COVID-19/Coronavirus Update for Galter Library: June 2021

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 only. To enter the library, you will be required to use your Wildcard for card reader access through the front entrance at 320 E. Superior Street. No friends, partners, roommates, or “hold the door open”.

Residents and Fellows
To enter the library, you must use a university-issued Wildcard or Northwestern Medicine badge for swipe access. Hospital-issued badges will not work. Contact the Wildcard office directly about obtaining this type of identification.

What to Expect at Galter

Masks
Those who are fully vaccinated no longer are required to wear masks in Galter Library. Anyone who is not fully vaccinated, regardless of the reason, is required to continue masking indoors, in alignment with guidance from the public health agencies and per University policy. ([more details](#))

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. ([more details](#))

Food and Drink
No food is permitted in the library at any time. Beverages with secure lids (water bottles, travel mugs, take out cups) are permitted. ([more details](#))

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.

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](#).
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.

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**COVID-19 Resources**


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**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](https://galter.northwestern.edu/News/coronavirusupdate-june2021.pdf).

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