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Writing Center News:

Scrabblelicious! Mondays from 6:00-8:00 in the Writing Center (Lib. 3407)
and Thursdays from 6:00-10:00 in Prime Time Advising (A Dorm)!

Workshops-Week Nine:

Monday, 3/ 1: Re-Visioning Your Academic Essay 4:30-6:00 Lib. 2218

Wednesday, 3/ 3: Parallel Structure 2:00-3:00 Lib. 2218
Evaluation Writing 4:30-6:00 Lib. 2219

Tutor of the Week

EMILY DILLING

- **Year:** Senior
- **Focus of study:** Film, Literature, and French
- **Length of time at the Center:** 2 years
- **Favorite things to tutor:** Creative writing & research papers
- **Favorite book(s):** Anything by J.D. Salinger
- **Favorite book(s) when she was seven:** *The Chronicles of Narnia* series by C.S. Lewis

CAN YOU ...

STUMP THE TUTOR?

Boots Boulindrome asks, "I've been wondering about semi-colons; what is the correct usage for the semicolon?"



Semicolons have two major uses:

1) They can be used to connect two independent clauses. A semicolon lets the reader know that another closely related idea is on the way. Remember: the key to using the semicolon correctly is to make sure you have a complete, functioning sentence on either side of the semicolon.

Example

I don't have to study much to succeed in my German class; I've always been good with languages.

2) They can help clean up a complicated list or series that contains internal commas.

Example

On my summer vacation, I visited the following places: Springfield, Illinois; Washington, D.C.; and Arlington, Virginia.

Grantwriting

"Proofread carefully to see if you any words out"
-Author unknown

Grantwriting is an essential skill for the socially-aware and community-minded Evergreen student. Whether you want to write grants professionally or are involved with an organization that is in need of funding, grantwriting is key to your success. GrantProposal.com is a great source for both novice and experienced grantwriters. The site includes overviews and hints for every part of the grantwriting process--from inquiry letters to the proposal itself. For the beginning grantwriter, there are links to online tutorials that can instruct you in the basics of writing grant proposals. The site is easy to navigate; the indexes are clear and ensure your ability to find answers to your grantwriting questions.

GrantProposal.com pays great attention to every aspect of the grantwriting process. Their six guidelines to writing a proposal are a nice mix of advice for practical ("carefully match your project with an appropriate funding source") as well as stylistic ("condense with rich detail") aspects of the grantwriting process. Advice given by actual funders is another useful feature of this site. The funders suggest that you put time into researching foundations and other potential fund sources, concentrate on proving your validity and worth as an organization, and be timely with your submissions. Tips on how to do this can be found in various sections of the website.

Books, the Internet, journals, other grantwriters, and reference librarians are all great resources. Try to find as many potential sources of funding as possible; this will give you options for the best possible match for you and your organization as well as increase your chances of receiving grant money. Most important, don't forget to visit one of our writing tutors before you send out your proposal!