

Orange Peel

Teaching, Learning, and Academic Support



Welcome to the Orange Peel!

by TLAS Staff

Welcome students! We're excited to bring you the first issue of the Orange Peel, a newsletter dedicated to connecting you with exciting events, services, programs, collections, and opportunities available in the library. This newsletter is written by the staff in the Main Library's new Orange Room study space, but we'll be writing about opportunities across campus.

First off, let's answer the question you're probably asking yourself right now – why the Orange Peel? Well, in addition to being a product of the Orange Room (and the obvious connections to our school

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colors), we envision this newsletter as a chance to peel away the layers of the Library and reveal the juicy goodness inside. We realize that it can be difficult to understand what campus libraries offer, and we know students are not always aware of all of the opportunities we provide to support academic, health and wellness, and other student life needs. We get it. It can be frustrating. We want to make it easier for you to connect with the support you need when you need it. Plus, we're super sweet.

Over the coming months, you'll learn about some of our most popular events (such as our button and zine making sessions), identify opportunities for workshops and one-on-one consultations to build your research, writing, and speaking skills, explore our collections, and get a chance to visit some of the interesting study and group work spaces the Library provides across campus.

Can't wait for the next issue? You can learn more about what we offer on our website: <https://www.library.illinois.edu/tlas/>



Meet the talented and slightly-photogenic staff of the library's Teaching, Learning, and Academic Support unit. Visit with us at the Info Desk or in the Orange Room, both on the first floor of the Main Library.



DID YOU KNOW?

Have an upcoming research paper, and not sure what to do? Receive free research support from research consultants at the Library! Research consultations are a great resource for students; they can help narrow a research topic, brainstorm keywords, evaluate sources, and other needs you may have. Consultations are available in person or on zoom, and offered 4-9pm, Sundays-Thursdays. You can sign up for a consultation here:

<https://go.library.illinois.edu/ResearchConsultations>

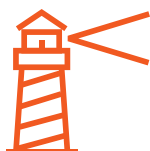


LIBRARY SPACE SPOTLIGHT

The Orange Room

The Orange Room (Rm 100 in the Main Library) opened at the start of the Fall semester, and while we're hoping you've been enjoying the fruits of our labor, we'll always be working to earn your peel of approval. This study space has large tables and 13 reservable study rooms, and is **food-friendly!** The family study room endeavors to make the daily grind for parents a bit easier, with two kid tablets, a pack and play, a changing pad and bassinet, and other age appropriate material for checkout. Need to print or scan? We can orange that for you.

The Orange Room is also home to many of our student success services, such as research consultations, conversation sessions in a variety of languages, crafting and wellness events, a zine cart, and voter registration. While we're getting into the groove, we encourage navel ideas. Our excitement for things to come is palpable.



LIBRARY SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

The Speaking Center

The Speaking Center supports students by providing free and personalized public speaking assistance for any presentation and at any stage in the preparation process. They work with students to improve their delivery skills, visual aids, presentation content, and organization, all with an eye toward building long-term speaking skills.

Students can work one-on-one with a trained Speaking Consultant to improve presentations and speeches, attend workshops focused on building lasting speaking skills, or participate in language sessions to build foreign language skills. Students can sign up by visiting our website. At this time, graduate and professional students may only register for Wednesday appointments. Undergraduate students may register for any available appointment.

<https://go.library.illinois.edu/SpeakingCenter>



EVENTS

NOVEMBER 7TH

Mindful Mondays (6pm)

Learn help stress management techniques from our friends from the McKinley Center.

NOVEMBER 9TH

Speaking Center Language Conversations (3pm).

Part of a regular series of informal opportunities to practice language skills. This month, practice your French!.

NOVEMBER 15TH (4PM),

16TH (6PM)

Self-Care Workshops.

Treat yourself to some helpful strategies for purposeful management of your well-being..

More events at:

<https://uiuc.libcal.com/calendar/tlasevents/>

We have events scheduled all the way through Finals Week. Keep an eye out for DeStress Fest on Reading Day, December 10th!



The new Orange Room space in the Main Library provides a wealth of support for students wanting to study. It offers a food-friendly and group-friendly environment where conversation is encouraged. Check out our study rooms, phone chargers, and more!