






D. E. O’Shaughnessy Library

As of June 15, 2020, the OST Campus is officially open. The D. E. O’Shaughnessy Library remained open during this time of COVID-19, offering limited access and sources to our patrons. The DEOL will follow the guidelines regarding COVID-19 from OST, the CDC, the county and state.

During this time of COVID-19, we are adjusting to follow new norms regarding library access. The library staff is available to assist you via e-mail and telephone.

The library staff thanks you in advance for your understanding and patience as we move into a new way of research and access.

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Library hours

The D. E. O’Shaughnessy Library will be open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. starting June 15, 2020, through July 31, 2020. Updates will be posted to the library website as they become available.

Gaining access to the library

As a precaution, the library is limiting access to the building to the OST Community. If you are a student, faculty, or staff, you may gain access to the D. E. O’Shaughnessy Library with your OST ID.

If you are a member of an institution with whom the D. E. O’Shaughnessy Library maintains a lending/borrowing agreement, you may call the Circulation Desk (210-341-1366 ext. 311) to inquire about access.

Protocols while visiting the library

Remember to bring your OST ID to gain access to the library building. You must wear a face mask while on campus. Upon arriving at the library, the staff at the circulation desk will take your temperature. If your temperature is 100.4 or higher, the staff member will document your visit, and ask you to leave for both your protection and that of the library staff, and others.

Our computers, as some of our study areas have seats that are close to each other, you are asked to be conscious of and practice social distancing. In the case where people are too close to each other, the library staff will ask you to distance from each other.

At checkout, you may stand directly in front of the plexiglass after you place your books to the left of the plexiglass.

If you are browsing in the stack area and pull books from the shelf, please do not return them to the shelf. Return books to the book trucks throughout the area and staff will process them for re-shelving.

Please hold on to your belongings while in the library. We are asking that you do not leave your belongings behind the circulation desk.

[Returning books to the library](#)

DEOL has extended all due dates to August 31, 2020, and has waived overdue fines through August 31, 2020. You may return books to the library as long as you abide by the protocols listed above. The quarantine for books returned is three days.

The DEOL ILL department has requested renewals for outstanding ILL books. However, if you no longer need your ILL book, you may return it to DEOL. You may find ILL updates on the library website.

ILLs may be submitted, but keep in mind that physical books are difficult to borrow because many libraries are still closed. The formats easier to acquire through ILL are essays, book chapters, and articles.

If you have any questions regarding your ILL books, you may contact the DEOL Circulation Desk (210-341-1366 ext. 311) or contact Ms. Carmen Rodriguez at crodriguez@ost.edu.

[Remote access to collections](#)

The DEOL WorldCat Discovery/Catalog is available from the library website (<https://ost.edu/oshaghnessy-library/>). When searching the catalog remotely, your access information or user ID is the first part of your OST e-mail. The password to gain access is the same as your OST e-mail password. You may find this and other information on Moodle.