



Grand opening of new state of the art library

TORONTO (Oct. 13, 2011) – The University of Guelph-Humber will open the doors to a new state of the art library next month. There to help celebrate the event will be guest of honour, J. K. Rowling, of the famed Harry Potter series. The new building will be the first in a series of expansions being made to the university.

The project, undertaken by esteemed architectural firm BK Skinner and Associates, cost \$100 million. Eight stories of glass and steel beams give the new building a sleek and modern feel. Perfectly outfitted for the school's growing student body, it is equipped with 2,500 laptop plug-ins. In addition, 125 commissioned works of art will cover the walls of the new library.

"We are very proud of the new additions being made to the school," says Guelph-Humber Vice-Provost John Walsh. "The library is just the first in a very exciting array of new projects to begin in the next five years, in order to better serve our students, staff and community."

The grand opening of the new library will play host to many special guests, including local artists, authors and musicians.

"It gives me great honour to be invited to such an event," says Rowling. "It is such a pleasure to see inspired young minds in action. I love the thrill of a good book, and to bear witness to an unveiling of this magnitude gives me great hope for the future. Books are not dead, and will never be so."

About the University of Guelph-Humber

The University of Guelph-Humber is one of the first postsecondary schools of its kind, bringing the traditional theory based learning of university together with the hands on approach of college. The school is a partnership between the University of Guelph and the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning (Humber.) Developed to meet the demands of higher education in today's job market, students of the university receive two credentials, a university honours degree from the University of Guelph and a college diploma from Humber. The university offers its 3,200 full-time students undergraduate degrees in seven different disciplines.

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