We are online to support you!

The Dentistry Library staff continue to work remotely due to the COVID-19 closure. This is in accordance with the University of Toronto COVID-19’s Guidelines to Reopen Research Spaces. During this time, our users can still borrow our print books, request scans of our print journal articles, and use our online services. For updates on the current library operations, please keep checking our website. Below are a few services that we will continue to offer throughout the summer.

One-on-one appointments via Zoom or Teams: You can schedule 60 or 90 minute one-on-one appointments with the librarian for advanced searching on specific dental topics that you are writing or researching about. In addition, you can meet with us to learn about citation management systems, information retrieval, research metrics, and course-based instruction.

Scan and Deliver: If you need an article that is only available in print at the Dentistry Library, you may request a scan. The PDF will be forwarded to you upon request.

Curbside Pickup: If you need a print book from our library you may request it using the Curbside Pickup service. Please note, at this time, the pickup location is the Robarts library, not the Dentistry Library.

Virtual Reference Desk: If you have quick questions about advanced searching, citation management, article and book retrieval, or other library related questions, you may reach us via the Virtual Reference Desk Monday to Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Scoping and Systematic Review Service: If you are part of a team that is undertaking a knowledge synthesis project, please be aware that the library offers different levels of support for advanced searching, managing citations, writing, and the editing methods section of your manuscript.

New LibrarySearch and Dentistry Library Website

You may have notice a few changes to our online presence:

- The Dentistry Library’s website was updated to new version, Drupal 8.
- University of Toronto (UofT) Libraries implemented a new discovery tool for the library catalogue called LibrarySearch. This new tool retrieves more than just print and online resources, it also replaces the MyAccount feature. This means you can login one time, using your UTORID and password, and view your checked out items, manage library fines, holds, and interlibrary loan requests, as well as access our online resources and holdings.
- To improve user experience, you now can login to our online resources and services using your UTORID and Password. As of March 31st, the option of Library Barcode and PIN is no longer available.
- If you have any feedback on the functionality and look of either the website or the catalogue, please let us know. For more information and instruction on how to use the new LibrarySearch, please visit our guide LibrarySearch Tips LibGuide.
New in Databases and Citation Management Systems

Clarivate’s EndNote 20 is now available at the UofT Bookstore at a discount for UofT students, staff and faculty. New features focus on the user interface, and include:

- Reference summary which puts critical information first
- Redesigned easy search experience
- Redesigned PDF viewer with annotation tools

The OVID SP platform has some exciting news for those who conduct advanced searching in team settings. Beginning March 31st, a new feature in OVID will help users seamlessly share search strategies with colleagues, allowing the recipient to rerun the search with one click. Users will see three new buttons in the Search History Panel: Email All Search History, Copy Search History Link, and Copy Search History Details. The additional features do not affect any existing workflows in Ovid, they simply allow users to copy, share, and collaborate on searches more easily. Stay tuned for more information.

Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialities (CPS): The former RxTx has changed its name back to CPS.

New Books

A list of new online dentistry ebooks is available on our blog. We hope to restart receiving print books again shortly before we reopen. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for dental titles, both print and online, please let us know.

Staff News

Madeline Gerbig: We would like to thank Madeline Gerbig for joining our team at the Dentistry Library as Liaison and Instruction Librarian while Maria Zych was on maternity leave. Madeline joined us from May 2019 to November 2020. During her time here, she was essential in launching the Systematic and Scoping Review service at the Dentistry Library and in shifting as many services online as possible during the unexpected pandemic closure in March 2020. She took part in the pilot project for reopening the Library late in Winter 2020 and was able to gather feedback from our users to draft a report. Once we reopen, we will use that feedback to assess our hours of operation. Thank you Madeline for all your hard work at the Dentistry Library. We wish you much success in your new role as Chemistry Librarian at UofT.

Margot Froud: Margot Froud, the long time Reference Specialist at the Dentistry Library, has recently retired! Margot begun her career at the Dentistry Library in 1978. As the daughter and niece of Faculty of Dentistry Alumni, she took much pride in working with the dental collection. Her main responsibilities included curating our periodicals, offering interlibrary loan services, and staffing the reference desk. In the late 1990s, Margot was instrumental in switching our records from the print to the online catalogue. In her most recent position as a Reference Specialist, she answered more in-depth questions about citation management, advanced searching, and dental history. She continues to have an interest in Canadian dental history and will visit the library and museum once we reopen. Congratulations Margot! We wish you all the best in beginning this new chapter.

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