

Michigan Academic Library Reopening Plans

To share plans for reopening Michigan Academic Libraries

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What is the anticipated opening date for the library building(s) at your institution?: Unknown

What changes (if any) have been made to the library building(s) and/or procedures to slow down the spread of COVID-19?: The campuses have limited access points. The campus libraries remain closed. Staff are working remotely. Library Technicians returned on a limited basis, one staff at a time in the department, in late July. All staff, students, or faculty coming to campus must complete a self-screening questionnaire online with their network login. Personal protective equipment (PPEs) were ordered for each campus library including: gloves, disinfectant spray, paper towels, goggles, and disinfecting wipes. Many of these supplies were hard to source and many attempts were made to monitor and order when available. All staff are to clean their personal areas and any high-touch shared office accessories prior to leaving for the day. Mail and returned items are being quarantined based on the guidelines from the REALM study. A contactless pickup service will soon be implemented where students, staff, and faculty can request books online and they can be picked up at one of the limited access points.

Additional information that you would like to share with fellow library colleagues as your library building(s) reopen:: Oakland Community College is a commuter college and classes for the Fall semester are mostly remote. The libraries continue to offer creative services to meet the needs of remote students. The Library Technicians were given the opportunity to create a re-opening plan to address their concerns and specifics for their campus library locations. A portion of that plan can be found as an attachment. Rather than phases, the re-opening plan moves along what are called Chapters. As of July we started with Chapter 2 and as of September we will be starting Chapter 3. The plan is very detailed and includes sections about: PPEs, Facilities, Materials, Services, and Policies, to name a few. The detailed plan, not included here, remains an internal working document. As the supervisor of the Library Technicians I am very proud of the detailed work provided in the re-opening plan document. Also, I found the discussions beneficial for the Library Technicians, who would normally spend half their day on the front lines, to provide a voice to express re-opening concerns.

If you would like, you can also upload a PDF of your reopening plan here (if it is more than one file, please send additional files by email to heather@miala.org) -no file-

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Additional comments that you would like included: