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Good Afternoon!

I am going to take my own advice and take the day off tomorrow. A nice long weekend! But lots to share.

1. It occurred to me that I needed to change my Subject Line going forward because we passed a major milestone this week when a plucky bunch of HS/HSL-ers re-entered the library this past Monday to begin readying the library for our limited opening. All sorts of activities from signs to moving technology to going through mail to checking in books are taking place. I stopped in on Monday and it was a really odd experience. The building is incredibly clean. The new furniture looks great. It was so nice to see the team that was there but it is just a different experience – plastic shields, face masks – just odd.
2. I hope everyone saw Dr. Jarrell’s letter earlier today about getting retested if you are going to be in the building. And I quote **“UMB will require that all students, faculty, and staff coming to campus between Sept. 7 and Sept. 26 receive a negative COVID-19 test during that period.”** My interpretation is that if you are going to be in the library, a second test is necessary and you can still be on campus until you get results. If you have any questions, let me know and I will try to find out the answer for you.
3. Christina reminds us to fill out the SAFE form.
4. Don’t forget Thom’s request for a selfie. I have to do that myself.
5. On the celebration front, I am pleased to report the RML submitted its 5 year (2021-2026) proposal two weeks ahead of time with no errors – that is a huge accomplishment. Congratulations to Tony and the entire RML staff, Aphrodite, and Alexa. Congratulations also to James who worked with Tony and others to submit an application for the Network Services Office (NWSO). As I mentioned before we will be competing with the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Virginia for the honor of serving as the regional library office for the new Region 1 (PA, NJ, DE, KY, WV, MD, DC, VA, NC). Proposals will be evaluated in December and we will know if we are successful next February/March. Please keep your fingers and toes crossed.
6. You may have heard about the street art gallery on the Pearl Street underpass which is made up of art from the first volume of the 1807 Literary Magazine – take a look at the videos – it is a beautiful addition to our university <https://www.umaryland.edu/arts/journal/pearl-gallery-2020/>
7. You all should have received an invitation to this year’s Founders Week Gala on October 10th. It’s virtual and free! No masks and you only have to get dressed up from the waist up or not at all! I heard there were some issues with matching emails and names – just ignore that – we are all invited!
8. You may have seen an announcement this week that the Grid is leaving its location across

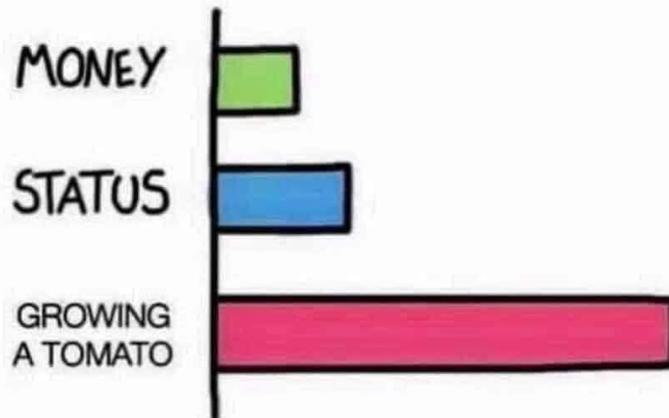
MLK and moving into the HS/HSL. Eventually, they will be moving to the north end of our third floor. There are a lot of moving pieces to this, including returning on site and I will certainly keep you posted as this progresses.

I had lots of good humor images this week. It was hard to pick one so here are three:

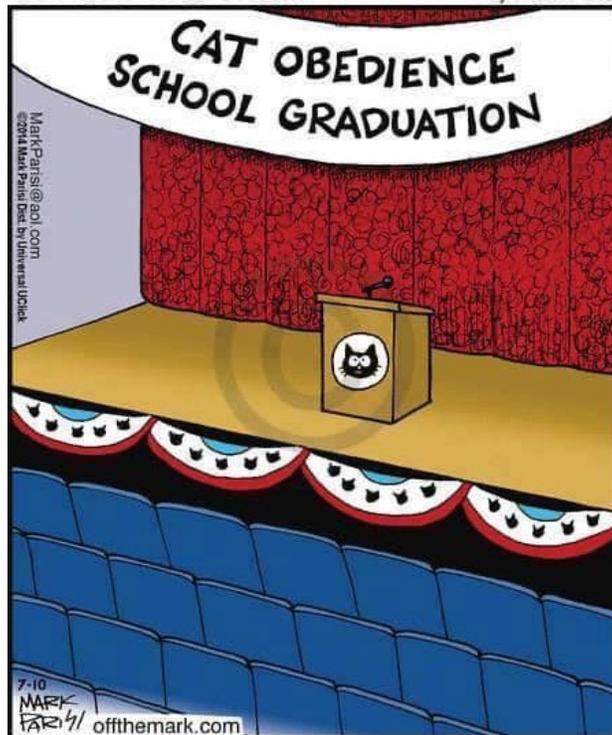


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