

July 6, 2020

Library Re-Opening

After working remotely since March, the Byrnes-Quanbeck Library staff members are back on campus and the building is open. You might notice a few changes within the library building as some things have been moved around to encourage social distancing. Previously, there were five public access computers for anyone to use. Currently, there are three, but usage will be monitored and the other two will be set up if necessary.

To help keep everyone safe, library staff will be:

- Quarantining returned items for three days as recommended by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- Providing disinfectant wipes in public areas and encouraging people to sanitize the space (especially the public computers before use).
- Encouraging the use of the Library Chat feature, even when physically located in the library.
- Posting signs at the Education Building entrance doors that encourage people to practice social distancing and not enter if feeling unwell.
- STEM kits and other materials from the EIC will not be available for check out in the immediate future.
- The EIC area of the library will be open by appointment only.
- Chairs have been removed and tables have been spread out.

New Library Information System

On July 29, the library will go “live” with a new information system. This is the backbone of the library, and while you might not be aware, it operates how you log in to library databases off-campus. If all goes as planned there will be little to no disruptions for users. Library staff will clarify any points of confusion as needed on the library website. Contact library staff if you experience any problems or have questions throughout the summer.

One potential issue that might impact you individually is the use of your library account to save searches or “pin” favorite items. These pinned items, folders, and searches will not transition to the new system. If you have a large number of pinned items or saved searches that you still need to access, contact a librarian for assistance.

NDUS OER Stipends and Fellowship

The OER funding opportunity sent out earlier this week has an update. The application deadline was moved to **July 24**. The OER Fellowship opportunity is limited to seven people, but there is a considerable amount of funding available as OER Stipends. This would be similar to the way our university has used OER funding in the past. Please consider taking this opportunity.