

**Assignment 2:  
Class Activity and Speaking;  
What's In Your Library?!**

**Submit deliverable(s) through your assignment GitHub repository.  
Place your work in the writing/ directory**



Figure 1: The Pelletier Library at Allegheny College. The *Lawrence Lee Pelletier* Library is home to the library collections and the Maytum Center for Student Success. It provides a hub for student success, research, and learning outside the classroom. The InfoDesk on the main floor of Pelletier serves as the friendly face of Library and Information Technology Services (LITS).

## Objectives

To research, report and present a service from the Pelletier library.

## Introduction

When working on writing and or research projects for your courses, you will no-doubt need dependable resources such as books, papers, articles, news sources, databases and datasets, in addition to countless online resources. To complete your work, you may want to ask questions to smart professionals who know these resources and could help you get started in your work. In addition, you might need a quiet desk to study in a well-lit place, where food is also sold to make a tasty

study-break. Where can one find a such a place where all these wonderful things exist at seemingly any time of the day and late into the night? The Pelletier library, naturally!

The Pelletier Library website: <https://sites.allegheny.edu/lits/library/>

In this work, you are to use the Pelletier website (*or to physically go to the library!!*) where you are to discover some new resource or service that you believe to be very important in your own learning process. You will research some of the offered services and, from your assessment, you will choose one service, resource or element of the library that has your *winning* approval. Here you will prepare a short written piece concerning this amazing resource or service from the library.

For the next working day of class, you will prepare a short *lightning talk* about the resource to introduce your amazing findings to your colleagues of the course. The resource or service must sponsored and supported by the library for all students.

## What To Do

This assignment has two components.

1. **Writing Your Ideas:** You are to use the below GitHub link to create your working repository where you will work by editing your report files directly in your browser. In your repository, you will find the file, `writing/report.md` in which you are to respond to questions about your selected library resource. You will be writing your work using Markdown.

You are to write a paragraph of up to four (4) sentences to respond to each question of your `writing/report.md` document in your working repository. The questions are listed below.

- (a) Which resources or services of the library did you research? Why were you attracted to these ones?
  - (b) Which one resource or service do you think would be especially important to your studying process? In your discussion, please reflect on how the absence of this particular resource or service would be detrimental to your scholarship?
  - (c) How does the library maintain this resource or service? For instance, is it free or is there some cost necessary?
  - (d) Are there any disadvantages associated with this resource or service?
2. **Presenting Your Ideas:** Prepare a slide for each question using Google Docs or another software to use for a *lightning talk* in which you introduce your resource or service to your colleagues. and discuss your thoughts This talk is to take no more than four minutes. You will be using your own laptop to make your presentation in class while using Zoom or Google Meet. The presentation will occur on the due date (noted above).

## GitHub Starter Link

Clone Your Assignment Repository

<https://classroom.github.com/a/or2B-vxG>

To use this link, please follow the steps below.

- Click on the link and accept the assignment
- Find the necessary files to edit and then begin your edit (using the pen button) on the right side of the page.
- Be sure to often use the *Commit changes* part of the web page to save your work regularly. Note that before you can commit your changes, you will need to add a simple message to explain what the commit entails. Please add some meaningful text to complete this step.

## Required Deliverables

1. A completed version of the file `writing/report.md` containing your responses to the questions above.
2. A *lightning talk* presentation using slides to introduce your resource or service to your colleagues. Each question above is to be on its own slide. You do not need to submit these slides to the instructor for your presentation; they will only be used to guide your talk.

Please be sure to ask the instructor if you have any questions.