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Happy Friday!

This week really flew by – incredibly busy and next week doesn't look much better, and then it is Thanksgiving week. Yikes!

Looking back over the week and all the meetings and emails, I can see the following is happening:

1. The Diversity Task Force is working hard on finalizing a needs assessment for our staff to help set a direction for the HS/HSL's diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.
2. A team is working on our Annual Report.
3. The December Connective Issues comes out soon – many are writing feverishly!
4. Thom is working on the holiday card.
5. Interviews took place for the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research Librarian position.
6. Interviews took place for the ILL position.
7. Meetings were held regarding collection cuts.
8. There was a fantastic UMB talk by former ABC News correspondent, Ann Compton.
9. As part of a search committee in the Provost's Office, I reviewed 51 CV's for one position.
10. And lots of meetings, bloody meetings! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vE7jfQt2ic4>) I can't sit any more.

I am sure all of you are just as busy pitching in on these and many other projects. Thank you!
It seems to me that everyone is trying to squish in as much as possible before the end of the year.

One thing I would like to ask you to think about is the communication that came out yesterday from Jonathan Bratt (<https://www.umaryland.edu/coronavirus/content/campus-operations/encouraging-the-use-of-md-covid-alert.php>) regarding the smartphone app, MD COVID Alert. It notifies you if you have been potentially exposed to someone testing positive for COVID-19 and that is important for contact tracing. I know many are concerned about privacy. I know I was, however I learned that this has been used in Europe and I believe their privacy restrictions and use of personal information guidelines are the strictest in the world. COVID-19 cases are rising exponentially and this may be one more way to stay safe. However, it is up to you.

Finally, there is a chill in the air and I have enjoyed the fall foliage although much was knocked down during the rain this week. Two of my favorite recent fall shots – a leaf and a hydrangea bush:



And some library humor:



Stay safe and well!

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