Colleagues:

We have several important updates this week. Please contact us if you have questions about any of the following topics.

Reopening: Planning Assumptions

- We have consulted both with the provost and staff responsible for the campus SHIELD program to ensure that our planning assumptions are consistent with campus directions.

- In planning for library services for the fall, we are operating under the assumption that library spaces will be safe for users and staff under the umbrella of the SHIELD program.

- This means that in the fall we will either continue to have WSA support to ensure negative tests and/or vaccination, or if we do not have WSA support it will be because we have reached a point in the pandemic where that level of control is no longer necessary.

- Therefore, we are working with the expectation that public service units will be open for study space and circulation this fall, with levels and hours to be determined.

HathiTrust ETAS Discontinuation

To prepare for the gradual resumption of services, we plan to discontinue use of the HathiTrust ETAS, most likely after the end of the spring term and before the beginning of the summer sessions. We will provide an exact date when determined. Please note that for the summer, we plan to continue print delivery via the locker systems. We are also considering the addition of other pickup locations.

Reopening Discussions

Members of the administrative team are continuing to meet with unit heads to discuss service plans for summer and fall. As more specific plans and options are developed, we will share those with Library staff and users.

Vaccinations

Individuals 16 and older are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination now. To find vaccination locations, one resource you can utilize is vaccinefinder.org.

*We strongly encourage members of the Library community to be vaccinated if and when you are able to do so.* We also acknowledge that some individuals have health conditions or other reasons why they cannot be vaccinated. Please see the campus vaccinations page.


Last Non-instructional Break Day
Tuesday, April 13, is the third and last non-instructional break day this semester and also the first day of Ramadan for those who observe it. Remember, the intent of this day is to provide people time for self-care, recuperation, and to recharge.

Building Access
Just a reminder about access to the building. Please do not let others inside when you enter and exit. We appreciate your efforts to explain this requirement to people wanting to be let in.

Zoom for Outlook Plug-in Change in May
The Zoom for Outlook Plug-in is retiring next month. There is an add-in to replace it. To identify what you’re using now and to make the switch if necessary, read this announcement.

Best,

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