Hey everyone,
I hope you’ve come through midterms okay!
In this issue you’ll find tips on library fines and how to get a job in the library. I’m also explaining the mysterious time limits of borrowing books.

Have a great last couple of weeks of the semester & keep sending me your questions!

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.

Did you know that from November 26 – December 7 the library waives up to $20 of fines if you bring in non-perishable food items? Each food item counts as $2 worth and can be used for fines at most of the U of T libraries.

Even if you don’t have any fines, you can still donate food rather than throw it away!

Most needed items include: baby food, canned fruits, canned fish, plain beans (no sauce), canned vegetables, juice boxes, salad dressings, and condiments.

Donations are accepted during the following hours:
Mon–Fri: 8 am – 10:30 pm
Sat–Sun: noon – midnight
For more info check http://go.utlib.ca/foodforfines

Thank you! SHHH
Library Queries

Library Job Search

Dear Scarby,
Y’all hiring?
- Dulc

Dear Dulc,

Before I answer your question I would like to say that I am personally offended by your grammar and that library hedgehogs value proper grammar. That being said, I am assuming the “y’all” you are referring to is the library and in that case the answer is that the library is not currently hiring students. You are not completely out of luck though, because the library does hire students at a few different times during the year as Student Library Assistants (SLA).

To apply, go to the ‘About’ section on the UTSC Library website. Under the ‘Work with us’ header, there is a section for student jobs where you can see if any jobs are available, a full description of the jobs and instructions on how to apply.

Another option to apply is through the Career Learning Network (CLN). If you look under the Work Study Jobs section you should see “Student Reference Assistant” for the chance to work at the Research Help Desk and help other students like yourself do research, or “Makerspace Student Assistant” if you’re a real techie!

Best of luck and remember to check your application for grammar errors!

Yours truly,

SHHH

3 Hour Borrow Limit

Dear Scarby,

Why can’t we bring out books for more than 3 hours?
- Zappa and TJ, 3rd year

Dear Zappa and TJ,

I know, 3 hours is not much when there’s a whole book to wrap your head around for an exam or an assignment! I’m assuming you’ve run into this problem when you’ve used course reserves?

The idea behind course reserves is to make course texts available to as many students as possible. That’s why the time limit is so short. Here’s a tip: if I just need a chapter from one of those, I scan it for free at the photocopier.

Most other books that you borrow from the UTSC library, whether from here or from most of the other U of T libraries that we cooperate with, you can usually borrow for 2 weeks, plus renew 5 more times. That’s almost the whole term!

If you can’t get ahold of a physical book that you need for a course, you can also check if there’s an e-version of the book in the UTSC library catalogue.

Also, don’t tell the librarians here I told you this, but sometimes when I can’t get a book that I’m looking for, I check the Toronto Public Library. They have lots of resources and anyone studying at U of T can get a library card for free!

Yours truly,

SHHH

Thumbs Up

Borrowing course reserves and returning them on time.

Thumbs Down

Vandalizing library materials or forgetting to return them on time.

On Scarby’s Shelf

I actually haven’t read much lately because I’ve been exploring Lynda.com—have you checked it out yet? Anyone with a UTORid can access all the courses at Lynda for free!

You can find it here:
onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/linkit/lyndacom-online-courses