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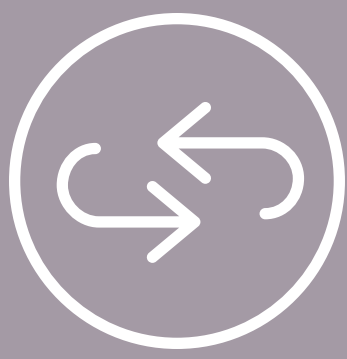
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First Year Students and Information Overload

Arriving at college can be an overwhelming experience for most first year and transfer students. The amount of information about resources available is simultaneously overwhelming and difficult to navigate. How might we centralize and make accessible free library resources so that students are able to excel in life as well as in academics?



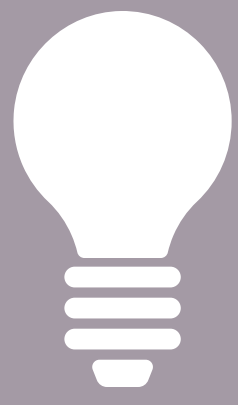
Collaborate
We met with Odegaard and First Year Programs to see what we could create to bring attention to library programs, and help first years.



Assess
We evaluated public and university library resources and services in terms of what would best serve first year & transfer students



Collocate
We collocated these resources in a shared spreadsheet and created a tagging schema.



Design
We designed a website to house these resources, and to make them easy to find. We passed this design on to the Odegaard web team.



Test
We presented a beta version of the website to a class of undergraduate students and instituted the changes suggested.



Implement
The Odegaard web team published the site. We created a document to guide future additions and changes to the site.

First-Year Students

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LIBRARIES



STUDENTS

There are more than 54,000 students at the University of Washington, 7,750 of them are first-year undergraduate students.



BE BOUNDLESS

Incoming freshman had a high school GPA of 3.78. They scored an average of 644 on the math portion of the SAT and 602 on the critical reading portion.



RESOURCES

Incoming students are often overwhelmed at the tremendous amount of information they are presented with at a large university.



LIBRARIES

The UW Libraries are housed in 16 different locations across the Seattle, Bothell, and Tacoma campuses as well as a satellite campus in Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands.



GO DAWGS!

The School of Medicine, School of Engineering, and School of Business are all well-ranked, and the school in general is well ranked for public schools, 54th in the United States for 2017

Martinez, Jessica. "Community, Target Segment, and Stakeholders Assignment".

Free Library Resources for First Year & Transfer Students

Below you will find free resources pertaining to first year and transfer students that can be found at the University or local public libraries.

ALL

Filter by:

King County Library System (KCLS)

Seattle Public Library (SPL)

