



COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Sifting through the mountain of emails pertaining to resources available to libraries and library staff during the COVID-19 pandemic can be a daunting task. Here we have attempted to compile a list of resources that you may find helpful. Stay safe and be well!

From ACRL:

- [Distance Education and Engagement resources](#)
- [ACRL Guide of Pandemic Resources for Academic Libraries](#)

From ASERL:

- [Professional Development Webinars](#)

From Ask the Lawyer:

- [COVID-19 related Q&A](#)
- [Conversations with Academic Directors \(webinar recording\)](#)
 - Transcript available [here](#)

From EBSCO:

- [COVID-19 Resource Center for Academic Libraries](#)

From ExLibris:

- [COVID-19 Best Practice webinar archive](#)

From the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC):

- [Statement on the Global COVID-19 Pandemic and Its Impact on Library Services and Resources](#)
- [Complimentary Expanded Access spreadsheet](#) (includes gratis access and current subscriber only access titles)

From JSTOR:

- Expanded access for participating institutions:
 - [Access to unlicensed collections](#)
 - [Access to more than 35,000 ebooks](#)
- Free access for everyone:
 - [Public Health journal archives](#)
 - [COVID-19 journal articles](#)

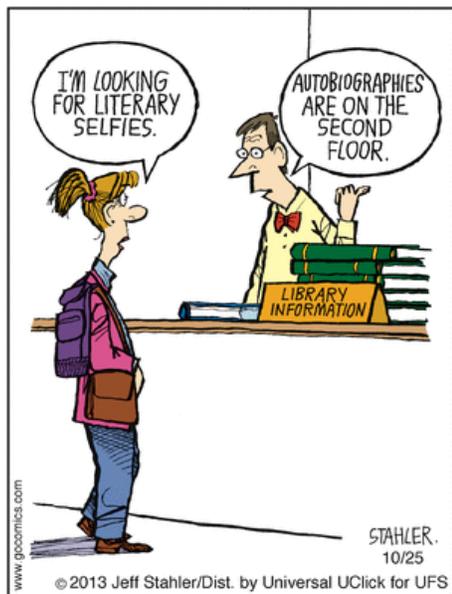
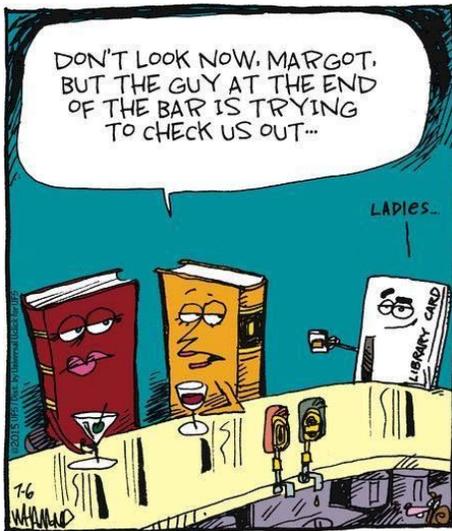
From ProQuest:

- [Coronavirus research database](#)

From University Information Policy Officers (UIPO):

- [Vendor COVID-19 Related Donations and Pro Bono Access](#) (Google doc)

A LITTLE LAUGHTER



An Open Letter to Our Community

I keep hearing people refer to our current state - quarantine, work-from-home, etc. - as the “new normal,” but I tend to disagree with that phrase. This is **not** normal, and I truly hope it never is.

What we’re experiencing is unprecedented in our collective living memory, and we are all struggling to find ways to keep sane and healthy. Amidst the pandemic, those of us that are able to work from home are striving to support our communities, finding new ways to provide necessary resources, and dealing - daily - with new information and how to act, or not, upon it. My mother recently said that I was lucky to be able to work from home and I agree, compared to the millions who have filed for unemployment, I am lucky and I am grateful. Working from home is not easy though, and that initial adjustment period from working in an office environment to working from your home is remarkably, and understatedly, difficult. As a colleague recently said, “This not just ‘work from home because you can,’ this is ‘work from home in a crisis.’” That nuance is important.

Throughout everything going on, I have been inspired and humbled by the response from our professional community - “as tenacious as a librarian” should really be a more regularly used phrase. We are problem-solvers and connection-makers, outside-of-the-box-thinkers and community-builders. Mr. Rogers was frequently on our television when I was growing up, and during this crisis I have had his voice saying, “look for the helpers,” ringing in my ears. You are part of that wide group of global helpers. Thank you for making me proud to call librarianship my profession, and for persevering in the face of adversity.

It’s been said many times, but if you are struggling during this difficult time - and you have no reason *not* to be struggling with this - please reach out to someone. We are truly not in this alone.

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