Poll comments

 ​Yes, our building is open! We have been open online throughout, but we did close our building in mid-March through mid-August. We reopened out building to current students and employees only in mid-August with shortened hours - no late nights and only a few weekend hours. The population of students living on campus is small, and roughly 75% of our classes are being taught online - those that are hybrid may only have a few days of on campus instruction. We are unable to welcome community members, unfortunately. We will shorten our hours further after Thanksgiving - all remaining classes and finals will be online after the holiday. Winter semester will begin after the MLK holiday and we expect Winter to be similar to Fall. Summer - we don't know! If classes are all online, as they were last summer, we may close the building and be open online only, with staff working from home or in the building on an inventory project.

​Our stacks are mostly off limits. This is mostly because there are study areas throughout our stacks, and it is too much for us to monitor with a reduced staff - we have about 2/3 of our staff working primarily from home. We also feel that our stacks have poor ventilation - our building is older. We do allow faculty to browse if they request it.

​As noted above, it is both! Since so many of our classes are being held online or are hybrid, our librarians are primarily working remotely, and all reference and instruction is being offered online. All meetings are held online. All tech services and administrative work that can be done remotely is being done so. Staff whose work requires that they work in-house have some hours assigned in-house and other hours assigned to training and digitization or other projects they can work on remotely. In a few cases, we have provided a laptop for staff to be able to work from home. All staff are required to have an internet connection to be approved to telecommute.

1.  We are open, but with somewhat limited hours vs. last year.  Attendance is WAY down, the whole campus has fewer people on it as grad school is all online and undergrad mostly on ground.

2.  The stacks are closed, though that is not hard and fast.  We retrieve for the students what they want.  If someone insisted we would have them pull books and go to a table, then we would take it from there when they leave.  We clean every table that has been used with a cleaner the campus facilities gave us.  (students take an "occupied" sign, place on their table, then turn it sideways when they have gone.  We then clean there.)

3. Remote work: we did it during the shutdown until June, then try to rotate so not all staff are here at the same time.  We do online chat and that can be done from home easily, and almost everything is doable from home except supplying interloan that is print-specific.  We go virtual after Thanksgiving and may be doing more remote work then, but I expect some of us will be present in the library during that time as well.  (possibly, the campus may be closed to students but I am not sure about that yet.)

Yes, our library is open. However, although we retained 7 days of operations, we have reduced hours of operation from 93.5 per week to 56, a loss of 37.5 hours of operations. This was due in part to a staff reduction brought on by COVID, and dividing the remaining 4 staff into 2 teams of 2 employees. One team is on campus S/M/T and Sat, and the other is on site W/TH/F, remote M/T. We have 3 student assistants to fill in the gaps, down from a team of 12.

We have seen a large reduction in the number of users, in spite of our dorms being filled to capacity, but they are numbers we can safely accommodate. When students enter, we greet them at the front, advise them to disinfect their table and chair before sitting, to make sure it's clean for their use, keep their masks on with nose, mouth and chin covered the entire time they are in the space, and rewipe and disinfect when they leave. We have a reservation system on our homepage, but have not had to use it. For this, we are using sign-up genius, free online with restrictions, and it has worked fine for our needs.

2) If you are open, are the stacks open?

Our stacks are closed. Our campus is taking no chances with student infection and decided to err on the side of caution. It is easy to close our stacks because our library is physically divided into 2 parts, a collaborative side and the stacks side. Stacks are now staff access only. Items, any items at all, are being quarantined for a minimum of 96 hours. When staff empty the drop box, they double glove. Our drop box on the outside of the building we are in is open, the one directly located on the library wall, depositing into staff work, space is closed.

Additionally, with our staff reduction, we need our 2 staff members near the entrance to be immediately available for any student inquiries. If we are policing in the stacks side, it reduces our availability for walk-ins.

* What extra precautions/procedures, if any, are you taking in regards to patrons accessing the stacks? N/A

3) If you are not open, is the staff working remotely? We are open physically and working remotely as well. I routed our phones to the circulation staff's home/cell phones, so they could answer phones and limit the use of the phones by staff in the building, to reduce exposure to high touch surfaces. We also have a separate local chat queue for students wishing to converse with our library staff directly (hours, info-to-go, etc.). More staff will be trained on the chat software as time allows. I've also encouraged staff to work on policies, professional development and the LOC transcription projects.

1. Yes, the Library is open here at Kirtland Community College in Grayling, MI. All staff are working on campus. Students can print, use tables and study rooms (socially distanced, of course), and access the reference librarian.

