

The library reopens at 8:00am on August 10 to the Meredith Community. When you drop by to visit and make use of our resources you will notice some changes. This email summarizes many of them. Visit our [Staying Strong library guide](#) for more information and links to services. Let us know if you have questions or suggestions.

## **Library Entrance**

Access to the library will be **limited to those with a Camcard**. Be sure to bring your Camcard when you come to visit!

Anyone who does not have a Camcard will need permission from the library dean. An appointment is recommended.

A face covering is also required whenever you are in the library.

You will find that entering the library has changed. Please follow the signs and floor markings.

## **Library Building**

- Library furniture has been rearranged to promote social distancing. We have approximately half as many seats available.
- Service desks have plexiglass partitions and other social distancing measures.
- Floor stickers will indicate where to stand while you wait for service or access to shared equipment.
- Cleaning supplies are provided and we encourage you to engage in frequent cleaning when using common surfaces such as study tables and shared equipment, and to wash and sanitize your hands often.
- Stairwells will be one way.
- Group study rooms have changed. See below.
- Only one person will be permitted in a bookshelf aisle at a time.
- Food for Thought will have expanded offerings, but the Starbucks machine has been removed.
- Shared tools like staplers, scissors, hole punches, and white board markers have been moved to a table near the service desks and wipes have been provided for your safety.

## **Reserves**

The library will not be providing print reserve services this fall. This will be particularly problematic for courses that have relied on the reserves service to share access to textbooks. For assistance in locating alternatives, faculty can contact either Carrie Nichols ([nicholsc@meredith.edu](mailto:nicholsc@meredith.edu)) or Jake Vaccaro ([vaccaroj@meredith.edu](mailto:vaccaroj@meredith.edu)).

## **[Group] Study Rooms**

Library study rooms will be available on a first-come-first-served basis for this year. Stop by the Borrow Desk at the entrance to see if a room is available and, if so, get a key. Room occupancy is limited in most rooms to one or two people. Rooms will remain vacant for a few hours between uses. Cleaning supplies are available at the room entrance to clean the surfaces you encounter.

The library will not have spaces this year to support group study work.

### **Borrowing and Returning Library Materials**

We have lengthened student loan periods for library books to nine weeks. Other library materials including DVDs, laptops, and other equipment have not had their loan period changed.

When books and DVDs are returned, they will be quarantined for a minimum of four days before being available to borrow again.

### **Attending Remote Classes from the Library**

If you plan to attend a remote class from within the library, please note:

- Do not use spaces other than study rooms on the **top** floor of the library to attend remote classes.
- You may use any seating area on the **main and ground** floor.
- Be considerate of those studying near you:
  - Wear headphones
  - Speak softly
  - Do not let your power cord become a tripping hazard

### **For those who don't plan to come to campus this fall**

The library is everywhere you are. We are ready to support students who are not attending classes on campus this fall and faculty teaching remotely.

Most of our collection is available online. Find books and articles using [OneSearch](#) or one of our [databases](#).

If you need a book, a DVD, or a copy of an article from one of our print-only subscriptions, use [these forms](#) to make your request. If you live within 50 miles of campus, we ask you to pick-up and return the books and DVDs. We provide a “touchless” pick-up and return service. If you are farther away, we will mail materials to you and refund the cost to return the materials by media rate.

If you're having problems finding information or want to improve your results, schedule [an appointment with a librarian](#). We enjoy working with students on their research projects. You can also make an appointment with a Peer Research Tutor through [the Learning Center](#).

For a quick bit of advice, use our [Ask a Librarian Chat service](#). This is available whenever a [librarian is available at the Ask Desk](#). You can also call us at 919-760-8095.

The [Learning Center](#) is offering tutoring in all their subject areas remotely. Be sure to take advantage of their services.

### **Information Literacy Instruction Support for Courses**

Research and Instruction Librarians are looking forward to working with faculty and students this fall. [Research Guides](#) have been created for each major and degree program. Librarians are ready to collaborate with faculty to select the best modality to present information literacy skills to their students. For research intensive courses, librarians can build direct connections from your BrightSpace courses to library resources and instruction tailored to your assignments. Talk with the [library liaison for your major](#) for more information.

### **Learning Center**

The Learning Center will open for free, one-on-one tutoring sessions on Monday, August 24th at 8:00 a.m. The appointment process has not changed; please visit [our MyMeredith page](#) to make an appointment. If you do not find what you are looking for, please use the [Live Chat](#) feature for assistance. All first tutoring sessions will be held virtually on Zoom. Recurring sessions may be held face-to-face with the agreement of both the tutor and the tutee. We are looking forward to serving both our face-to-face and remote students this year!

### **Testing Center**

The Testing Center will be open to students requiring face-to-face testing with documented accommodations through Disability Services. Please discuss your testing accommodations with your professor and come see us if we can be of assistance.

### **Change**

The library staff are regularly reviewing guidance around library management in a pandemic. We are also bound by guidelines issued by the College, the City of Raleigh, Wake County, and North Carolina. As new recommendations emerge, our practices may change.

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