

Dear staff members,

In these days of uncertainty, seclusion and distancing that have been forced upon us, the library is attempting to serve this semester's distance learning and instruction needs in the best manner possible.

The library staff is working from home in shifts, to answer questions, provide instruction and process purchase requests.

The library's databases - are open to the BGU community (ID required).

Numerous information suppliers have opened their journals and other materials to which we are not subscribed, including online courses and tools for computer-based instruction. For your convenience, we have collected this information on a special page on the [library's site](#)

Inter-library loan services - You can order journal articles and chapters from online books.

Orders can be placed via the library catalog (as usual). For assistance, please interl@bgu.ac.il

Reference questions and guidance finding books or articles or locating materials for papers – staff and students are invited to yaatz@bgu.ac.il

There is a large quantity of online materials available for instruction and for writing papers. Please update your students and encourage them to begin their research while they have the time.

Scanning book chapters and journal articles from the library's print collection – Our staff will continue scanning and sending materials from the library's physical collection, to fill instructors' distance teaching. If possible, we will scan and send you the material you need for the semester. Please send you requests to yaatz@bgu.ac.il

Be aware: We cannot scan an entire book, only selected chapters. You can upload scanned material to Moodle as needed for current lessons, delete the material when it is no longer in use, and replace it with additional chapters. At the end of the semester, you need to delete the material in order not to violate copyright restrictions.

Ordering books - Please send your lists of books for purchase to your contact librarian (as usual). At the current time preference is, of course, for e-book editions. We will make every effort to provide electronic access as quickly as possible. Print books will arrive when we have returned to regular service.

Access to electronic resources - If there are special requests for access during the semester, please notify me, and I will try to arrange a trial period or temporary free access.

All the up-to-date information is available on the library's homepage:

[Aranne Library](#)

[The Medical Library](#)

You are invited to contact me with any questions or problems: igeller@bgu.ac.il 050-2029740

The library staff and I wish all of us good health and a speedy return to routine.

Ilona Geller, Library Director