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ChatGPT Resources



ChatGPT, the artificial intelligence program that burst onto the scene in November 2022, has quickly became a hot topic in higher education. How are students using ChatGPT? How can students cheat using the program? How can I incorporate AI into my own course and bring awareness to many of these issues?

Rutgers Office of Teaching Evaluation and Assessment Research (OTEAR) provides many resources and tools discussing ChatGPT and AI Assistance. From their website: https://otear.rutgers.edu/teaching/ai you can access FAQ's, suggestions for faculty in regards to both assessments and policy-making, information from past workshops and roundtables, past recordings and future events, and additional readings and resources.

Ensuring academic integrity is vitally important. Students using ChatGPT against the policies set forth in a course is considered an academic integrity violation under cheating—using prohibited aids in any academic exercise, turning in work prepared by others, downloading work and submitting it to satisfy a course requirement. For your reading enjoyment, a recent article from Innovations in Education and Teaching International examines the opportunities and challenges of using ChatGPT in higher education:

Cotton, D. R.E., Cotton, P.A., & Shipway, J. R. (2023). Chatting and cheating: Ensuring academic integrity in the era of ChatGPT. Innovations in Education and Teaching International, https://doi.org/10.1080/14703297.2023.2190148.

National Library Week



This week, April 23 - 29, was National Library Week. This year's theme is "There's More to the Story." In a nutshell, a library is more than just books. Libraries foster community, collaboration and support in a variety of ways. Sure, we provide research help, but we also listen to students, cultivate relationships, and participate in dialogues all while providing access to information—all types of information for all sorts of reasons. So many stories to tell.

In addition to celebrating and appreciating the service of library workers, the American Library Association (ALA) also releases The State of America's Libraries Report, as well as announcing the Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2022. America's libraries have experienced a rise in book bans and librarians across the country are fighting to keep all books on library shelves, such as *The* Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison and The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie. Thursday, April 27th, was "Take Action for Libraries Day" in order to advocate for all and urge members of Congress to protect the freedom to read. Take a few moments to read the report and learn how you can support America's libraries.

And don't forget to check out your public library this summer. I'm sure you will find a long list of programs and community events taking place. And of course, check out a new book or an old classic as well.

Resource Spotlight: CQ Researcher



CQ Researcher is a collection of weekly research reports on recent news topics and issues of broad interest in the public policy sphere. Whereas the reports address a variety of subjects, one of their topics is specifically for Employment and Labor. There are 12 subcategories covering more specific topics such as employee benefits, labor standards, outsourcing, wages and workplace safety.

Each issue contains a brief overview and background of the topic, the current situation and outlook, pros and cons, discussion questions, a chronology, data, and a bibliography. CQ Researcher reports are great way for students to be introduced to the topics covered and how debatable issues can be presented in an objective way.

Recent reports include:

- Hybrid Work (February 3, 2023)
- The New Labor Market (February 4, 2022)
- The Future of Unions (January 29, 2021)

CQ Researcher can be accessed from the main Rutgers Libraries website at: https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/databases/cq_researcher

Academic Year Recap & Looking Ahead



The Library continued to see increases in traffic and use as the effects of the pandemic are slowly fading. A full report of library activity will be published over the summer, but a quick early peek at some statistics show 1,319 visits to the library, 59 interlibrary loan books processed, and 264 questions answered-34 being in-depth research questions. Over the summer, we will continue to make our periodical collection more accessible and continue an update of all of our research guides.

Looking ahead to the fall, the Library will be creating a formal Information Literacy Curriculum to assist faculty in including more information literacy concepts into courses. Also, processing our archives collection focusing on the history of SMLR and documenting what we have achieved will be a major



SMLR LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS!

Yes, we are open throughout the Summer! Monday - Friday: 10am to 3pm



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