Inforum news
April 2017

Inforum staff would like to wish everyone all the best with their end-of-term activities. To those who are finishing up their final year at the iSchool, congratulations!

Upcoming events in the Inforum

**Tues, May 2**
Technoscience Research Unit Workshop, 12-5 pm, room 417

**Thu, June 1**
FIAA Spring Reunion, 4:30-9 pm
4th floor

**Wed, June 14**
iSchool Convocation Reception to begin shortly after the ceremony, 4th floor

**Tues, June 20**
Joint Conference on Digital Libraries Poster Exhibition, 2:30-8 pm, 4th floor

New Inforum website launch!

We are thrilled to announce a brand new Inforum website, scheduled for launch on April 12 at https://inforum.library.utoronto.ca. As you can see from the URL, we have joined the family of U of T library websites. We invite you to tell us what you think by using the SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK button (bottom right).

Inforum summer hours

We will be closed on Apr. 14 for Good Friday. Our last day of regular hours this term will therefore be Thu, Apr. 13.

**Spring intersession**
Apr. 15-30
Mon-Fri 10:30 am-5 pm
Weekends: Closed

**Summer term**
May 1-Aug. 20
Mon-Thu 10:30 am-7:30 pm
Fri 10:30 am-5 pm
Weekends & statutory holidays: Closed

**Summer intersession**
Aug. 21-Sept. 10
Mon-Fri 10:30 am-5 pm
Weekends & statutory holidays: Closed
Full listing of our hours: https://inforum.library.utoronto.ca/visit-us
iRelax, do you?
End of term can be a very busy and stressful time. Mindfulness practices have been empirically shown to be an effective way to reduce stress, regulate emotions and increase focus. Located just past the stacks on the 4th floor is iRelax, an area with resources to assist you with dropping into the present moment. iRelax hosts yoga mats, meditation cushions, meditation benches, blocks, as well as print learning resources on a first-come, first-serve basis for use throughout the Inforum. iRelax is an opportunity to learn or reinforce what you already know about mindful practices at your own speed.

If you have iRelax questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact Kathleen Scheaffer, kathleen.scheaffer@utoronto.ca

Seed library open for spring business
We are proud hosts of a branch of the Toronto Seed Library. Located on the 5th floor of the Inforum in a card catalogue, the seed library contains all sorts of vegetable, fruit, herb, and flower organic seeds. The model is: take seeds, plant them, then bring us back seeds (seeds other than the ones you took are fine!) after harvest time. We’ve recently received 8 kinds of tomatoes, including Martian Giant tomatoes, spinach, black kale, carrots, cilantro, radishes, orach, and more. Join the movement of urban food growing, while reaping the health benefits of sinking your hands into the earth!

Mountmaking workshop open to all iSchool students
Tech fund is sponsoring Devorah Romanek, Curator of Exhibits at the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico to offer her extremely popular mountmaking workshop. The overall aim of this course is to provide practical hands-on training as well as theoretical interrogation of the practice of mountmaking for museum objects. The course is designed for students who work with museum collections, or hope to work with museum collections.

May 27 & 28 (registrants must commit to attendance for both days)
Full details and registration: http://uoft.me/mountmaking2017
Questions? kathleen.scheaffer@utoronto.ca
Returning laptops overnight
Lockers are available for returning laptops overnight when our information desk has closed.

To securely return a laptop after hours:
• Plan ahead. Borrow a locker key from us while our information desk is still open
• After hours, let yourself into the Inforum using your iSchool fob
• Match your key number to the locker number, and deposit the laptop/equipment. Lock it.
• Drop the key into the dropbox, located to the right of the lockers.
• Don’t leave devices or keys at our information desk when we are not staffed, as items left there will not be secured.

Our staff will clear the lockers the next day that we are open.

In order to protect Tech Loan devices, please refrain from returning them to the 4th floor book drop, as the book drop is not designed to cushion or protect electronics.

To arrange for the safe return of large Tech Loan items, talk to our staff at the time that you are checking out the device.

Information & the visual
A new book display, with an annotated bibliography, is now on in the Inforum. Highlighted are books on information visualization, including practical guides; design principles and applications; and, visual communication and culture.

https://inforum.library.utoronto.ca/research/displays-bibliographies

Updated equipment fines schedule
Due to high demand for the Tech Loan collection, we encourage all borrowers to return all tech devices and accessories on time. Fines are applied to overdue items at a rate of $0.50/hour late.

Holding onto tech loans past their loan period prevents others from accessing these popular resources; therefore, in order to discourage this practice, we are currently looking at increasing our equipment fines schedule. Stay tuned for an announcement later in the summer regarding new hourly rates for overdue tech loans.

https://inforum.library.utoronto.ca/services/technology-loans
**Upcoming leaves**
Elisa Sze, Collections & Public Services Librarian, and Nalini Singh, Reference Librarian, will be on research leave starting July 1, 2017. They are excited to embark on their respective research projects, and look forward to working with students, staff, and faculty again upon their return on July 1, 2018.

**Graduating students**
- Fobs should be returned to the Student Services office, 2nd floor
- Outstanding library fines should be paid online
  https://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca

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**Summer student assistant positions within the Inforum**
Our hardworking Inforum student assistants who are graduating this year will be leaving big shoes to fill and we want you to fill them. As such, we will be posting for summer student assistant positions that are open to MMSt and MI students who will be continuing their studies into the 2017/2018 year. If you are looking for experience and wish to enrich your studies at the iSchool with a rewarding position within the Faculty, please apply! Successful candidates will find themselves combining practice with theoretical foundations gained through course work. Positions will be posted later this month. Keep an eye out for application details.