Bastyr Library Changes
Starting Summer 2019

There are some changes coming to Bastyr Library – read about the new services and hours, and all the options that are now available.

Why are we making changes? Staffing models at libraries have been changing across higher ed, and now they are changing at Bastyr too! Traditionally, long staffed-hours used to be necessary to allow students to access resources like print journals which weren’t available for check-out. However, over the last 15 years, library materials have been moving more towards online availability, so the need for extremely long staffed-hours are a bit of an anachronism.

Why not just carry on with the previous hours anyway?
If our budget was infinite, we would! Unfortunately, that’s not the reality for library budgets. Did you know that library resources (like all the full text articles, and clinical consult tools like UpToDate) increase their fees by roughly 5-7% every year? Libraries across the US are struggling to balance student needs with the constant price hikes from publishers.

In order to make the best use of the library budget, without passing on extra costs to students, we are trying to target our service hours more strategically. We kept detailed data on usage patterns, and have seen that library usage falls into two categories: “passive” or “active”. We considered “passive usage” to be things that didn’t require an interaction with library staff, or with physical, library-specific resources: things like printing, using study tables, or working on personal computers. As all of those services are available in other places, we believe the best way to proceed is to reduce library hours that were only being used for “passive” interactions as those needs can still be met by other campus resources. This ensures that we can continue to provide access to all the other resources - like the databases, full-text articles, and UpToDate.

Still have questions? As always, bring them to us in the library in person, online or via chat!

NEW SERVICES

Book a time directly with a librarian for research assistance
- Check our librarians’ calendars for available slots and select the one that works best for you - no more emailing back and forth.

Use video conferencing to speak with a librarian from home!
- Not planning on being on campus? Or needing to meet out of hours? Make your appointment a video conference! (subject to librarian availability)
- For video conferences you can also set appointments with librarians at either campus.
- Unlike phone calls, we can share our screens to demonstrate the searches and resources with you.

Of course you’re always welcome to drop-in during opening hours too!
NEW HOURS

Summer Quarter Library Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

Fall | Winter | Spring Quarter Library Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

Spring Break & Summer Break Library Hours:
Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

Winter Break Hours:
CLOSED

Things that are still available to you outside of the library:
Printing: in the basement lab
Silent study: on the 5th Floor
Models: available in the open lab on Saturdays 9am – 1pm in Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters

ALL our online databases, journals and ebooks are available on and off-campus with your BU login

Limited librarian reference consultation appointments will also be available out of hours - check our individual calendars to see our availability!

We’ll also be allowing check-out of reserve books over the weekends