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, LH 165
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 LH 130
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, L 243
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, LH 130
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, LH 177
Presenter: Lisa Forrester

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Wednesday, March 4, 6:00-7:00, LH 177
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.
Tuesday, March 24, 12:00-1:00 in Library Wireless Lounge
Presenter: Terri Karlseng

The Research Roadmap: What’s Your Plan?
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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, L 244
Presenter: Gary Wilson, PhD

Precision and Conciseness
Learn how to eliminate the deadwood and clutter in your writing and substitute precise and concise language to convey meaning.
Thursday, May 7th, 5-6pm, LH 131
Presenter: Joy Wood