2. Stacks are not open to students and employees. We are happy to retrieve whatever they need. I am thinking that I may open the stacks in the near future. I would provide a cart for each patron so they can place items removed from shelves on the cart and then we can let them sit for a couple of days before returning to the shelves. We would restrict the number in the stacks at any one time so as to keep everyone distanced.

1.       We’re completely open, both to students and the public.

2.       Yes, the stacks are open.  For better or worse, we don’t have a lot of people walking around the stacks touching books, so we’re not very concerned with infected surfaces in the stacks.  We do have hand sanitizer in several places throughout the library.

3.       We were working remotely from mid-March through Mid-June, but all staff are on campus now.

1)  Is the your Library open?

The Bailey Library is open virtually. Where possible we have shifted all our services to a virtual format. For example reference chats, reference zoom meetings, zoom librarian instruction sessions, virtual student engagement activities, online item requests, increased electronic resources.

We do offer limited on campus, contact free services such as item pick ups. Students can pick up items outside (similar to curbside).

2) If you are open, are the stacks open?

n/a

  \*   What extra precautions/procedures, if any, are you taking in regards to patrons accessing the stacks?

3) If you are not open, is the staff working remotely?

Yes. All staff are working remotely. Only very few staff are allowed back on campus for essential services such as the limited item pick up.

Access to campus is strictly monitored. Even for our limited pick up times supervisors have to submit staff on campus hours over a week ahead of time, all people going to campus must check in through campus safety for health screening, and when leaving must submit an exit survey to notify custodial staff of where to clean. All staff must wear masks, all staff must maintain social distancing. All exterior doors are locked and access is restricted to approved people on campus.

1)  Is the your Library open? We are fully open to employees and students only. Our hours are Monday, 8-8 and Tuesday-Friday, 8-5. We do provide curbside service to patrons who request it.

However, NMC is closing from Thanksgiving until the Spring semester - as in closing campuses and going fully remote during that time. We will be offering curbside by appointment, online reference consultations and teaching virtually. We will reopen the library (hopefully) on January 4, a week before classes start again.

2) If you are open, are the stacks open? They are open. Returns are quarantined for 4 days. Gloves are available for patrons who choose to use them while browsing, but not required.

3) If you are not open, is the staff working remotely? While we are open we are staffing at half-capacity. We only have two or three employees in the library at any time. Most days that means one student worker, one parapro and one librarian. My library services specialist who is the paraprofessional who basically keeps us running in terms of day-to-day operations works 4 days a week. I have an instructional librarian who works from the library only one day a week. During the spring semester I intend to distribute potential exposure a little more evenly (doesn't that sound awful?) by requiring no one works more than 3 days a week and everyone works at least 2 IN the library. I'm working onsite 3 days a week and home 2.

I actually think the half-capacity is critical to keeping the library open. I am currently quarantining because of a known exposure. Had I also tested positive AND worked with my full staff we would ALL have to be quarantined at the same time!

We have a brand new, multi-million dollar, gorgeous library and almost no patronage.

Our campuses are closed; staff and faculty may request access for a 20-minute visit, escorted by a public safety officer, in order to retrieve files, equipment, personal property, etc.  There is no access to print books, dvds, etc.

We are working remotely -- librarians do instruction sessions via Zoom, create handouts and tutorials and videos and libguides, answer questions via chat, teach our credit classes remotely, and offer half-hour online research consultations for students.  As far as I know, all full and part-time faculty and staff are working; we don't currently have student workers.

Our college has announced that all campuses will be closed at least though March 2021 (the end of our Winter term).  I wouldn't be surprised if that's extended to June.

1.      We are only open virtually. We are starting “contact free” pickup in Winter Semester but users will not be allowed in the building. They will place holds electronically and we will have limited pick-up outside 3 times per week for schedule pickups. Significant steps are being taken when this occurs including 6 foot distancing and masks, tracking of each individual in the library and dates/times, complete building lockdown, quarantine of returns, extension of all checkouts for the full semester, no MEL, etc.

a.      We will be doing three programs:

                                                    i.     Winter Laptop/Hotspot Blitz to allow students to get their laptop/hotspot before the end of this semester for use all of next semester.

                                                   ii.     Early bird Faculty Pick-up – to allow faculty to place and pick-up holds before winter break.

                                                  iii.     Winter Contact Free Check Out – for faculty, students and staff only.

2.      Yes, the team has been working remotely since the beginning and has shifted services and activities to the online environment. Some services shifted in areas (for example, Access Services did more development of virtual programs, Librarians had so shift liaisons areas to balance workloads better, etc.)