

SAVVY RESEARCHER WORKSHOPS SELECTED FOR BIOLOGISTS – SPRING 2009

For the complete schedule and to register for a workshop, visit: <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/learn/>

LIBRARY RESEARCH SKILLS

Are you a new graduate student at the University of Illinois? Need a refresher on how to use the University Library? Learn to think like a librarian in this quick-paced workshop. The information experts will assist you in finding everything from books in the online catalog to locating peer-reviewed full text articles as well as when to use Interlibrary Loan.

THE GRAD STUDENT TOOLKIT

Ready to take advantage of your world-class library? The library is an essential partner in your research at the University of Illinois and getting started early will help you save time down the line. Geared towards graduate students in all disciplines, this library workshop will introduce several time-saving information management tips.

DROWNING IN DATA?

REFWORKS CAN HELP

Learn the basics of how to use RefWorks, a web-based citation manager provided for free by the University Library for all U of I faculty, staff, and students. It is similar in function to EndNote. For more information about RefWorks please visit: <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/refworks/>

BOOMERANG:

PUSHING INFORMATION TO YOU

Doing research for your literature review is hard enough without having to remember where and how you located everything. If you set up search alerts to keep track of the essential information and journals in your field, you can have all that information sent directly to your feed reader account.

CITATION CHASING:

THE GRAD STUDENT'S GUIDE TO THE LIT REVIEW

Are you sure you found everything for your lit review? This workshop will cover how to find the tough stuff e.g. conference proceedings, dissertations and statistics. Bring your problem citations, we'll sleuth them out!

JOURNAL IMPACT FACTORS:

HOW TO IDENTIFY KEY RESEARCH IN YOUR FIELD

Most frequently used in the sciences, and to some extent in the social sciences, impact factor is a measure of the frequency with which the "average article" published in a given scholarly journal has been cited. Impact factor (IF) is often used as a measure of the importance of a particular journal to its field. The IF of a journal may be used as an objective measure of the "worth" of your publications when you go up for promotion or tenure. Use this to your advantage when you decide where to publish your research.

WHERE'S THE MONEY?

FINDING AND SECURING GRANT FUNDING

Are you trying to find grant funding for a fellowship or scholarship? A research project? We can help you find private and federal funding by searching and setting up alerts in Illinois Researcher Information Service, IRIS. We'll also help to increase your chance of success by covering the top ten tips of how to get your funding approved.

INFOHACKS

Is your academic pile of information overwhelming? Are you looking for new ways to get organized? Learn from the best! Librarians will give you the low-down on how they organize their own research materials using several different strategies including quick tips.

RESPONSIBLE SCHOLARSHIP PRACTICES:

PLAGIARISM AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AT ILLINOIS

This workshop is geared toward the incoming graduate student who would like to familiarize themselves with the academic standards of doing research at the University of Illinois. Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. We'll introduce you to the Illinois documents that provide guidelines for academic integrity in teaching, research, service, coursework, research and publication, as well as information on intellectual property. We'll explain the difference between unintentional and intentional plagiarism and how to make sure that you cite your research properly.

YOUR RESEARCH RIGHTS:

OWNERSHIP AWARENESS TO MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT

You're ready to submit your paper for publication. Don't just give over copyright ownership to the publishers. Come to this session and learn how to modify publishers' copyright agreements to suit your future needs. Learn how to make your article free for the whole world to read by putting a copy of it in the university archive, IDEALS. Also, learn about open access journals - should you publish in one?

PRACTICAL COPYRIGHT:

CONSIDERATIONS FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH

You're writing a thesis or preparing to teach your course, but you have a lot of concerns about being ethical and abiding by copyright law. Come to this session and learn the basics of copyright law and some guidelines for how you can stay within the law using the four principles of Fair Use. Please remember that librarians cannot give you advice regarding copyright issues, but we can steer you in the right direction to find answers to your questions.

A LIBRARY INTRODUCTION TO GIS

Curious about how Geographic Information Science (GIS) can enhance your research? Learn about GIS data types like tabular, vector, raster, and geodatabases; and GIS tools such as buffering, overlays, spatial analysis, geocoding, and modeling. GIS is one of the fastest growing research methodologies employed in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

PAST WRITER'S BLOCK

Are you struggling with your thesis or dissertation? Academic research and writing can be a lonely process. This unique workshop will provide a scholarly community in which to share your research woes, get help from a librarian and your peers, get tips on how to keep your research organized over the course of a lengthy project, and find out where to get further assistance within the library system.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS:

- All classes will be held in the Main Library, Room 314.
- Classes are limited to 15 attendees, so sign up early! (Waitlist of 5 will be notified the day before if space becomes available.)
- Workshops are limited to one hour for your convenience.
- If you need more help, please Ask a Librarian <http://www.library.illinois.edu/askus/>

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