



Free Resources for First Year & Transfer Students

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First Year Students and Information Overload

Students often arrive on campus, unsure of how to find and use all the free resources they have at their disposal. How do we centralize and make accessible the free library resources that are important to first year and transfer students?



Collaborate

We met with Odegaard and First Year Programs to see what we could create to bring attention to library programs, and help first years.



Assess

We evaluated public and university library resources and services in terms of what would best serve first year & transfer students



Collocate

We collocated these resources in a shared spreadsheet and created a tagging schema.



Design

We designed a website to house these resources, and to make them easy to find. We passed this design on to the Odegaard web team.



Test

We presented a beta version of the website to a class of first year students, as well as family and friends, and instituted the changes suggested.



Implement

The Odegaard web team published the site. We created a document to guide future additions and changes to the site.

First-Year Students

UW
LIBRARIES



STUDENTS

There are more than 54,000 students at the University of Washington. 7,750 of them are first-year undergraduate students.



BE BOUNDLESS

Incoming freshman had a high school GPA of 3.78. They scored an average of 644 on the math portion of the SAT and 602 on the critical reading portion.



RESOURCES

Incoming students are often overwhelmed at the tremendous amount of information they are presented with at a large university.



LIBRARIES

The UW Libraries are housed in 16 different locations across the Seattle, Bothell, and Tacoma campuses as well as a satellite campus in Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands.



GO DAWGS!

The School of Medicine, School of Engineering, and School of Business are all well-ranked, and the school in general is well ranked for public schools, 54th in the United States for 2017

Martinez, Jessica. "Community, Target Segment, and Stakeholders Assignment".

Free Library Resources for First Year & Transfer Students

Below you will find free resources pertaining to first year and transfer students that can be found at the University or local public libraries.

ALL

Filter by:

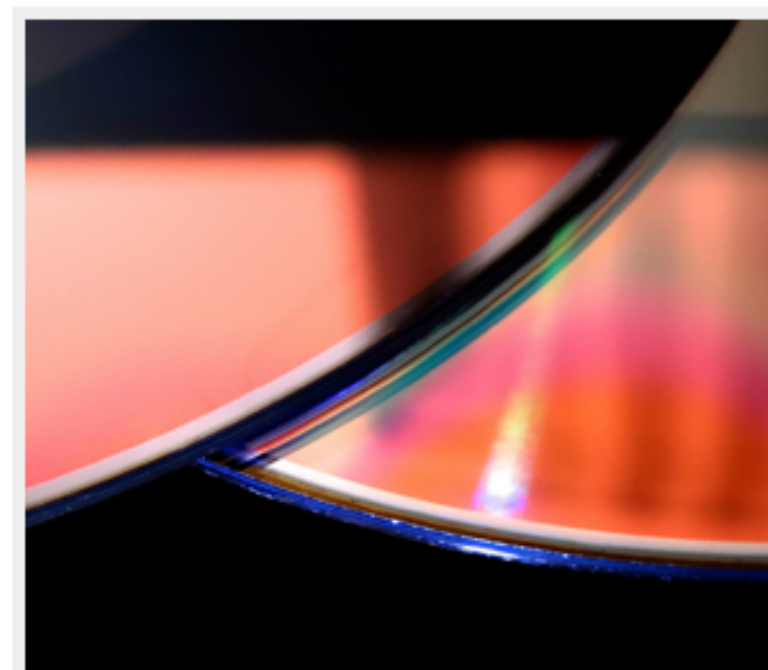
King County Library System (KCLS) Seattle Public Library (SPL) UW Libraries

