



CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LANGUAGE LEARNING

CILL AT A GLANCE

CILL formally opened in June of 2011. CILL is one of two facilities run by ELC (EAC is the other) for students to work on their English outside of regular classes.

ACTIVITIES & CLUBS: CILL hosts as many as a dozen ELC Co-Curricular Activities and Clubs each semester.

WORKSHOPS: CILL offers fifteen to twenty-five language learning and language skills workshops each semester.

MEDIA: CILL has an extensive, always-updating collection of movies, TV series, TED Talks, music and travel videos, audio resources and more.

PRINT RESOURCES: CILL hosts an extensive collection of books and magazines – titles for all tastes and all language-ability levels.

UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT: CILL is perhaps unique in the way it combines the fully academic with the welcoming aspects of home. The *feel* of the facility (the colors, textures, lighting, decorations and displays, layouts of conversation areas, craftsmanship – design considerations often neglected in academic spaces) is carefully cultivated to invite long stays and deep and complex *experiences* of the target languages.

GUESTS: CILL receives between 100 and 500 STU student, faculty and staff guests each day.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

CILL is located on the ground floor of the STU Library complex.

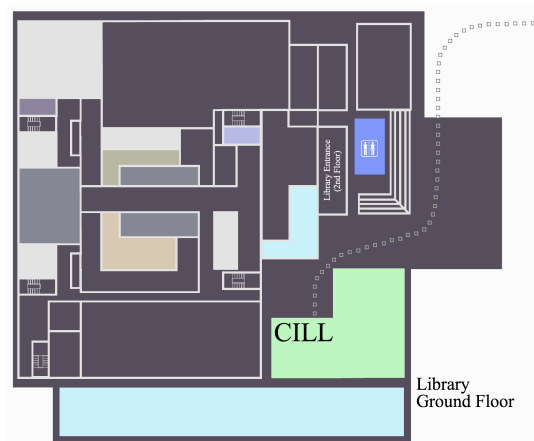
Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Closed Sundays and holidays

Entry to CILL is with an STU Smartcard.



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CILL SERVICES



CILL offers five skill-building services for STU students, all available for easy booking via the online ELC/CILL Booking System:

- **How Do I Improve My English? (HDIIME):** One-on-one help in designing and maintaining individualized language-learning plans
- **Voice & Accent Consultation:** Help with the vocal aspects of English – pronunciation, intonation, speaking style, body language
- **Speech & Presentation Studio:** Practice and feedback sessions for students preparing English-language presentations for ELC and other courses
- **The Writing Studio:** One-on-one help with English writing assignments – everything from brainstorming ideas and planning to writing topic sentences and supporting statements to overall organization and impact
- **IELTS Help Center:** Small-group help sessions covering a student-selected aspect of the IELTS exam – speaking, listening, reading or writing

And for International faculty (and their families) and exchange students:

- **The Chinese Room:** One-on-one help in Mandarin or other Chinese languages

OPPORTUNITIES



Every semester, CILL hosts nearly a third of **ELC's Co-Curricular Activities**. Activities presently hosted or hosted in past semesters include:

Toastmasters	Photography Club
Exploring Books	EA Speaking Club
Gender Issues	Vocabulary Café
TED@STU	E-Gaming Club
Poetry Club	English through Drama
Reading Club	Business English Practice
Movie Club	Strategy Games Club
Current Events	Creative Writing Club
Explore Russia	Digital Storytelling
EA Circle	Psychology in Everyday Life
Small Talk Club	Literary Reflections
Game Club	Billboard Music Time!
Dubbing Club	Learning through Musicals
What's So Funny?	<i>Ritmo Latino</i> Basic
Museum Tour	<i>Ritmo Latino</i> Intermediate
Foodie Club	<i>Loquitos</i> Art & Culture
Media Mania	Philosophy in Visual Reading
HI! Social Issues	Japanese Corner
Armchair Travel	



CILL is home to a number of **ELC Planning and Training Groups** (including the English Festival Organizing Committee and the ELC Faculty Teaching Study Group), as well as **STU Clubs** (including the English Debate Society and, in past terms, ELC4 Book Clubs). For the English Debate Society, CILL provides meeting and practice spaces and equipment, plus research materials and research sessions.



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Workshops.

Workshops change from semester to semester based on student needs and the special knowledge areas of ELC faculty. Workshops scheduled this semester or hosted in past semesters include:

Voice & Accent Series
IELTS Skills Series
CET4 & CET6 Preparation Series
Grammar Series
Pronunciation
Collocations
Podcasts
Writing Effective Emails
Using Dictionaries
Study Abroad
Time Management
Studying with Textbooks
Studying with PPTs
Write with Better Grammar

Art as Language
Conversation Strategies
Paraphrasing & Summarizing
CV Writing
Personal Statements
International Scholarships
Argumentative Essays
Critical Cultural Literacy
Cats!
Listening Strategies
Interview Skills
Understanding Idioms
Interpersonal Communication Skills
Vocabulary Strategies

CILL hosts ELC's monthly Faculty Meetings, ELC's Professional Development Workshops, Workgroup/Level Meetings, ELC New Teacher Orientations, ad hoc faculty groups and ELC final exam grading.

SPACES

Lobby: "What's new in CILL" is prominently displayed in the lobby. Reception Desk staff are on duty to guide guests in the use of the facility or to offer assistance in borrowing books, accessing video and audio resources and making CILL Services appointments.

CILL Lounge: Designed for easy socializing, movie viewing (a different menu of movies featured daily) and light reading.

