



Library Ambassador Newsletter Fall 2018

Hello!

Welcome to another exciting edition of the Library Ambassador newsletter. Sit back, grab a snack, and enjoy! If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email Mary Lynne (mlbartle@uwaterloo.ca)

The Team

Eight new staff have joined the Library Ambassadors this semester! Joining the team is Maryam, Matheson, Kaitlyn, David, Neha, Chelsea, Fatima and Yujin. Returning this semester is Oz and Brittney, as well Mariam who is our Senior Library Ambassador.

September

September was a whirlwind but the enthusiasm and energy from the Library Ambassadors was #onpoint!

The Library Ambassadors engaged with students at WaterWho, Engineering, Arts, Environment, Math and Science orientation events, and the Campus Life Fair.

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An estimated 3000 information packages which included the Services in the Library Roadmap, Supporting Your Learning handout, and a Student Engagement handout, buttons and lollipops were handed out. The Library Ambassadors were also providing support in the Dana Porter and Davis Centre Library lobbies during the first two weeks of classes.

Upcoming Events

The Library Ambassadors will be gathering user feedback every other Wednesday over the course of the semester for Emily, the User Experience Specialist.



Library Ambassadors are participating in Open Access Week. Monday they will be in the Dana Porter Lobby asking students to guess the cost of journal subscriptions and talking to them about Open Access and why it's important.

On Tuesday and Thursday they will be doing a social media blitz to get students' opinions about Open Access. Students will write their responses on whiteboards and the photos will be posted on our social media channels.

The Library Ambassadors are continuing their partnership with the Office of Academic Integrity, and will be hosting Academic Integrity sessions in the Dana Porter and Davis Centre Libraries over the course of October and November. This is a popular event with students...who doesn't love trivia questions and chocolate!?!



Skill Development

Every semester the Library Ambassadors complete a skills assessment where they rate where their skills lie on a Likert scale. Again this semester, the top rated skills Library Ambassadors are looking to develop this semester are:

- Public Speaking
- Leadership
- Time management
- Communication
- Problem solving



Staying Connected

Library Ambassadors were each assigned a skill as a topic for their blog posts. The blog posts are all online and will be featured over the course of the semester on our social media accounts.

<https://uwaterloo.ca/library/blog/post/library-ambassadors>

Instagram takeovers are really fun and it give the Library Ambassadors a chance to reach out to the students in a different platform. They will each be taking over our Instagram account. The Instagram takeovers happen on Fridays throughout the semester. Be sure to follow us on Instagram to find out what it's like being a Library Ambassador!

Instagram: @uwlibrary



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uwlibrary Hey everyone! It's Kaitlyn and I'm officially taking over the library's Instagram for the day so stay tuned 🥳🥳 I'm currently in my 3A term of psychology and peace and conflict studies and it's also my first year as a library ambassador and I'm loving it 😊 we run events throughout October & November so be sure to check some of them out!! For a complete list of events go to our social media or the library website 📄📖 #UWaterloo #uwaterloolibrary #libraryambassadors #insidethelibrary #iglibrary #librariesofinstagram #studentengagement #studentlife

michellek98 A whole model?
#librarygoddess

lyssbelanger Wow who's this cutie

_chorowiec @lyssbelanger the president of UW??



