New Library Spaces

There’s a **new computer lab** (AC286a) that students can use when there’s no class going on, and there’s also a new space for **group study** in the afternoons in the Makerspace area.

But my personal favorite is the **new Mindfulness Space** underneath the stairs, where I can get some light therapy or stretch out my paws and clear my mind during busy days!

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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.

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**Research for Undergrads**

Dear Scarby,

As an undergrad, how can I get research experience to show on my resume?

- Aspiring Researcher, 4th year

Dear Aspiring Researcher,

Thank you for an excellent question! There are actually a number of opportunities during the winter term.

April 8 is the deadline for the **UTSC Undergraduate Research Prize**, which is open to undergrads enrolled at UTSC who have completed 3.5 credits.

April 21 is the last day to apply for the **U of T Libraries Undergraduate Research Prize**, where first-entry undergraduate students of U of T are eligible.

Check out this webpage for more information and how to apply: [https://utsc.library.utoronto.ca/undergraduate-research](https://utsc.library.utoronto.ca/undergraduate-research)

Best of luck!

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**Welcome back!**

In this issue I’ll talk about the noisiest parts of the library, as well as some great research opportunities for undergrads!
Library Queries

Vending Machines

Dear Scarby,
Can we please put vending machines in the library?
- Hungry

Dear Hungry,
I checked with the librarians and they are not opposed to the idea of vending machines selling food that is not aromatic or messy.

The problem, though, is that there simply is no space for even one machine. Another concern is that vending machines can be noisy, especially when they are being refilled.

Luckily there are some vending machines pretty close to the library. If you turn right when you leave the library, you find the vending machines right by the hallway to the Bladen Wing. And there’s even one stocked with healthy foods! So you don’t have to go far or go outside to find food available 24/7.

Yours truly,

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Noisiest parts of the library

Dear Scarby,
The library is supposed to be a quiet place, but I wonder what part of the library is the noisiest?
- Sensitive, 2nd year

Dear Sensitive,
The noisiest places in the library are definitely the group study rooms! But that’s just how it should be—and luckily they are behind closed doors.

In the group study rooms groups of students can study or work on assignments together, so it makes sense there should be a lot of discussions!

You can reserve the 6-person rooms up to 2 weeks in advance. Just go to the Intranet calendar to sign up for them.

There are 5 other large rooms that are good for drop-in groups, and in the afternoons you can also use the open area of the Makerspace.

Another place in the library that tends to get a bit too much noise sometimes is right by the entrance. I constantly find myself running into friends and instantly forgetting not to be too loud in this area! I get shushed by the librarians and the student library assistants here all the time.

Yours truly,

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On Scarby’s Shelf

Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic
by Alison Bechdel

This is a really cool graphic novel about how complicated families can be!

Thumbs Up

Using the quiet study rooms upstairs when you need a quiet place to focus!

Thumbs Down

Talking or making noise with your friends in the quiet spaces.