UW Libraries

Life Skills

Recreation

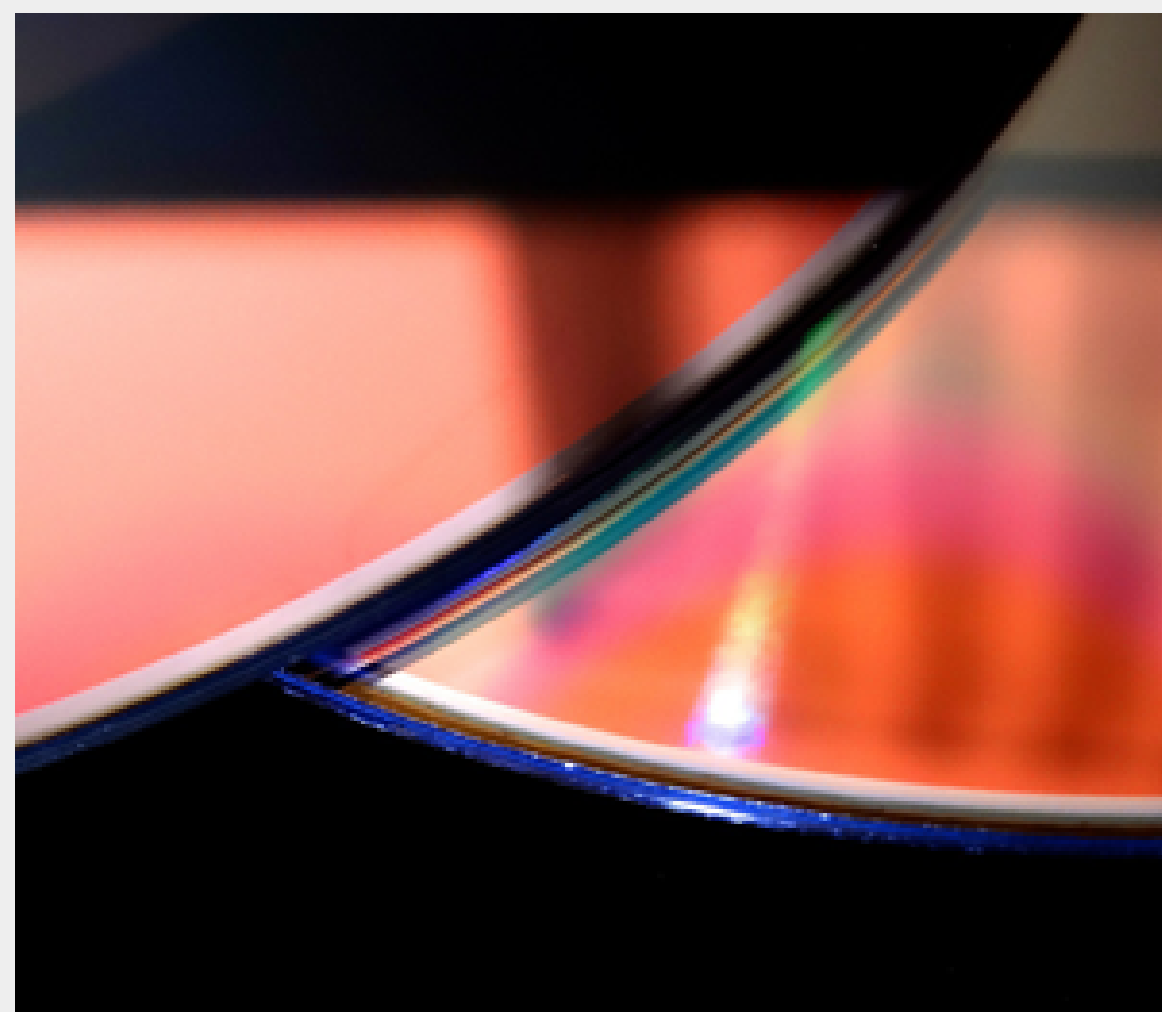
School Support

Technology



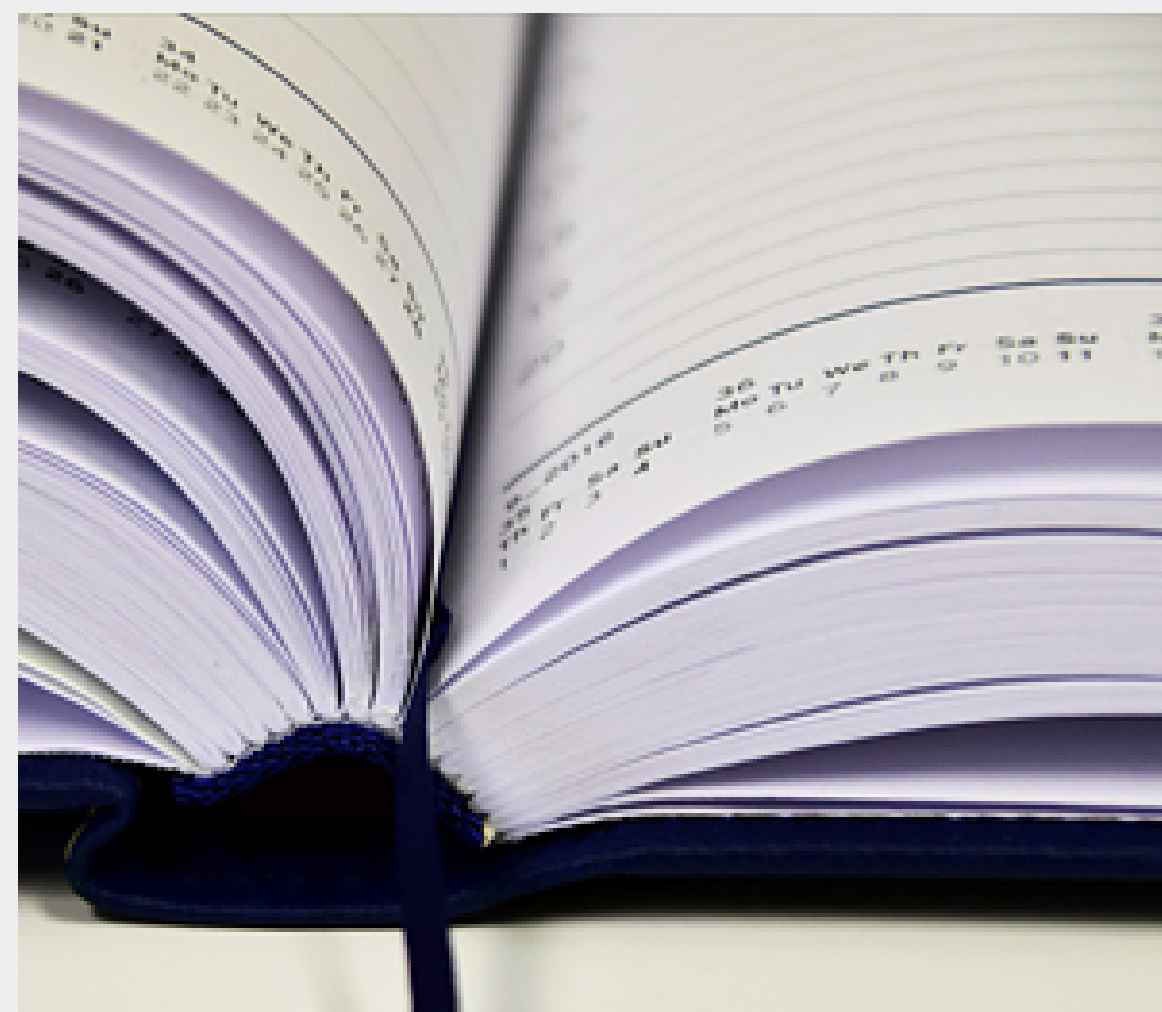
Computer Vet (UW)

A free drop-in and best-effort service, Computer Vet will teach you how to fix common software problems when you bring your computer to our Technology Help Desk.



DVDs (UW)

Check out DVDs



Events - Odegaard (UW)

Current and upcoming events at Odegaard.



Tax Help (SPL)

Trained volunteers will answer questions and help prepare personal tax returns.



How-To Videos (KCLS)

Over 500 documentary, educational, and lecture videos covering cooking, photography, language learning, and travel.



SPL Voices

A collection of local audio stories, including stories from immigrants, about the impact of the library on their lives.

Next Steps

This website was built as a foundation. Graduate assistants at Odegaard Undergraduate Library will work on growing the site and creating a permanent relationship with the public libraries.

Created in collaboration with Odegaard Undergraduate Library at the University of Washington