

Dear colleagues,

Librarians and staff at the UTM Library continue to work closely with campus partners to ensure that teaching, learning, and research continue to be supported and that library services are made available (whenever possible) to support faculty, staff, and students. We are also working with our colleagues from across the University of Toronto libraries to provide a coordinated and consistent level of service and support for all, both now and once the University and UTM re-start.

This email will provide you with the latest information about some of the services and supports being provided both remotely and on campus by Library staff and librarians. I am including links to information that will help you plan your classes and support you and your students now and in September. It is also important to note that we are closely following the UofT COVID 19 guidelines. As situations change, I will continue to provide you with up to date information on Library services and spaces.

Check out the Library website for the most up to date information about the Library during COVID 19 and supports and services currently available. And check back on a regular basis for the latest information. <https://library.utm.utoronto.ca>

Once classes start and the Library is open the **stack collections will not be open to patrons**. We will continue to provide access to materials from most of the UTM Library collections through our **curbside pickup service**. Please click on this link to get access to these collections.

<https://utm.library.utoronto.ca/curbside-pickup>

The stacks will remain closed in the fall to ensure that COVID 19 safety practices can be maintained. With the stack collection closed, we will also be able to continue to provide access to the **Hathi Trust ETAS collection** of approx. 3-4 million ebooks for online teaching and learning.

<https://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/linkit/hathi-trust-etas>

The **Short Term Loan/Reserves** collection **will not be available**. **Print textbooks will not be purchased** for lending in the fall. The management of a high lending print collection is not possible in a COVID 19 environment. Please submit your syllabi to the Library's **Syllabus Service** for review by Library staff to ensure materials are available, as much as possible, for teaching in the fall.

Syllabus Service

<https://utm.library.utoronto.ca/faculty/reserves>

Textbooks continue to be problematic in that textbooks are often only available in print and if they are available online it is usually for individual purchase (by individuals) and

not for purchase by libraries. Please read the following statement regarding **textbook use in an online environment**.

<https://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/copyright/support-textbooks-remains-challenge-libraries-online-environment>

The Library's librarians and staff continue to work with campus partners to provide support for your teaching, learning, and research work.

https://utm.library.utoronto.ca/remote-supports?field_resource_category_value=Instructors

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your liaison librarian. They are your link to services and supports in the Library.

Liaison Librarians

<https://library.utm.utoronto.ca/librarians>

We have not yet determined the hours of operations for the Library once the spaces are opened. I will let you know as soon as this has been determined. We will continue to have only certain spaces open, select services available, and social distancing will remain in effect and masks will be mandatory.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
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