops, blend with the glass end panels of the BCI shelving to create a very inviting learning environment. The large glass top study tables have provided particularly popular with students and lecturers for group study sessions. The library, renamed Thistle Resource Centre, is now also accessible for disabled users.

Graphics play an important part in this interior, communicating the new College corporate image and branding – Widening Horizons - and creating 'artworks' on the vibrant red feature walls.

What do the students think?

The College has carried out focus groups with students and have received excellent feedback about the library. Overall a more inviting, relaxing space for looking and working smarter.

Demco products:

Cantilibra shelving with glass end panels

Ark glass study tables

Wafer stools

Red leather sofas

Portus coffee / low tables

Bespoke laptop workstations

Harlequin counter



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