Colleagues:

We realize we are in crunch time with the end of the semester quickly approaching, but would like to provide a few updates, following up on some questions from the Dean’s Hangout on October 22. By the way, you can find this Hangout recording and others on the [Library Quarterly Updates MediaSpace Channel](#).

### Will COVID-19 testing be available over the holidays?

The university will continue to provide on-campus COVID-19 testing sites during breaks and through the Spring 2021 semester. Testing site locations and hours may change during breaks. Testing site locations may not be available during certain holidays. Once these decisions have been made, they will be announced them to the university community. You are encouraged to continue to check the [COVID-19 testing site location webpage](#) for the most up-to-date information.

#### Hours after Thanksgiving

The following hours go into effect November 30, 2020.

**Main Library/ Marshall Gallery**

Open for locker pickup hours and appointment-based services

- M-F: 10am – 5pm
- Saturday: 1 – 4pm (November 14 will be the last Saturday for the lockers in Marshall Gallery until the spring semester)

**Undergraduate Library (UGL)**

Advance appointments available for individual study spaces

- M-Th: 11am – 9pm
- Friday: 11am – 5pm
- Sunday: 3pm – 9pm

**Advance appointments available (minimum one-day notice)**

- Loanable Technology Pickups...M-Th: 11am – 9pm
- Loanable Technology Pickups...Friday: 11am – 5pm
- Loanable Technology Pickups...Sunday: 3 – 9pm

**Grainger Engineering Library Information Center (GELIC)**

Advance appointments available for individual study spaces or computer lab reservations

- M-Th: 11am – 9pm
- Friday: 11am – 5pm
- Sunday: 3pm – 9pm

- Print and Loanable Tech Pickup...W-Th: 1pm – 3pm

### Scanned Item Email Notification

Patrons will now be receiving an additional email notification when the item(s) they have requested will be scanned. The note will read:
The item you have requested from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library catalog, [Title of item], is in our queue to be scanned for online access. You will receive an additional email within 1-10 days with access information once scanning is complete.

Finally, on a personal note, we know this is an incredibly stressful time. We feel it too. As busy as we are, and as worried about the future as we may be, let’s all take a moment to connect with each other and our users, whether that be in our workgroups, teams, meetings, or even our emails. Let’s commit ourselves anew to the values of sharing and generosity of heart that drive our work as librarians, archivists, curators, and other information staff. Perhaps the simplest and best thing we can all do is to be kind and patient with each other and with Library users. There are many things we can’t control, but these are some of the simple things that we can.

Best,

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