Life Skills Recreation School Support Technology



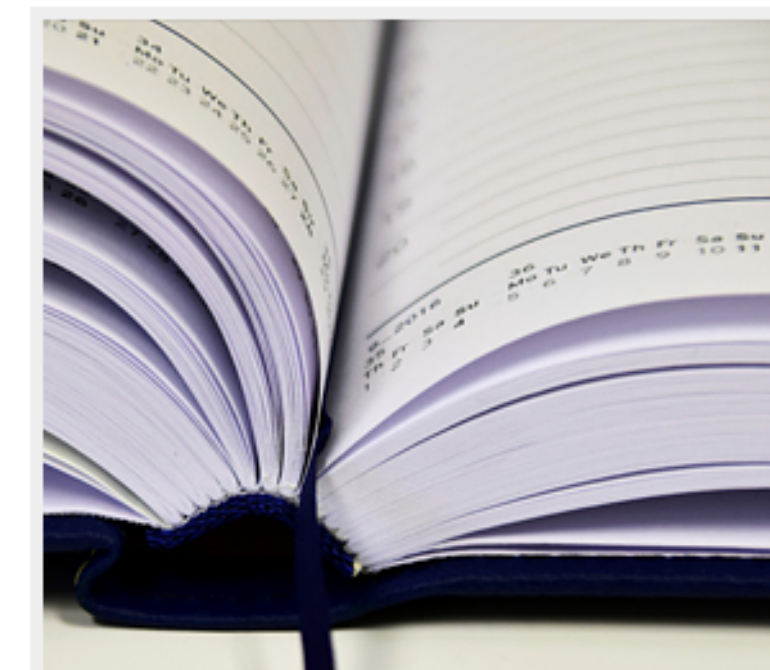
Computer Vet (UW)

A free drop-in and best-effort service, Computer Vet will teach you how to fix common software problems when you bring your computer to our Technology Help Desk.



DVDs (UW)

Check out DVDs



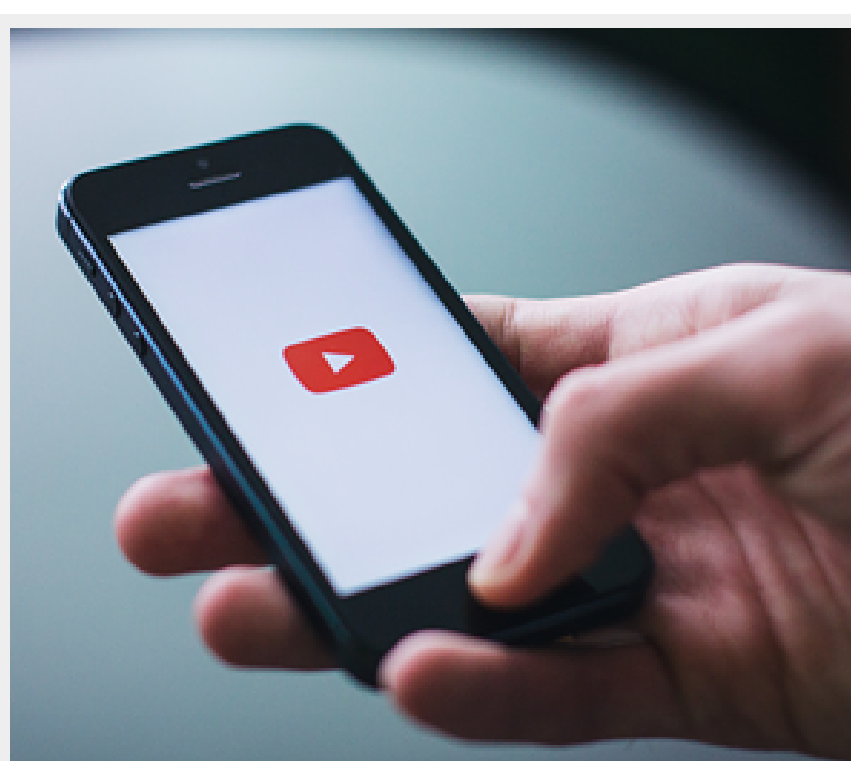
Events - Odegaard (UW)

Current and upcoming events at Odegaard.



Tax Help (SPL)

Trained volunteers will answer questions and help prepare personal tax returns.



How-To Videos (KCLS)

Over 500 documentary, educational, and lecture videos covering cooking, photography, language learning, and travel.



SPL Voices

A collection of local audio stories, including stories from immigrants, about the impact of the library on their lives.

Next Steps

This website was built as a foundation. Graduate assistants at Odegaard will work on growing the site, and creating a permanent relationship with the public libraries.