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Friends,

The following message will be posted to the Library's website late this afternoon. We will begin immediately closing library facilities to users. We have been asked to continue our limited back office services, to the greatest extent feasible. We will be offering guidance for what those services are, and we ask that employees who can contribute to these efforts coordinate with their supervisors and continue to come to work. We expect further guidance from the university on compensation and parameters on sustaining these limited operations. For now, however, I ask that all other Library employees not come to campus to work unless necessary.

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker's "stay-at-home" order issued this afternoon, all University Library locations will be closed to the public, including our faculty and students, immediately through April 7, 2020. The Library will endeavor to provide virtual services during this time, including online access to collections and virtual reference service. Please see library.illinois.edu/covid-19 for further information about access to library services.

Again, thank you all for your amazing contributions in these tumultuous and uncertain times.

Stay well,
John

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