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Abstract
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Today is also the day that I’ve observed my first library session. I decided to observe an environmental science class, which exposed me to the Environment Complete database and the PLOS One citation style. The library session was well balanced between group instruction and research time, and much of the session focused on refining search terms so that students got results specific to the subject they’re researching. Next week, I’ll be observing a music class, so I’m excited to see what that holds in store.

Until next time,
Elli Vega