

Coronavirus Update for Galter Library

Access & Hours

- Library Hours** Galter Library is open **Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm; Saturday, 10am-6pm; Sunday, 12pm-8pm**. These hours refer to the entire library space, i.e. all publicly-accessible areas and levels. Outside of these hours, the library's Extended Hours Study Space is open to FSM affiliates 24/7.
- Access** Galter Library is open to Feinberg School of Medicine affiliated faculty, staff, students, residents, and fellows, Northwestern University students and affiliated hospital staff.
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What to Expect at Galter

- Masks** As masking guidance evolves with the changing conditions of the pandemic, Galter Library continues to follow guidance from the CDC, City of Chicago, and Northwestern University.
- Social & Physical Distancing** Galter Library is zoned for quiet study throughout the entire library. Containers of sanitizing wipes are available throughout the library for patrons to use to clean their space before use. Please follow guidance for occupancy, seating, and use of the space as indicated.
- Food and Drink** Beverages with secure lids (water bottles, travel mugs, take out cups) are permitted. Through a new pilot program, we are testing a food policy. **Food may only be consumed in the Searle Reading Room and Under Mezzanine spaces on the 1st floor** (food is not allowed in the small group rooms). Social activities involving food are not permitted and all waste must be disposed of properly.
- Computers** You may use any available desktop computer. Feel free to sanitize the mouse and keyboard with a sanitizing wipe, available throughout the library.
- Library Space** Capacity limits and restrictions on Galter spaces have been lifted. [Small group rooms](#) are open for use, and reservations are preferred. Preference for the conference rooms is given to groups.
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Help & Services

- Getting Help** If you are onsite, please ask for assistance, at the main service desk near the entrance. If you are working remotely you may call us at 312-503-8126, [email Galter Reference](#) (monitored 10am-4pm, Monday to Friday) or [contact your liaison librarian directly](#). All requests will be answered in a timely manner.
- The list of scheduled [Galter Library classes](#) is updated regularly, and [GalterGuides](#) continue to be a one-stop portal for library instructional content and expert-recommended subject resources. Check out our [COVID-19 Resource Guide](#).
- Library Services** Checkout for most library materials has resumed and items may be requested from other campus libraries or via interlibrary loan.

Library items may be returned at the front service desk during any open hours or in the library drop box located in the Searle Lobby. If you cannot return your items at this time, please request renewals as needed; there will be no penalties.

COVID-19 Resources

Check out our [COVID-19 GalterGuide](#).

Share your COVID-19 Stories

Galter Library is gathering materials to archive the experiences of the Feinberg School of Medicine community during this extraordinary time. [Learn more and submit your story](#).

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