Have you been to the Makerspace?

The UTSC Library Makerspace is a special place, where imaginative creations can become a reality. There are 3D printers, iMac computers with the Adobe Creative Suite, Arduinos, Raspberry Pi, group work tables and many other things, all available to be booked by UTSC students, staff and faculty - for free!

To book and use the equipment in this area, you must first take a one-time Makerspace orientation. You can find the details online by logging into the Intranet, and then by typing “Makerspace” in the search bar.

The last orientations of the fall term will be taking place on Thursday November 1st, and Friday November 16th. Once you’ve attended, with just the swipe of your T-card, you will have access to endless possibilities!

Join Me!

Do you want to join me and the Library Ambassadors in answering questions & creating upcoming Ask Scarby issues? Send me an e-mail or leave a note in my box!

Prefer to read online? I’m on the library website: https://utsc.library.utoronto.ca/ask-scarby

Ask Me!

Send me your questions: scarbyutsclibrary@gmail.com or Drop your questions in the “Ask Scarby” Box located on top of the Drop Box at the entrance of the library.

Ask Scarby

Scarby H. Hedgehog, SHHH

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Welcome to the second issue of the academic year! In this issue I’ll give some advice on getting your assignments done and what you can do in the Makerspace. Then I’ll even get into a really deep question!
Assignment Calculator
Dear Scarby,
Help! I have so many assignments this semester and I don’t how to keep on track with them all?
- Lost in Assignments, 3rd year

Dear Lost in Assignments,
I know keeping track of all your assignments can be difficult, but don’t worry because I have a great tool that can help you.

Allow me to introduce you to my little friend called the Assignment Calculator! I think you two would be a perfect match.

It breaks down all the different steps of your assignments for you and then gives you a time plan that you can follow.

All you have to do is enter the dates you want to start and finish your assignment and what kind of assignment it is and voila!, a detailed plan that will help you keep track of your assignment!

You find the Assignment Calculator by going to the Writing Centre page on the UTSC website or by using this link: https://ctl.utsc.utoronto.ca/assignmentcal/

If you still get stuck, don’t hesitate to reach out to the Writing Centre or your professor!

Yours truly,
SHHH

The BIG Question
Dear Scarby,
What is the meaning of life?
-CRYPT ID, 2nd year

Dear CRYPT ID,
The age old question. Why are we here? What is your purpose? What is life really about? Well, it depends on who you ask.

If you were to ask a scientist they might tell you that our purpose is to pass our genes on to future generations in order to perpetuate life on earth. Someone with a religious background might tell you that we were put on earth to connect with a higher power. If you asked your mom she would probably tell you that you’d be able to figure it out if you weren’t on your phone all the time. If you tried asking your dog he would probably just stare at you with his big loving eyes.

If you asked a library hedgehog (a.k.a. me) they would tell you that this type of question is above their pay grade, but they’d try to answer it anyway.

They would probably say something along the lines of “I believe that everyone is born with a purpose and that the reason we are alive is to fulfill that purpose. It may take a while to realize what it is, but I promise if you keep looking you will figure it out eventually”.

Yours truly,
SHHH

Thumbs Up
Attending workshops provided by the Academic Advising and Career Centre to work on your study skills.

Thumbs Down
Procrastinating and leaving all your work for one day (or even night!)

On Scarby's Shelf
If you want to improve your study skills (and who doesn’t!), pick up Making the Grade: A Guide to Study and Success by Iain Hay, on the Academic Skills shelf in the Reading Room.