

OLLI Workshops

Connect to the World – Library at Your Fingertips Workshops

This hands-on OLLI workshop is sponsored by UConn library personnel from the Waterbury, Torrington, Avery Point, Stamford and Storrs campuses. A basic knowledge of computers and familiarity with the internet is required. These are not individual workshops – registration covers the series which takes place during OLLI Café time. See registration form to sign up for the free workshop series.

11:45 AM – 1:10 PM in Room #224

Session I – September 25

Are you taking advantage of free library resources on the web?

Instructor: Shelley Roseman, UConn Waterbury

Libraries aren't the only place you can find books and articles! Browse the shelves of the Internet Public Library, WorldCat, Medline, local library catalogs, Google Books, and more. You'll be able to learn how to read some books directly from your computer and use interlibrary loan services for materials owned by other libraries.

Session II – October 2

Tracking Down the Best on the Web

Instructor: Shelley Roseman, UConn Waterbury

Ever feel like you're wasting time on the web? Learn how to sort through the clutter of information and misinformation. You'll be able to track down reputable health web sites; trustworthy business/financial information fun sites focusing on hobbies, politics, humor and more. This session encourages lively discussion and welcomes your input, so bring along your list of favorite websites.

Session III – October 9

Online Learning Tools: To Keep You on Your Toes

Instructor: Phara Bayonne, UConn Stamford

iTunes? RSS Feeds? Podcasts? If you're wondering what all the fuss is about, learn how these "web 2.0" tools can work for you to help you learn new subjects, stay current on topics of interest, and be alerted to breaking news.

Session IV – October 16

Social Networking Tools: Staying Connected With Friends

Instructors: Kathy Labadorf, UConn Storrs and Beth Rumery, UConn Avery Point

Facebook? Twitter? Learn about these trendy (free) communication tools on the web that can help you stay connected with friends and family and allows you to follow and learn from groups and individuals with similar interests. The workshop will not only provide a lively introduction to these resources, but will walk you through the steps to set up your own accounts.

Session V – October 23

Savvy Searching: Exploring Google

Instructor: Sheila Lafferty, UConn Torrington

We all love Google, but are you aware of the tips and tricks available from Google to refine your search and make searching simpler and more effective? Let us give you some insider's tips to make your searching easier. There will be hands-on opportunities to refine your searching skills.

Session VI – October 30

Exploring Firefox: The Other Browser

Instructor: Sheila Lafferty, UConn Torrington

Do you know that there are many ways to browse the Internet? Learn to use Firefox so that you can customize and make your searches reflect your search patterns. You'll be introduced to: Smart keywords, Xmarks, and more.

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Phara Bayonne is the Director of the Jeremy Richard Library at UConn Stamford. Phara has been instrumental in pioneering “web 2.0 technology” at UConn Libraries and has created wikis, blogs, RSS feeds, and podcasts. She serves as Social Sciences Liaison at the Stamford campus.

Kathy Labadorf has worked at the UConn Storrs Library since 1997 following a 25-year career as professional flutist. She serves as the Library Liaison to the Women's Studies program and Undergraduate Services Librarian. Her twitter bio also admits her other secret passions: feminist beekeeper and gardener.

Sheila A. Lafferty is the Director of the Julia Brooker Thompson Library at UConn Torrington and has worked for UConn libraries since 1989. Sheila is responsible for instruction/reference services and is Library Liaison for Undergraduate Programs Liaison at the Torrington campus. In her spare time, she can be found using her searching skills in tracing her family history and helping others with their genealogy searches.

Shelley Roseman is the Director of the UConn Waterbury Library. Among her many hats, she provides instructional/research sessions to undergraduates and graduates, serves as the Regional Campus Libraries' Webmaster, and conducts workshops on plagiarism prevention at various campuses.

Beth Rumery is the Undergraduate Services Librarian at the UConn Avery Point Library. She has worked in college and university academic libraries since 1987. Her approach to teaching information literacy and lifelong learning is to share examples that are relevant to student needs, leaning toward humor whenever possible.

Janet Swift is a reference and instruction librarian at the UConn Waterbury Library. She has worked for UConn libraries since 1975. Janet has held various positions on the Board of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, including director, and is currently serving as treasurer.