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## welcome to the language center

We are very happy to be releasing the first edition of the monthly Language Center Newsletter. The Newsletter is written by dedicated Language Center Assistants, Robert Parent (Russian '17) and Elizabeth De Los Reyes (Political Science '19), with support from Language Center Director, Teresa Valdez, Ph.D.

The Language Center officially opened in September of last year on the 3rd floor of the newly renovated Douglass Building. Many of you have already visited us, and for those of you who haven't had a chance to get acquainted with our new facilities, we invite you to stop by and check out the space. Services that we currently provide include a cozy and wellfurnished study space, multiple classrooms, foreign language conversation hours, and the Language Center Computer Lab located next door to our main offices.

The Computer Lab is available to anyone who would like sign in and practice a language they're learning for a couple hours. We also provide foreign language keyboards that allow you to type in a different alphabet or enter special characters. Foreign language keyboards available include: Arabic, Japanese, Chinese, Greek, Portuguese, Korean, Russian, Hebrew, German, Polish, and French. Stop by before your next language test!





talk to people and understand them; one cannot share their hopes and aspirations, grasp their history, appreciate their poetry, or savor their songs."

"Without language, one cannot

— Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom

Above: Language Center Living Room 3rd Floor of Douglass Commons

### Who We Are: The Language Center

Hi everyone! It's an exciting time for the Language Center as we continue to grow and provide fruitful language experiences to the students at the U of R. Our team is working diligently to share the exciting world of language and culture with all of you. We will continue to bring inspired people together through our events. Learning a foreign language is not only a marketable skill but a valuable way to broaden your horizons and connect to different communities on campus. Feel free to stop by any of our events and get a taste of what we have to offer at the Language Center.

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### Happening at the Language Center: February 2017

This February the Language Center presents... Italian Movie Night - Habemus Papam with English subtitles. February 8, 6:00PM - 8:30 PM • Join us for the Festival of Food, Film, and Culture! We will be serving traditional Italian appetizers so sit back, relax, and enjoy two hours of non-stop laughter.





## Weekly: Conversation Hours

MON 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.: Portuguese 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Hebrew



WED 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.: Spanish



12:00 - 1:00 p.m.: Turkish **THU** 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.: Japanese 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.: French 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Russian