



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **D. H. Hill Library to Resume Overnight Hours, Services**

As part of ongoing efforts to protect programs and materials vital to student learning, the North Carolina State University administration has announced that **overnight hours and services will resume at D. H. Hill Library effective October 16.** Weeknight hours at the library will be extended until 2:00 A.M., beginning Sunday, September 22.

“Encouraged by the joint conference committee budget report, we have decided to restore services because of a strong belief that the NCSU Libraries are a central and vital resource for our students and faculty,” Provost Stuart Cooper said. **“We are committed to meeting the fiscal challenges we must address as state legislators refine the state’s budget, but likewise, we are resolute that our students must not be deprived of access to the library resources.”**

Hours and services at the library had been trimmed back this summer as part of campus-wide reductions, as a result of anticipated cuts to the university caused by the state budget shortfall.

Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan K. Nutter and her staff worked closely with the Provost’s Office to develop the plan for resuming the services. Under the plan, D. H. Hill Library will remain open from midnight to 7:00 A.M. Sunday through Thursday. Two security guards—one at the entrance and one roaming the building—will be assigned to D. H. Hill Library between 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. The library will continue to close at 10:00 P.M. on Fridays and Saturdays, as it did prior to this year’s reductions.

Restoration of these services comes at a particularly critical time for NCSU Libraries, Nutter says.



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“We have observed that use of the library has been significantly greater during the first two weeks of this academic year than it has in past years, a trend that’s been observed at research libraries nationwide,” she said. “Our facilities are now more than 50 percent over capacity. Resuming overnight hours and basic services helps ensure equitable access to our resources for all NC State students and faculty.”

The restored hours and services will become effective October 16, immediately after fall break. That gives the library time to hire and prepare its staff, Nutter says.

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