

BARRIER-FREE EDUCATION

An Academic & School Libraries Collaboration



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SLC CORNWALL CAMPUS

Located in Cornwall, ON, this campus of St. Lawrence College's three campuses educates approximately **1300 students**.

STRATEGIC PLAN

SLC's new Strategic Plan was released in 2019 with a focus on "**Community Engagement: Collaborate on solutions and foster relationships**".

STRIVE PROGRAM

In the 2018-2019 academic year, the **STRIVE** program was initiated at SLC. STRIVE is an acronym for "**success, transition, retention and innovation**". This program aims to deliver barrier-free education to all students.

INFORMATION LITERACY GAP

The information literacy gap was evident, but with limited library resources, secondary schools in Cornwall and SD&G were looking for partnerships. Most secondary schools in the Cornwall and surrounding area have cut resources such as e-resources, library budgets, and LITs/librarians

SOME FACTS

Approximately **50%** of the students at SLC that come straight from high school are coming from local high schools.

Comments from SLC Smart Start, an academic preparedness program that happens the week before school:

- "Lots of what was covered I never learned in high school."
- "This information should be taught in high school."
- "Information I needed to know."

In collaboration with a secondary school LIT, a session was created in which information literacy skills and tools were presented.

Who was helped by this initiative?

- **7 secondary schools.**
- **24 classes**
- **At the grade 11 and 12 level**
- **As well as college and university levels**
- **In multiple subjects such as English, Religion, and Geography**

That is a total of **475 students!**