

Library Peer Advisors Step Forward: Helping Freshmen Adapt to Online Learning

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SMU Libraries: Quick Facts

- Over 550,000 print and electronic books
- Access to over 80,000 print and electronic journals
- More than 170 electronic databases
- 38 staff: 23 professional librarians

Explore more here: <u>https://library.smu.edu.sg/about/about-us-overview</u>



Li Ka Shing Library



Kwa Geok Choo Law Library





- The Library Peer Advisors (LPA) provide peer-to-peer support by students for students in areas such as citation help, database training and conducting library tours.
- Studies have shown that peer-assisted learning is beneficial in providing supportive social networks for students and allows them to learn and acquire knowledge from their peers.
- The LPA expands the already existing peer ecosystems in SMU such as the Peer Helpers, Peer Advisors, Peer Tutors, Communication Coaches and Career Champions.

The LPA Album

The Library Peer Advisors are current senior undergraduate students.



Clockwise from the top left: Constance, Joe, Pei Ying, Joey



From left to right: Yiling, Derrick, Shubhangi



Library Peer Advisors: Stepping Forward





Meet Me! Questions, Discussions and Ideas

- How has student's information seeking behaviour changed over the years and what impact has it had on library services mostly recently during the pandemic?
- What are some examples of services you provide using Student Assistants?
- What activities/tasks can we involve Student Assistants in to allow us to do more value-added work?
- How can we recognise their involvement beyond pay?
- Is Peer-to-Peer learning on the rise given new pedagogical approaches in universities?





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