



Dear Friends,

As we approach the very welcomed end to 2020, I want to acknowledge and celebrate the truly exceptional work of our library faculty and staff this year.

Their commitment, flexibility, and creative problem-solving have ensured that our services, resources, and expertise have remained available to our university despite the pandemic. I don't think you'll find a university library anywhere in the country that has handled disruptions on campus and online in a more safe and effective manner. Some of our accomplishments include:

- [Loaning laptops and WiFi hotspots](#), as well as other devices for attending online courses, to students in need;
- Safely serving over 40,000 people in the Main and Weaver Libraries;
- Responding to over 20,000 online and in-person reference transactions;
- Completing 1,100 miles in Health & Safety walks throughout Weaver Library since September 1, 2020, ensuring a safe public health environment that protects students, faculty, and staff from COVID-19; and
- Increasing the availability of books and other information resources in online formats and through our pick-up service.

I also want to express our gratitude to the donors who have made contributions this year in a time of great need and budgetary uncertainty. Your generosity has enabled us to extend services to support remote learning and expand our technology lending program, empowering students facing technology and financial barriers to attending online courses since March. Your support is deeply appreciated and will help propel us to new achievements in 2021.

Best wishes for the new year!

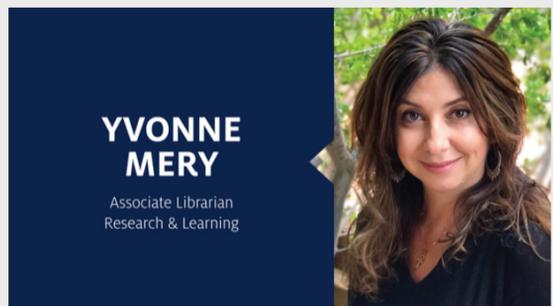
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Call for proposals for U.S.-Mexico borderlands grant

We're excited to announce a call for proposals for grant awards that focus on the U.S.-Mexico borderlands, data storytelling, open access through digital publishing, and library services.

[Learn more about the process](#) ▶▶▶



Librarian recognized for innovation and teaching

Congratulations to Associate Librarian **Yvonne Mery**! She was recently recognized by the Association of College & Research Libraries Instruction Section Teaching Methods Committee for her innovation and outstanding contributions to student learning.

[Read more about Yvonne](#) ▶▶▶



Buildings & services

Dec. 19-20: Weaver Library is closed.
Dec. 21-Jan. 8: Special Collections is closed.
Dec. 21-23: Weaver Library is open 12-6pm.
Dec. 24-Jan. 1: Main and Weaver Libraries are closed; chat, email, and interlibrary loan will be offline as well.

[See our hours for details](#) ▶▶▶



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