

PRESTON RIDGE WRITING CENTER WORKSHOPS SPRING 2015

Mastering the College Library

Quickly become a power user of the Collin Libraries' collections and services.

Wednesday & Thursday, January 21st-22nd, 3pm, Library Wireless Lounge

Wednesday & Thursday, January 28th-29th, 3pm, Library Wireless Lounge

Wednesday & Thursday, February 4th-5th, 3pm, Library Wireless Lounge

Presenter: John Mullin

Precision and Conciseness

Learn how to eliminate the deadwood and clutter in your writing and substitute precise and concise language to convey meaning.

Thursday, January 29th, 2pm, LH 130

Presenter: Joy Wood

Introductions and Conclusions

Getting off to a good start and ending with a bang can help give your papers more "bling." Attend this workshop and learn to write effective college-level introductions and conclusions for essays in any discipline.

Monday, February 2, 3:00-4:00, LH165

Presenter: Darcy Rudnick

Polished, Professional and Powerful

Hints and tips on formatting resumes and cover letters for job interviews.

Wednesday, February 4, 4-5pm, LH 130

Presenter: Diana Sage

Design More Effective PowerPoint Presentations Using PowerPoint and Prezi

Create compelling Power Point presentations using images, audio, embedded video, animations, and narration.

Something for all skill levels. All participants will have access to detailed instructions.

Tuesday, February 10, 12:00-1:00 in Library Wireless Lounge

Presenter: Terri Karlseng

The Details of Life

Learn how to paint with words and bring your writing to life with concrete details. Wow your friends and impress your writing instructors. We will consider examples from songs, poems, short stories, and creative nonfiction essays.

Tuesday, February 17, 4:00-5:00 in LH130

Presenter: Steven Rizzo, PhD

A Quick Checklist to Improve Your Essays

Grammar and all that "picky" stuff do count! Tune in to "Conjunction junction, what's your function?" for a brief review of sentence elements to bolster your confidence and improve your sentence variety. This mini-workshop squeezed in among your classes can improve your overall writing competence. **Wednesday, February 18, 10:00-**

11:00, L243

Presenter: Karen Hayden

Making a Good E-Pression

Learn how to write effective, professional e-mails. Whether you're going on a first date, to a job interview, or just to class, you usually change your physical appearance and speech patterns in order to make a good first impression, but when it comes to e-mail, you may neglect this important aspect of self-presentation. Remedy this problem by attending this hour-long workshop.

Tuesday, February 24, 1:00-2:00, LH130

Presenter: Kim Parker Nyman

The Research Roadmap: What's Your Plan?

Learn how to select and refine a topic, form a research question, and generate keywords and synonyms for searching library databases.

Wednesday, February 25, 2-3pm in Library Wireless Lounge

Presenter: Beth Atkins, Reference Librarian

Building an Academic Argument

Learn the about the basics of writing academic arguments: claims, reasons, appeals, evidence, counterarguments, and conclusions. This workshop helps students determine what makes an argument successful whether they are analyzing someone else's argument or making their own.

Monday, March 2, 2:30-3:30, LH177

Presenter: Lisa Forrester

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Wednesday, March 4, 6:00-7:00, LH177

Presenter: Kim Parker Nyman

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Thursday, March 19, 12:00-1:00 in Library Wireless Lounge

Presenter: Terri Karlseng

Beyond Wikipedia: Using Quality Resources for Research

Identify reliable sources for research, find articles and books online, and use the college library's resources from home.

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Wednesday, April 8th, 2-3pm in Library Wireless Lounge

Presenter: Beth Atkins, Reference Librarian

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Thursday, April 23, 12:00-1:00 in Library Wireless Lounge

Presenter: Terri Karlseng

Making Sense with Sentences

This workshop focuses on the awesome power of revising the right things so you can achieve the right results in your sentences. Effective sentences require just a few items (five to be precise, according to Aristotle) that must be present to convey impact and clear meaning to your audience.

Wednesday, April 1, 12:00-1:00, L244

Presenter: Gary Wilson, PhD

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Thursday, May 7th, 5-6pm, LH131 Presenter: Joy Wood