Ask Scarby
Scarby H. Hedgehog, SHHH

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In this issue, get the inside scoop on how to land a job in the library, why library computers don’t have Adobe Flash Player, & how many study spots there are in the entire UTSC Library!

For my last issue of the semester, I wish you all the very best on your exams! And remember to stay curious!

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!

Another Query
Adobe Flash Player

Dear Scarby, could we have Adobe Flash Player on the computers in the library? We need it for e-books and assignments.
-Ud, 1st year

Dear Ud,
I looked this up and it turns out that Adobe Flash Player had to be removed from the library computers for security reasons, as it’s often targeted by malware.

There is a flash player built in to Chrome, though, so if you use the Chrome browser – which is available on all library computers – you shouldn’t have any trouble reading e-books.

If you have any further similar problems, don’t hesitate to contact the IITS Student Help Desk (behind the library stairs or BV 4th floor)!

-SHHH

Ask Me!

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Library Queries

Library Jobs

Dear Scarby, how can I work at the library? I would really love that!
-Naruto, 1st year

Dear Naruto,

If you dream of being a part-time ‘SHHH’-er, then I would suggest applying to become a Student Library Assistant (SLA). Along with ‘SHHH’-ing, you would also have to provide service to library patrons (for example helping them locate library materials and use library equipment), be able to support the maintenance of the library collection as well as other various tasks.

Work with us

Student jobs
Student volunteering

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

Also, if you log into CLN (Career Learning Network), under Jobs>Work-Study, you could apply to the position called “Student Reference Assistant”. This is a neat chance to work at the Research Help Desk and help patrons including students like yourself do research!

Yours truly,
SHHH

Precious Study Space

Dear Scarby, why do so many non-UofT students come and take up precious study space? -Sam, 3rd year

Dear Sam,

This question comes up more often than you may think. After investigating, I found out that the library has taken the position that, as a publicly funded institution and disseminator of knowledge, library resources should be available to the public, and benefit society as a whole.

The library does have some rules in place that limit public access. For example, non-UofT students don’t have Wi-Fi access on campus. They have to get a guest account to use computers in the library. They can only use a few computers that are next to the front entrance copiers. Also, during extended overnight hours the library reserves study space for U of T students by asking everyone who enters the library after 10:00 p.m. to show their TCard. If non-U of T students are being disruptive during the day, they will be asked to leave.

Did you know that the library has about 700 study seats in the library? If the library is full at any time, and students can’t find a place to study, members of the general public can be asked to leave.

Yours truly,
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Thumbs Up

Using the library computers quietly.

Thumbs Down

Leaving your things unattended at computers (and study carrels) for long periods of time!

Someone with sticky fingers may pick them up!

On Scarby’s Shelf

Victory at Vimy: Canada comes of age, April 9-12, 1917 by Ted Barris

April 9th is Vimy Ridge Day. This book will be great for remembering the brave soldiers and learning about the battle fought in France during WWI.