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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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Lost & Found

Dear Scarby,

Do people ever lose weird or surprising things in the library?

– Straw Hat Boy, 2nd year

Dear Straw Hat Boy,

I got excited when I saw your question. So many people pass through the library each day, I thought a ton of weird stuff must be left behind all the time.

I checked in with the SLAs (Student Library Assistants – students who work in the library part-time) to ask what they had encountered.

Apparently, once a guy came up to the info desk to say that he’d lost his girlfriend. Though a girlfriend is hardly a thing, so I guess that doesn’t answer your question.

The other week my excellent hedgehog nose detected a box with a full size pizza that someone had left near the entrance. I don’t think it was lost though, it was just someone being very brave risking getting their pizza stolen by a hungry hedgehog.

So maybe the answer to your question is no, people don’t really lose weird things in the library. Mostly it’s just a lot of USBs, cables, and lots of water bottles. If you’ve lost something, ask at the InfoDesk.

Yours truly,

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More Power

Dear Scarby,

Can we have more plugs in the library?

– Iron Man, 1st year

Dear Iron Man,

If you want more outlets in the library, then I’m glad to tell you that the library added 40 new ones in the past year for a total of over 300 outlets, spread through the computer seating, open carrels, lounge seating, and group study rooms.

If none are available, you can ask the InfoDesk for an external battery pack. There will always be helpful staff who are willing to solve this question for you.

There might be a limit to how many plugs the librarians can add to the library, but they could always consider buying more battery packs if the need arises.

Just curious, why would Iron Man need a power source if he already has access to an Arc Reactor?

Yours truly,

SHHH

On Scarby’s Shelf

If you’re looking for a quick read then I’d suggest Shut Up You’re Pretty, a collection of short stories by Téa Mutonji or Rouge a collection of poems by Adrian De Leon.

Both authors were recent UTSC graduates and although their books are short they have impactful stories to tell.

Thumbs Up

Taking 15 minute breaks while you study.

Thumbs Down

Staying inside all day.