



**Left to right: College librarian Loftan Miller and Cherie Carl, RCC's dean of learning resources, are seated at a Mediascape work space. This high-tech furniture allows six people to link their computers for collaborative work appearing on the screen wall in front of them.**

## Library centers up and running

After extensive renovations, Rappahannock Community College's Glens and Warsaw Campus Library Centers are up and running in their new quarters with a host of user-friendly features.

New purchases of nonfiction books support RCC students' academic coursework, while fiction titles indulge their reading pleasure. Also available are movie, documentary, and instructional DVDs, books on CD, and a variety of local, regional, and national newspapers, magazines, and journals.

"Library staff members are ready and eager to greet you when you walk in our doors," says dean of learning resources Cherie Carl. "Our circulation service desk is 'front and center' to create a welcoming and convenient environment." In addition, reference desks at the rear facilitate one-on-one help from the librarians. "Let us save you time by showing you how to access our great electronic resources through the library website!" says Carl. Other up-

to-the-minute technology includes laptop computers that students can borrow for use anywhere on campus; iPads for use within the Library Centers; and reserve materials for specific classes that include the TI-83 Plus programmable graphing calculator from Texas Instruments.

A thorough remodeling of the Centers' physical spaces has resulted in all-new wooden shelving; abundant and attractive lighting; comfortable seating and adjacent tables with easy access to electrical outlets; colors and fabrics coordinating with the campus-wide renovations; and several soundproof rooms, with or without technological installations, for team projects and other meeting needs. Library users can reserve these rooms either by phone or in person.

In addition to serving the college's students, faculty, and staff, the Warsaw Campus Library Center doubles as the Richmond County Public Library. "The children's library at

the Warsaw Campus is a jewel," affirms Carl. "It boasts new benches and other seating, and interactive and educational games. The fiction and non-fiction collections are beautiful and accessible on new wooden shelving that accentuates the many reading choices available to our children, parents, teachers, and caregivers." New computers, iPads, "Smart Table," and—coming soon—a big-screen TV will create multiple options for the "Story Time" program.

The current hours of operation for both Library Centers are 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call 804-333-6710 for the Warsaw Campus, or 804-758-6710 for the Glens Campus. Or visit the library page at RCC's website (<http://www.rappahannock.edu/library/>), or the Richmond County Public Library website ([www.rcplva.org/](http://www.rcplva.org/)).