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Communicating with medical library users during COVID-19

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APPENDIX A

Harvey Cushing/John Hay Whitney Medical Library communication plan

Primary audience

Audience		Goal	Format	Frequency	Owner
Yale Medical Center: includes Graduate Medical Education Community, which includes: residents, fellows, attendings, program directors, associate program directors, and program coordinators	•	Build awareness of library classes, services, and resources Create desire to visit and utilize library services and tools Cultivate library-patron relationships	Primary: Blog posts, digital signage, flyers, emails, web banners, Yale School of Medicine (YSM) digest, YSM calendar, tabling events, personal/department librarians, annual reports Secondary: News coverage, campus presentations, event attendance	Varies (multiple times a month)	Liaison librarians; library staff; library director
	•	Create partnerships among departments			
Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH)	clas res	Build awareness of library classes, services, and resources	Primary: Blog posts, digital signage, flyers, emails, web banners, YNHH bulletin, tabling events, annual reports	Varies (multiple times a month)	Clinical librarians; Marketing and Communications
		Create desire to utilize library services and tools	Secondary: News coverage, campus presentations, event attendance		Committee; library director
	•	Encourage interaction between hospital and library			



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Secondary audience

Audience	Goal	Format	Frequency	Owner
Yale University Library staff	 Build awareness of library classes and services Encourage cross-library collaborations 	Primary: Website/blog, emails, Yale University Library (YUL) calendar, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library (CWML) calendar, committee work, annual reports Secondary: News coverage, presentations, events, trainings	As needed	Marketing and Communications Committee
Yale Colleges and Center for Science and Social Science Information (CSSSI)	 Build awareness of library classes, services, and resources Encourage use of collections Collaborations among campus departments 	Primary: Website/blog, Yale calendar, YUL calendar Secondary: News coverage	Monthly	Marketing and Communications Committee
West Campus Centers	Awareness of library classes, services, and resourcesEncourage use of collections	Primary: Website/blog, newsletter, Yale calendar Secondary: News coverage	Quarterly	Marketing and Communications Committee
Donors and associates	Updates on library goings-onFunding opportunitiesSpecial events	Primary: Website/blog, targeted emails, annual reports Secondary: News coverage	Few times a year	Library director; Marketing and Communications Committee



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Tertiary audience

Audience	Goal	Format
Outside Yale (New England	Awareness of special initiatives	Primary: Website/blog, Yale calendar
Public)	Promotion of the Cushing Center	Secondary: News coverage; Yale, YSM, YUL social media
Peer institutions	 Updates on library goings-on Awareness of special initiatives	Primary: Website/blog, email discussion lists, conference presentations, Yale calendar, professional organizations Secondary: News coverage; Yale, YSM, YUL social media
Medical libraries; historical/archival collections	Updates on special collections and acquisitions	Primary: Website/blog, email discussion lists, conference presentations, Yale calendar, professional organizations
	Awareness of research opportunities	Secondary: News coverage; Yale, YSM, YUL social media
Potential researchers	Awareness of research opportunities	Primary: Website/blog, email discussion lists, conference presentations, professional organizations
	Updates on special collections and acquisitions	Secondary: News coverage; Yale, YSM, YUL social media
Hospital patients	Awareness of library classes, services, and resources	Primary: Blog posts, web banners, YNHH bulletin, tabling events Secondary: News coverage