Reading Area: With large tables and an expansive view of the STU Library's main water feature, the Reading Area is an ideal place to relax with a book or magazine, listen to music, watch a travel or food video or work individually or in project teams. Despite its name, conversation and other interaction is encouraged in the Reading Area.

Multi-Media Area: With its 19 PCs, TVs for watching TED Talk videos, and the day's movie marathon and TV series, the Multi-Media Area is attractive and comfortable and still, for the serious student, seriously academic. CILL's entire Video and Audio Collections can be accessed via the MM Area PCs.

Seminar + Meeting Room (the Big Room): CILL's main meeting space, with seating for 60; separated, the rooms host 40 and 16 respectively. Both rooms are equipped with a PC and projection equipment. The rooms routinely host:

- CILL/HDIIME Workshops
- ELC Co-Curricular Activities
- CILL visits by ELC classes
- Special lectures, events and competitions
- ELC Faculty Meetings and Level Meetings
- ELC research and training meetings
- ELC Professional Development events
- ZOOM- and Tencent Meeting-based sessions

Long Room: Newly refurbished and featuring academic texts on language learning and teaching; wall-mounted touch-screen PC and computer-aided presentation set-up for ELC Level (Workgroup) and other meetings, Zoom- and Tencent Meeting-based meetings, presentation practice and research groups. The Long Room also hosts a poster history of ELC's annual English Festival.

CILL Services Rooms: CILL's six core services operate out of these small, comfortably appointed rooms.

Tutoring Rooms: Small, cozy rooms (maximum four people) available for student-teacher consultations, practicing speeches and debates, recording interviews and rehearsing presentations.

Spanish Room: Created to support STU's Spanish major, the Spanish Room is a Spanish language-only space featuring books in Spanish, Spanish-language textbooks and access to CILL's collection of language-learning software.

Japanese Room: Established to support the Japanese language courses at STU, the Japanese Room features anime, manga, magazines and other reading materials both in Japanese and English.

Newsroom: For easy access to the world, the Newsroom features CGTN (news), two dozen popular magazines, *China Daily*, and a comfortable environment for discussion.

Movie Room: The Movie Room provides a small scale (4-5 students) cinema experience of any of CILL's movies.

ELC Faculty Reference Room: ELC's main dedicated research space for faculty.



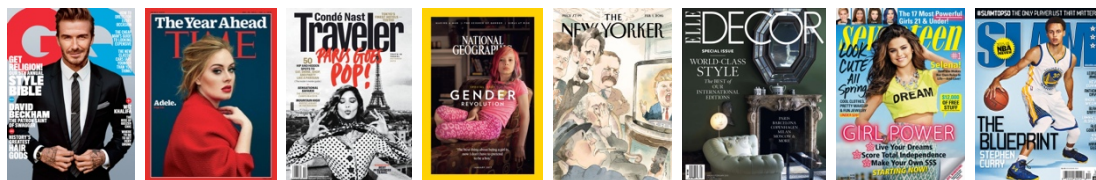
RESOURCES

CILL Collections: CILL provides on-demand access to thousands of language-learning resources. The goal of the CILL Collections is to

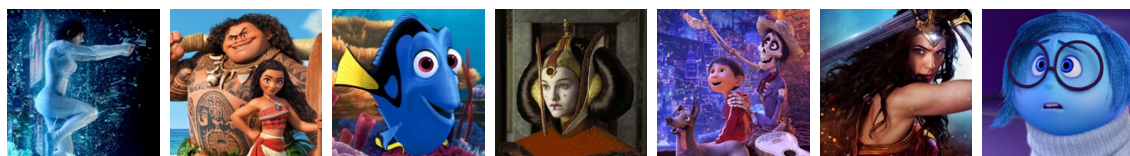
encourage, support and reward extensive reading, listening and viewing.



- **Books:** A 9,000-volume collection of individually selected books to encourage and support extensive reading in English (plus second foreign languages – Spanish, Japanese and French)
 - Popular titles organized by genre and featured author
 - Picture books, comic books and graphic novels, children's books, cookbooks, self-help books, pop-up books, travel guides, art instruction books, design books and more
 - Reference books (including writing references and speaking and interviewing guides)
 - Graded Readers
 - Culture Smart book series



- **Magazines**
 - Two dozen English-language magazines catering to a variety of interests – news, literature, fashion, travel, architecture and interior design, technology, etc.
 - Japanese-language magazines
- **Newspapers:**
 - China Daily (English edition)



- **Movies:** Over 1,200 movies available on-demand on eleven CILL PCs



- **TV Series:** Over 3,500 episodes of popular American and British TV series available on-demand on eleven CILL PCs
- **Audio Books:** Companion CDs for CILL's Graded Reader series and selected other titles
- **Language Learning Software:** English, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Korean, German, Arabic

Screens: Scattered throughout CILL are TV screens with different, dedicated functions. Some provide facility information or language-learning tips, and some promote the facility resources. Others provide light, engaging, alternative language-learning materials: movies, TV series, TED Talk videos, music videos, travel and food videos. TV screens featuring audio are equipped with cordless headphones.

OTHER FEATURES

- Automated book check-out system
- Fully catalogued and searchable book collection
- Online Booking System for CILL Services appointments and ELC Faculty space booking
- Online CILL Information links
- Nineteen student-use PCs with full Internet capability, access to the CILL Video and Audio Collections
- Extensive library of children's books to serve the larger STU community
- Interactive community blackboards, poetry boards, grammar boards, language buddy and language exchange partner boards
- Extensive reference materials for writing, speaking and test-taking skill building
- CKAD student art and design pieces on permanent display
- Hands-on displays
- CILL tours by special arrangement