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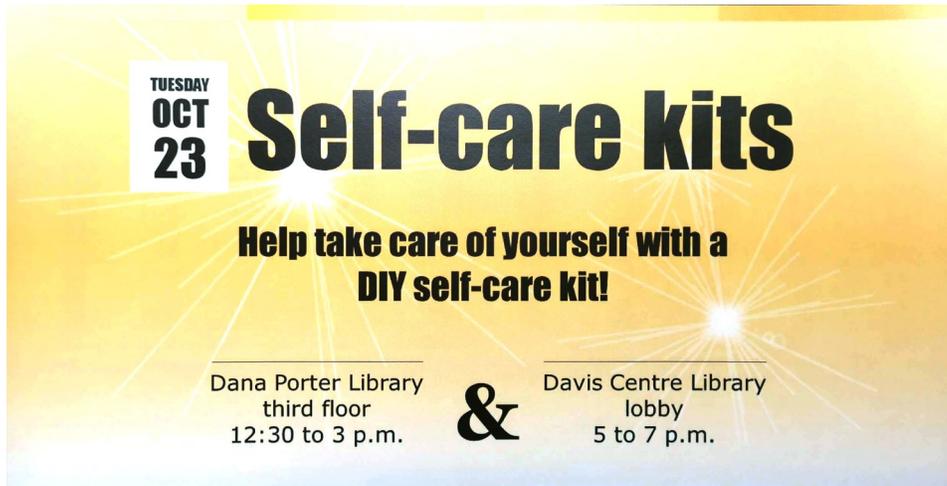
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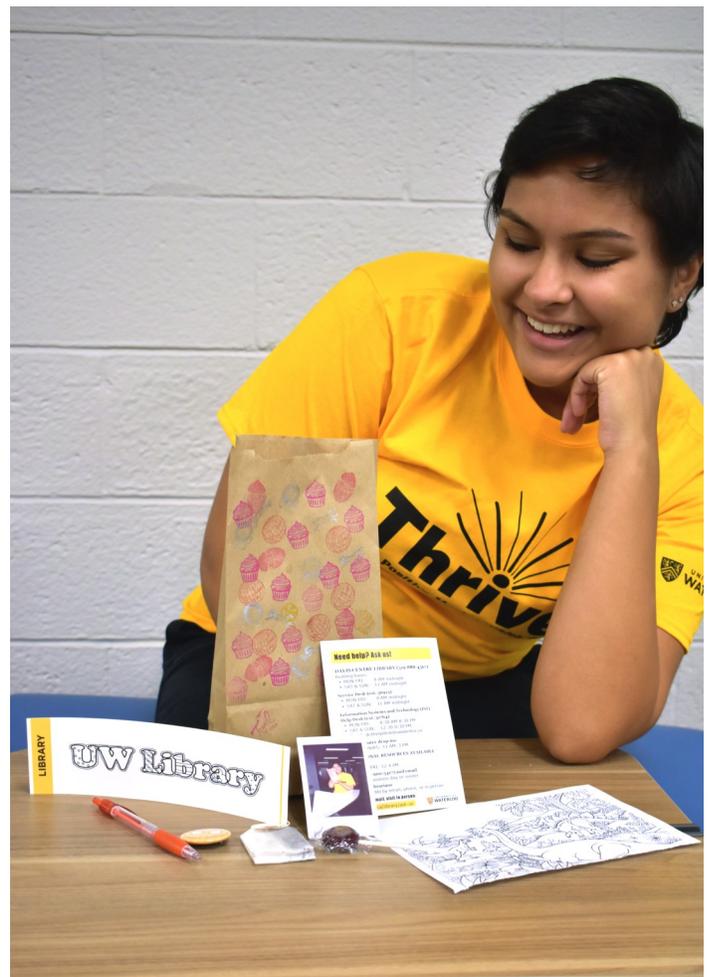
Each term, the Library Ambassadors are responsible for planning and executing a project that focuses on student engagement and the library. This semester we've shaken things up a bit and the projects are now being done in teams.



Thrive Week– Self-care kits are happening Tuesday October 23rd from 12:30-3:00 in Dana Porter and 5-7pm outside Davis Centre Library. David, Yujin, Kaitlyn, Maryam and Matheson have worked very hard to put this project together.

Students can design their own self-care kits with various items to support wellness and learn about the resources and services in the Library that can support your success. Give a self-care kit to a friend, or keep it for themselves!

Customize your kits with quotes, library resources and wellness resources.



Harry Potter Literary Trivia

Mariam, Oz, Brittney, Chelsea and Fatima are hosting the Harry Potter Literary Trivia (and more...) event on November 8th from 12pm-4pm in the Learning Lab at Dana Porter Library. Trivia questions based off the seven Harry Potter books.



When students participate by answering questions, they are given a ballot to be entered for a prize.

You're probably asking yourself "What's the "and more" part", well let me tell you...

- Harry Potter green screen photos that will be posted on Facebook
- Harry Potter photo booth: When students take a picture with the photo booth props and use the #acciopotterhead hashtag and post to Instagram, they will be entered to win a prize
- Wand decorating: Create your own Harry Potteresque wand. Decorate it to reflect you!
- Sorting Hat: Find out what Hogwarts house you would belong to

Webpage

We're in the process of building a Library Ambassador webpage. Thank you Sara Perkins for creating the webpage for us:

<https://uwaterloo.ca/library/about/student-engagement/library-ambassadors>

Until next semester...