

"The One-to-One Program??" A Short Skit.

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Bob: O-M-G, Brenda, I hate research. I am soooo lost. I've got to get this thesis done or I don't graduate! I just can't find a single thing on my topic. I'm sure you know how I feel.

Brenda: Not any more, Sara. I *was* stuck, but then I signed up for the One-to-One program.

Bob: One-to-One program?

Brenda: Yeah, it's a great service from our library that matches your research needs with a librarian who can give you individual research help.

Bob: Wow, that might be useful, but how much is THAT gonna cost me?

Brenda: It's totally free for any SHSU student or faculty member who's working on a master's thesis or dissertation.

Bob: How much time does it take? I'm swamped with work and classes.

Brenda: Your personal librarian will give you individual attention, and you can meet in person or just talk by email or phone to work through your research problems. It can take as much or as little time as you need. It's worth it, trust me!

Bob: Well, what does the librarian do exactly?

Brenda: She can start by helping you figure out what search tools and databases you need to be using. Then she can help you understand how to build the most effective searches. She'll help you find resources both inside and outside our library. Those librarians can find things you didn't know you needed, things you never even imagined might exist for your thesis. Your librarian will be available to you throughout the research process, and because you're always working with the same librarian, she'll be familiar with your topic and with all of the research strategies that you've tried or discussed in the past.

Bob: So, will they help me write the paper, too??

Brenda: No, that's up to you, although you can take it to the Writing Center for editing help. The librarian will show you how to use the research tools that exist and find the information that you need before you can write the paper.

Bob: That sounds good! How do I sign up?

Brenda: There's an application on the Library's website under Graduate Student Services, or you can pick up a paper copy at the Library. Fill it out and get your faculty advisor or thesis chairman to fill out her section and sign it. Then turn it in at the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor of the library.

Bob: I'm going to print out a form right now. Next time you see me, I'm gonna have my thesis research done—with my librarian's help!