Personal Librarian Program: New Connections

As first-year students learn to become acquainted with Case Western Reserve’s academic and social cultures, an engaging library is integral to both of these aspects of collegiate life.

In fall of 2012, Kelvin Smith Library (KSL) introduced a new program to provide all incoming first-year CWRU students with their own Personal Librarian (PL) to serve as an informed point of contact. The PLs help students navigate the academic library environment, assist with research, answer library-related questions and more. PLs also sponsor events such as skill development sessions, tours of KSL, and other engaging activities.

The PLs are dedicated to helping all students become successful researchers by serving as their library advisors during the first year at CWRU. For example, PLs can help students to identify the best resources, formulate search strategies and connect with library experts in different subject areas. PLs are available any time of the year, even when students are on break.

Through the PL Program, each student receives:
→ A kick-off to the program during Information Fair and other Orientation activities
→ 3-4 emails during the semester promoting library resources/services, announcing programs, or starting conversations to develop relationships with library staff
→ 2-3 group activities each semester sponsored by the library
→ An invitation to communicate with their PL via email, phone, chat, virtual or in-person

In 2013-14, PLs were assigned through the SAGES First-year seminars. Starting in 2014-15, PLs will be assigned to each floor within the first-year residence halls.

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