Welcome to the winter term!

Winter hours

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<td>8:30am – 10pm</td>
<td><strong>Family Day</strong>: Sat, Feb. 16 - Mon, Feb. 18</td>
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<td>From March 22 to April 6, we will be open until 10pm on Fridays and Saturdays.</td>
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<td>From April 13 to May 5, the Inforum will be open from 9am – 4pm Monday to Friday and closed on the weekends.</td>
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**Reading Week hours**

- Tues, Feb. 19 – Fri, Feb. 22: 9am – 5pm
- Sat, Feb. 23: 10am – 6pm
- Sun, Feb. 24: 1pm – 6pm

For a full list of hours, visit uoft.me/inforum-hours
Over 30 attendees from across U of T gathered on September 22, 2018 for a Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon in the Inforum. Participants collected information about scientific research, policy, and communication, focusing on women and individuals from marginalized groups. In their editing, attendees collectively added 6.45K words to Wikipedia. Participants made a total of 153 edits on 22 existing pages and most participants added new pages.

The event was organized by the Toronto Science Policy Network (TSPN), a student-led group with an interest in providing a platform for undergraduates, graduate students, and post-doctoral researchers to learn about and engage with science policy. The group’s aim for this edit-a-thon was to address gender gaps and racial bias in Wikipedia articles.

The TSPN collaborated with Women in Chemistry Toronto, Green Chemistry Initiative, UofT Coders, and Women of Colour in STEM Canada. Speakers included Farah Qaiser, a TSPN Executive; Ellen Gute, TSPN President; Guita Lamsechi, a Faculty of Information student and intern with the UTL’s Information Technology Services; and Heather Buchansky, Student Engagement Librarian at U of T Libraries. The event was jointly sponsored by the University of Toronto Libraries and the Faculty of Information.

Visit toscipolicynet.ca for more information.

On September 4, 2018, the New Student Orientation at the Faculty of Information kicked off in the Inforum. First-year MI and MMSt students connected with peers, staff, and faculty in a host of assemblies, presentations, and workshops. The Inforum was bustling as the central hub for the events underway.

Students had the opportunity to socialize in the Inforum space and to meet the Inforum librarians. The Personal Librarian Meet & Greet drew a crowd of about 150 new students. Students learned more about how the program can assist them, picked up buttons and flyers, and snacked on delicious treats.

The Inforum served as a case study for a User Experience Design boot camp on September 6. Professor Olivier St-Cyr’s Introduction to Design Thinking sessions incorporated an analysis of the room booking system used at the Faculty of Information. Over the course of the day, engaged groups of new students interviewed the Inforum staff about the policies, practices, and software used for booking group study rooms. Students gained insight into the thought process that informs the Inforum’s room bookings policy.
Welcoming new User Services Librarian and student assistants

In October, Daisy Dowdall was hired as the new User Services Librarian at the Inforum. She helps to coordinate instruction-related activities, along with events that occur in the Inforum. She is also available to assist students with research and resources, as a part of the Inforum’s Personal Librarian program.

Daisy received her MI from the Faculty of Information last August. In her former role as Student and Faculty Engagement TALint Intern at Robarts Library, she contributed to many projects, including the Undergraduate Research Prize, the development of e-learning modules, and the establishment of the Robarts Reflection Room. Prior to this, she received a BA in History at Wellesley College and an MA in the History of Medicine at the University of Toronto. She loves biking, many types of handicraft, and video games.

The Inforum hired eight new student assistants at the start of the Fall 2018 semester. Phoebe Burke (MI-LIS & ARM), Defne Inceoglu (MMSt), Abigael Krueger (MI-LIS & UXD), Alexandra Scandolo (MI-UXD), Samantha Summers (CDP), and Kate Taylor (MI-LIS) joined the team.

We welcomed back returning students assistants Jason Cheung (MI-UXD & KMIM), Erica Chi (MMSt), Jamie Duncan (MI Thesis Option), Elyse Hill (MI-C&T & LIS), Katy Klein (MI-LIS), Victoria McAuley (MI-ARM), and Dominique Rivera (MI-LIS & KMIM). A warm welcome is extended to McKinsey Manes (MI-LIS & C&T) and Marina Popovic (MI-LIS), who begun their positions in January.

The Inforum would like to congratulate Victoria and Dominique on finishing the last of their coursework this past December. We thank them for their service, and for the excellent contributions that they have made to the academic and professional life of the Faculty of Information community throughout their time here.

Upcoming events

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Inforum exhibits Hallowe’en themed INF1321 board game

This Hallowe’en, the Inforum featured a special display for an interactive board game designed and created by a group of students taking the course INF1321 Representing, Documenting, and Accessing the Cultural Record. The clever and intricate design drew many admirers.

Look for a story by student assistant Elyse Hill that will be published at uoft.me/inforum.

Student Assistant awarded the OpenCon scholarship

Inforum Student Assistant and Digital Tattoo Project contributor, Elyse Hill, was awarded a scholarship to attend OpenCon on November 2-4, 2018. This conference is a venue in which to discuss the open access, open education, and open data movement.

Elyse wrote for Digital Tattoo about the experience, saying that she “...was able to share [her] story of what has led [her] to become an open advocate, hear others’ experiences, connect with people in different professions and countries, and better understand the vast landscape of open culture and the possibilities it can promise.”

To read Elyse’s blog on her experience at OpenCon and follow more Digital Tattoo stories, visit digitaltattoo.ubc.ca.

