

Learning Resource Center Newsletter

COVID-19 Restricted Hours of Operation

**Monday—Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

Did you read about the LRC in SIUE student paper The ALESTLE? Check us out!

https://www.alestlelive.com/lifestyles/article_f6c15840-5b70-11eb-8e50-23606b467684.html

Region 4 - TIER 2 Services Available

The LRC is now allowing two people maximum into the library to use the computers for 30 minutes at a time! This is on a first-come, first-served basis. In a hurry?

Give us a call to reserve your spot!

Patrons can also email (siue.esl.library@siue.edu) documents to be printed and picked up at the front door.

Just give us a call at 618-874-8719 and we'll be there to assist you!

Please be sure to remain socially distant, wash your hands, and wear a mask inside all buildings on the SIUE East St. Louis campus, including the LRC.

Visit <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19> for updates on Region 4.

LRC 2020 in Review and What's to Come in 2021

Like everyone everywhere, we here at the LRC have had to change the way we operate. Though we've been closed to the general public much of the year, we are still serving patrons. Crafty Fridays and children's story hours have continued throughout the pandemic's mandated closures. Programming shifted to virtual formats through Zoom and Facebook. Our social media presence has grown and if you haven't already, please check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/siue.esl.lrc.1 and like us.

We offer services for library check out of books, dvds and other materials. Print requests can still be made and picked up in our contactless wall pockets outside the library doors. Virtual programming and assistance to patrons will still be offered and in more abundance. Last year, patrons of the library saved a collective \$8540.81 in costs due to checking out those materials from our library and through interlibrary loan services, instead of purchasing.

Here are some other notable changes within the SIUE ESStL Campus LRC/Library:

Now offering door-side pickup/drop-off & curbside if requested.

- Print out drop off point installed just outside the LRC/Library Door.
- Call, email, or stop by the LRC and knock if you need services.

LRC/Library Renovations:

The LRC/Library underwent renovations during the closure and added a new group room space. The computer lab received updated and new desks to allow other devices to be used with USB ports. The new group room will allow larger in house group programming in the future, and we hope to have a Smart Board added by the end of 2021. This would give us the ability to hold in house group and virtual programming, sometimes simultaneously. We look forward to the continued updates and the ability to have in house group programming again, hopefully by fall of 2021.

What's to Come?

A lot of what we have been working on will come to fruition in the new year.

- Writing Group
- Monthly Crochet Club
- Book Club
- LRC informational survey
- Virtual programming
- PCs for People location point
- Little Libraries

Welcome Tomoko Jo to the LRC!



Tomoko joined the LRC in January, 2021 as our new Program Assistant of Career Services! In this position, she will offer assistance and services to help individuals reach their training and employment goals.

In 2018, Tomoko earned a Master's degree in Education focusing on Adult Basic Education at SIUE and studied the needs of post-secondary education, ESL, and vocational training in St. Clair County. She has been providing social services in the East St. Louis neighborhood since 2019.

Before her experiences at the SIUE East St. Louis Campus, Tomoko was a Japanese language teacher for several years and worked in the Peace Corp. in Paraguay for 2 years. She has two children and two cats. Tomoko says, "My name 'Tomo' means 'friends' in Japanese, and I try to be friendly as my father wanted me to be." Tomoko certainly lives up to her name!

To contact Tomoko about career services, email tomcraw@siue.edu or call (618) 874-6359.

Reintroducing Program Coordinator, Ali Vlahos!

Though Ali began working for the LRC in February last year, we'd like to take this opportunity to reintroduce her to the community. Ali received her BA in English with a Creative Writing minor from Eastern Illinois University, her MA from SIUE in Fiction Writing, and a Post Baccalaureate in Teaching of Writing also from SIUE. Previously the Senior Program Planner and Continuing Education Coordinator in Continuing Education at St. Louis Community College, Ali brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and education to the Program Coordinator position at the Learning Resource Center. Some things she has been working on implementing in the first quarter of this year are:

- Monthly Self-Guided Crochet/Knit Club
- Writing Group
- Book Club
- LRC informational survey
- PCs for People, LRC/Library spokesperson



To contact Ali about programming, email avlahos@siue.edu or call (618) 482-8332.



Writing Group

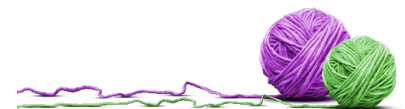
SIUE graduate student and MFA candidate Bart Dziegielewski (Bart DZ) will host a virtual six-week writing group on Thursdays, February 25th

through April 1st. The writing group will meet once per week on Thursdays from 6-7:30pm. Whether you are a published author or have never written a word, we encourage you to join us! The group is recommended for those 18 and older. To register for this event, please email avlahos@siue.edu or siue.esl.library@siue.edu with 'Writing Group' in the subject line.

Club Crochet Kit Club

This forthcoming delivery service will provide crochet and knit kits of cold-weather accessories patterns to local nursing homes and assisted living facilities for self-guided yarn-ing with the goal of donating items to charity. Contact Ali Vlahos for more information!

To register for this event, please email avlahos@siue.edu



Virtual Crafty Friday: Be My Valentine

Join Library Director Rebecca Harper for another Virtual Crafty Friday where you will be making Valentine's Day cards for your valentine!
Register by phone (618-874-8719) or email (siue.esl.library@siue.edu) to request a kit.

