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EXPANDED LIBRARY PRIVILEGES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Library is expanding borrowing privileges for ASU graduate students in order to provide easier access to the books they need for their advanced studies. Effective March 27, when campus returns from Spring Break, the loan period for graduate students will be increased from 30 days to 45 days, and the maximum number of items on loan at a given time will be increased from 25 to 40.

The 45 day loan period, combined with the two online renewals per item that each person may receive, will cover more than the length of a semester. This will give graduate students the added capability of checking out books in the latter part of one semester and keeping them well into the next term without dealing with a fixed end-of-term due date.

As it will be more likely for resources to be checked out for longer periods, there will almost certainly be more recalls placed on books. Materials borrowed by graduate students will still be subject to recall, as are resources checked out to anyone who borrows from the Dean B. Ellis Library.

Any questions about the expanded borrowing privileges for graduate students should be directed to Jeff Bailey at 972-2724 or jbailey@astate.edu.
STATEMENT REGARDING ASBESTOS REMOVAL WORK IN THE LIBRARY

• Abatement of the folded panel ceiling on the 3rd floor of Ellis Library will be performed during the week of spring break. Work will begin on Saturday the 18th and will be completed by Sunday the 26th. Scaffolding is being erected and will remain until the new ceiling finishes are installed. During the abatement process, air monitoring will be performed inside and outside the work area to insure that there are no hazards for any building occupants during this time. The area will be contained with poly and all air exiting the work area to the exterior of the building will be filtered by HEPA filters.

If there are any additional questions, please direct these to Terry Carty at 680-4729.

The Library Science, Curriculum Lab, and Federal Documents collections are still open and available for use. To access these collections, follow the green directional signage to the alternate route to these collections.

All library personnel will continue to work throughout this entire period. The Library Dean’s Office, which is immediately adjacent to the work area, will remain open and personnel will continue to work there throughout this project. Dr. George Grant, Dean of the Library, will continue to work from his office during this time and he and Jeff Bailey, Head of Public Services will be available during regular business hours to respond to any concerns you may have.

SPRING BREAK WEEK LIBRARY HOURS

• The Library will have reduced hours during the week of Spring Break. The Library will be closed on Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19, and will be open from 7:30am until 5:00pm Monday, March 20 through Friday, March 24. After being closed on Saturday, March 25, we will resume our regular schedule at 2:00pm on Sunday, March 26.

All web-based Library resources, including our online catalog, databases, and Interlibrary Loan request forms, will be available throughout the entire Spring Break period.

Students are encouraged to submit feedback or ask questions about topics covered in this newsletter. To do so, email Jeff Bailey, Head of Public Services at jbailey@astate.edu.

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