

► Opening Hours

24 hours

(Closure for maintenance will be announced separately.)

► Service Target (scan NCKU ID card to enter)

NCKU students, faculty and staff

► Floor Plan

1F: Open Space for Discussion and Interaction

2F: Quiet Study Area, Public Facilities and Public Rest Area

Total Floor Space: 907m² (274 py)



KnowLEDGE of NCKU Library

<http://www.lib.ncku.edu.tw/service/facility/knowledge.php>

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Origin

In 2015, during structural reinforcements of the old Main Library, the old study center was relocated, and the Library proposed to locate KnowLEDGE (a new multifunctional study center) on the first and second floors of NCKU Ching -Yeh Dorm 3. During the design process, we invited faculty from the College of Planning and Design and cadres from student self-government groups to brainstorm collaboratively. The first phase, a lively first-floor learning common encouraging discussion and interaction, was inaugurated on April 19, 2017. The second phase of KnowLEDGE, a quiet study area on the second floor, opened on December 26 of the same year.

The first floor is an open space for discussion and interaction, with 414 m² of floor space, capacity for 100 people. This venue is for individual or group study and discussion, or for campus activities approved by the Library. Instead of traditional furnishings and entrenched stereotypes, the Library chose colorful and movable reading tables and chairs and a wooden stage platform. The second floor has approximately 493 m² of floor space and 80 individual seats for patrons to enjoy quiet self-study. On the other side of the second floor is a public area with restrooms and water fountains. The Library also provides bar stools and tables for patrons.

Naming the “KnowLEDGE” centre

The name “KnowLEDGE” reflects that this is NCKU Library’s first learning common. The new concept of study represented by KnowLEDGE demonstrates a refreshing idea and measure of learning. Through re-interpretation, this quiet self-study area has become a multifunctional area for learning and discussion for NCKU faculty, staff and students, promoting communication, interdisciplinary connection and knowledge-construction.

“Knowledge” is composed of two roots “Know” and “Ledge.” “Know” refers to cognition, and the combination of “K” and “now” signifies the new definition of study that differs from that of the past. “Ledge” indicates mineral veins hidden deep underground, plus a platform with protruding edges, implying profound knowledge that needs exploring as well as the extension of knowledge and interdisciplinary connection. Learning forces us to bravely step out of the boundaries of our knowledge and create a connecting platform that helps discover hidden knowledge. Let us self-construct through reading, crossing borders and interconnecting through dialogues.

As the word “KnowLEDGE” symbolizes a new study style, the Chinese name of this venue is thus named “KnowLEDGE.”



The Secret Garden of Knowledge

The KnowLEDGE facility was inaugurated at 9:00 am on April 19, 2017. One week later, at 7:00 pm on April 26, the Library hosted the opening ceremony with the activity “Dreaming NCKU: Pop-up short speech.” The old study center of the old Main Library was closed on January 23, 2016, the same day that construction started on the new KnowLEDGE facility. The inauguration ceremony of the old Main Library was held on April 26, 1959, the same day, 58 years later, that KnowLEDGE held its opening ceremony. Although the date was not chosen deliberately, it was such a magical coincidence, as if depicting a reincarnation of the old study center. Starting March 24, 2021, KnowLEDGE is open 24 hours per day to support students’ multiple learning needs.

KnowLEDGE is a new learning place for physical and static activities: the quiet study area on the second floor helps you stay focused while studying, whereas the multifunctional learning area on the first floor allows conversation and interaction. Many learning styles are possible in the KnowLEDGE, including quiet reading, deep meditation, group discussion, study group, forum, short speeches, exhibitions or lectures.

We look forward to supporting intellectual curiosity and knowledge exploration, poetic imagination and scientific implementation, conversation and debate from diverse perspectives in the KnowLEDGE facility, eventually transforming it into a blooming secret garden!