Registered participants will be emailed the Zoom link before the event. Please plan to pick up your kit* from the LRC during hours of operation, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Event:
Friday, Feb. 12
12:30-1:30 p.m.

Kit Request
Deadline:
Monday, Feb. 8

Kits can be dropped off or mailed for those not able to make it to the library for pick up.
Please contact Rebecca for arrangements (rebharp@siue.edu or 618-482-8366).



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Lunch and Learn is back...in a virtual format!

Watch these Virtual Cooking Demos for a Chance to Win a Blender!

Each week Gestavia Peeples will demonstrate a different food lesson. You will be provided with the recipes using items you can find in your own Pantry. Cook along if you desire!

More information on curbside pickup dates will be sent to those who register.

Registered participants who complete the course will be entered for a chance to win a Ninja® blender!

Celebrate Black History Month



Visit our Facebook page for Rebecca's Storytime and Black History children's book giveaways all month long!

www.facebook.com/siue.esl.lrc.1

Check out some books from your LRC/Library! Below are a few links to just a few of the great books to consider, or stop by the LRC and we can show you what we have in house. And don't forget, if we don't own the title, we can request it for you!

<https://www.epicreads.com/blog/black-history-month-books-2019/>

<https://bookish.netgalley.com/must-reads/02/2020/readingblackout-black-history-month-books/>

<https://www.glamour.com/gallery/black-history-month-books>



Virtual Tech Tuesday

**Every Tuesday
9 a.m.— 4 p.m.**

Having trouble understanding your technology devices? Interested in learning how to do more things with your devices?

Call or email the LRC on Tuesdays and we will be there to assist you remotely!

618-874-8719

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Have a complicated question? Call or email us and we can set up a Zoom session for virtual face-to-face assistance.

Zoom Basics for Beginners

Want to learn how to use Zoom?

Are you nervous to attend online activities via Zoom? Don't understand how to navigate as a participant in Zoom? Please join us for a Tech Tuesday presentation about Zoom. Learn how to participate, navigate and demonstrate via Zoom in this quick and easy tutorial for Zoom Basics.

Two session times available. Please register in advance. Email with directions on how to attend will be sent to registered attendees.

Date: Tuesday, February 16

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Or 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

To register please call 618-874-8719 or email siue.esl.library@siue.edu.

Technology Pick up Event
Saturday, February 13, 2021
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
East St. Louis Public Library Parking Lot



pcsforpeople

On February 13, the Girl Scouts, the SIUE/LRC-Library, the East St. Louis Public Library and the Belleville Public Library will sponsor with PCs for People for a technology equipment pick up event in the East St. Louis Public Library parking lot.

PCs for People will pick up any technology equipment donations, from PCs and monitors to printers and phones, and offers NAID AAA-certified data wiping for all hard drives before computers are refurbished for re-use in the community.

Gather your non-working, out of date or unwanted technology devices and equipment for this free opportunity to recycle them.

All activities are FREE!
Need to reserve a space? Call: (618) 874-8719 or e-mail: siue.esl.library@siue.edu

February 2021

Hours of Operation
Open : Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Closed : Saturday-Sunday

Illinois Region 4 is under Tier 2 COVID-19 restrictions. Stay tuned for any changes to our services that become available as our region reaches new phases of recovery.

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1 The LRC is now allowing two people maximum into the library to use the computers for 30 minutes at a time! This is on a first-come, first-served basis.	2  GROUNDHOG DAY Virtual Tech Tuesday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	3 Virtual Tech Tuesday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	4  Support your Learning Resource Center and stay informed about all of our exciting, upcoming events by LIKING US ON FACEBOOK! siue.esl.lrc.1	5 Patrons can email (siue.esl.library@siue.edu) documents to be printed and picked up at the front door. Just give us a call at 618-874-8719 and we'll be here to assist you!
8 Request your Valentine's Day Card Kit for Virtual Crafty Friday by today!	9 Virtual Tech Tuesday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 	10  EAT.MOVE.SAVE. Lesson: My Plate 12:30-1:30 p.m.	11 FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY Month 	12 Valentine's Day Card Make and Take Virtual Crafty Friday 12:30-1:30 p.m.
15 Club Crochet Kit Club Deadline 	16 Virtual Tech Tuesday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Zoom Basics for Beginners Please join us for a quick and easy tutorial for Zoom Basics for this Tech Tuesday presentation. Please register in advance! 2 - 3 p.m. or 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	17  EAT.MOVE.SAVE. Lesson: Fix It Safe 12:30-1:30 p.m.	18 FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY Month 	19 Visit our Facebook page for Rebecca's Storytime and Black History children's book giveaways all month long! www.facebook.com/siue.esl.lrc.1
22 You can now follow the LRC on Instagram @siue_esc_lrc 	23 Virtual Tech Tuesday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 	24  EAT.MOVE.SAVE. Lesson: Shop for Value, Check the Facts 12:30-1:30 p.m.	25 Please be sure to remain socially distant, wash your hands, and wear a mask inside all buildings on the SIUE East St. Louis campus, including the LRC.	26 Club Crochet Kit Club Delivery 