

## Working from Home, Week 5

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TGIF!

It is hard to believe five weeks have gone by!

This week went by really quickly and I know I am having a hard time finding big patches of time to work on big projects. A lot of information is flying around and I try to attend all the Face to Face' and Town Halls, or any campus level meeting where I might learn something useful to all of you or the library.

I think we are going to be in this for the long haul and I learned this week that all summer classes will be online. No decision has been reached regarding whether or not employees will be returning to campus or not – simply too early to tell.

I also heard this week that it is really important for people to take their holiday, personal, and annual leave. There are concerns about November and December and if everyone holds onto their leave, they may find it may not be granted by their unit. So please take leave! I would hate for anyone to get in a situation where they lose leave

On the environmentally friendly part of today's message, campus is dialing back electricity and heat and cooling in campus buildings, including the library.

And speaking of the library, I hope you all saw the pictures of the HS/HSL all lit in red in support of our healthcare workers? The HS/HSL was front and center! <https://www.umaryland.edu/news/archived-news/april-2020/umb-shines-light-on-front-line-heroes-.php>

Our week started off with the RML responding to the horrific tornadoes in Georgia and Mississippi. We checked in with the major libraries in the area and thankfully, while there was property damage in some places, no one was injured.

I met with the CATS staff this week – always lots of fun. If you haven't heard, Sandy Galvez will be returning to the HS/HSL on April 27 to fill John Cunningham's position. It will be good to have her back! Also, Brian continues to make our 3D printer hum. In addition to the headpieces for the face shields, he is now mass producing ear protectors with a goal of producing 500 of them! You may have seen the picture he sent out.

For a number of years, the Resources Division has been yearning for a new scanner and finally, this week, their wish was granted! A fancy shmancy new scanner arrived on Monday thanks to some RML funds and some USMAI funds. Unfortunately they can't use it until we get back on site 😞

A friend shared this with me - here's a thought for this week, even if you are not a coffee drinker:



Everyone stay safe, wear facemasks, and wash your hands!

I miss you!

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