Dear students, colleagues and community members,

As the entire UA curriculum moved to all online in mid-March as a result of COVID-19, UA Libraries faced an unprecedented need to shift nearly all of its services online in a matter of days. I’m proud to say our faculty and staff rose to the occasion in every library department. As a result, UA students and faculty are getting the library resources and services they need to successfully complete the spring semester in this new environment.

Several stories in this month’s newsletter illustrate how our faculty and staff are developing creative solutions to new challenges. Their commitment truly illustrates the Bear Down spirit that will enable the UA to successfully navigate the COVID-19 era.

Shan C. Sutton
Dean, University of Arizona Libraries

University Libraries makes personal protective equipment

The Main Library is closed, but we’re using our laser cutters and 3D printers for a good cause. As part of the online group AZ Makers Fighting COVID-19, library staff members like technology lead Area Cred, 3D printing specialist Tory Middlebrooks and some of our student workers are making face shields for Banner.

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Read more on Health Sciences Connect ►►►

HathiTrust offers online emergency access to Libraries print collection

We’re pleased to announce that more than one million electronic versions of books we physically own are now available through the HathiTrust Digital Library.

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Libraries Meet Yourself playlist

Looking to discover new music? Stream the playlist from our most recent Libraries Meet Yourself, a staff potluck organized by our Staff Governance Association and Diversity, Social Justice and Equity Council. As you might guess, it was inspired by Tucson Meet Yourself.

Listen to the playlist ►►►

Technology borrowing by the numbers

To support students in their transition to remote learning this past semester, we purchased laptops and checked out more than 500 pieces of technology. Here’s the breakdown:

- 387 laptops and iPads
- 158 accessories including chargers, headphones, projectors and calculators
- 26 digital cameras

Good luck with the rest of the semester, Wildcats!

Jerry Perry receives 2020 Marcia C. Noyes Award

Join us in congratulating Jerry Perry, associate dean for health sciences for University Libraries and director of the Health Sciences Library, for receiving the 2020 Marcia C. Noyes Award. This is the Medical Library Association’s highest professional distinction.

Learn more about Jerry ►►►