‘Tis the season for giving back

On November 29th, the Inforum served as the site of the Cooperative Education Poster Exhibition. Over 40 co-op students participated in the event, presenting their work at organizations like RBC, AutoDesk, FreshBooks, the Ontario Teachers Pension Plan, and University of Toronto Enterprise Shared Services. Information professionals from these organizations were also in attendance to support their co-op students and to answer student questions about future co-op opportunities and employment more generally. Thanks to all who came out!

This December, the Inforum participated in the Housing Services, the Family Care Office, and the University of Toronto Students’ Union (UTSU) annual Clothing and Toy Drive, as well as the University of Toronto Libraries Food for Fines drive.

Both charities provided Faculty of Information students with the opportunity to give back to the community during the holiday season. In only two weeks, the Inforum collected over 3 dozen non-perishable food items for the Food for Fines drive.
The Fall 2018 Convocation reception was held at the Inforum on November 7. Half of the 66 graduates along with their family and friends attended this celebration. Of those who graduated from the MI program this past Fall: 18 were in ARM, 5 in CIPS, 1 in C&T, 8 in ISD, 9 in KMIM, 21 in LIS, and 9 in UXD. The Faculty also celebrated graduates from the MMSt program, CRO, Co-op Option, and the PhD program.

iSkills Winter Workshops

On January 9 at 12:10pm, Winter 2019 iSkills workshop registration began for current MI and MMSt students.

Prior to this date, students received an email from Kathleen Scheaffer, Outreach & Instructional Services Librarian, with directions on how to register.

Workshops being offered include Data Visualization, Programming with R, Exhibition Label Writing, Introduction to Infographics, Digital Preservation with Archivematica, Designing Wearables and more!

Materials from past iSkills workshops, including Fall 2018, may be viewed at uoft.me/iskills.
Resolve to use the reserves

Finding your reading material through course reserves

You may already know that the Inforum maintains a Course Reserves collection to serve the needs of Faculty of Information students. Items in this collection appear on Faculty of Information course reading lists, and are available for either 2-hour or 2-day loan.

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What you may not know is that a complex network of behind-the-scenes activities go into course support. Anna Oh, Course Support & Public Services Librarian Technician, works with instructors to ensure that books and online materials are available for all students to access. In the process, she consults with the Scholarly Communications & Copyright Office on copyright issues; directs rush order and licensing requests to Elisa Sze, Collections & Public Services Librarian; connects with Nadia Moro, Collections & Public Services Technician, who performs the rush cataloguing; and trains student assistants on reading list searches, scanning, and processing scans for uploading to the online course reserves.

Online Course Reserves access was recently updated following the roll out of Quercus, a new learning management system, in September 2018. Available at q.utoronto.ca, courses that use Quercus allows access to library-licensed digital content either as documents within their course shells or as links to the library course reserves.

Group projects starting up?

Book a study room!

Rooms 416 and 418 are bookable through the Inforum Information Desk for Faculty of Information students. With a capacity for five people, these rooms are perfect for group projects, group study sessions, and practicing presentations. Room availability can be checked online at uoft.me/inforum-gsr or by calling the Inforum. Booking can be done by email at help.ischool@utoronto.ca, by phone at 416-978-7060 during our hours of opening, or in-person at the Inforum Information Desk.

Looking for other options on campus? Robarts Library and Gerstein Library offer bookable study space to all U of T students. Some other U of T libraries offer a mix of rooms with different conditions of use; more information can be found at uoft.me/inforum-gsr.

Mindful moments & iRelax

Kathleen will be sharing her expertise in facilitating mindfulness meditation through Mindful Moments drop-in sessions. These drop-ins will be held every Tuesday in the Inforum from 12:10-12:40pm beginning January 8.

Find out more about how you can increase your relaxation, resilience, and focus through secular meditation techniques

Mindful Moments are also offered at other U of T locations. Visit uoft.me/mindfulmoments to find out more about how you can
Laptops, tablets, chargers, cables, cameras, voice recorders, e-book readers, accessories and more, are available for loan, courtesy of the partnership between the Faculty of Information, Inforum Library, and Tech Fund Committee. Visit uoft.me/info-rum-techloans#TechFund for more information on the Faculty of Information Student Technology Levy.

Raspberry Pi

This compact computer can run Linux, Ubuntu and other operating systems for any of your proof-of-concept needs! It offers 512MB of RAM, composite video and audio output, HDMI output, and two USB ports.

Rhode VideoMic Pro

This cardioid condenser microphone is equipped with the Rycote Lyre shockmount and offers three levels of audio input and an output impedance of 200 ohms. Its lightweight body makes it a great tool for outdoor interviews, and removes the need for a handheld microphone.

Get tech fund savvy in 2019

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New scanning and copying guide available at the Inforum

Ever need a hand while scanning or copying your documents?

Check out the new manual found by the table near the copier to:

- **Custom size** a scan
- Program your **email address** for easy access
- Create **photocopier reductions** and **enlargements**
Find your next read in the current themed display

A deeper look at social justice in libraries, archives, and museums

The Inforum’s themed displays are a popular collection feature. Intrigued by the current topic? Accompanying annotated bibliographies are available with brief synopses written by Inforum student assistants, links to catalogue records, and suggested subject headings for more items.

The first themed display for 2019 features works about social justice and libraries, archives, and museums. Check out the Inforum collections area for these materials and hard copies of the bibliography, or visit uoft.me/inforum-bibliographies to view current and past bibliographies.

If you have ideas for future themes, we’d love to hear about them; email help.ischool@utoronto.ca with your suggestions.

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