



# The PIPELINE

April 2018

## Taylor Hours: April 2018

|                      | Monday–Thursday | Friday         | Saturday       | Sunday         |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Taylor</b>        | 8:00am–11:00pm  | 8:00am–9:00pm  | 10:30am–9:00pm | 10:30am–9:00pm |
| <b>InfoDesk</b>      | 9:00am–5:00pm   | 9:00am–5:00pm  | <b>CLOSED</b>  | 10:30am–5:00pm |
| <b>Research Help</b> | 11:30am–3:30pm  | 11:30am–3:30pm | <b>CLOSED</b>  | <b>CLOSED</b>  |

### Extended Library Hours

**April 9 - 29**

The Library will be **open extended hours** as an academic study hall during exam season.

Taylor is open from **8am-midnight**, April 9-29.

Please note that the hours for the InfoDesk and Research Help remain the same.

Need a break from studying during the April exam period? Taylor Library, along with other Western Libraries locations, can offer you some fun “brain breaks”, including:

- \* Therapy Dogs on April 5 from 1-2:30pm (Taylor Library’s main floor)
- \* Colouring books
- \* Puzzles
- \* Lego
- \* Giant games
- ... and more!



Look for our study break activities this April. **Good luck on your exams!**

## The *More Bees, Please!* Edition By: M. Goldhawk

New research from the United States Department of Agriculture and partners indicates that mowing the lawn less frequently can improve the habitat for bees. Susannah Lerman, a research ecologist with the USDA Forest Service, led the study in the suburbs of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Pollinators, such as bees, provide essential functions in agricultural and natural ecosystems. Unfortunately, bee populations are experiencing significant declines on a global scale; this problem is attributable to loss and alteration of habitat due to urban development and the intensification of agricultural practices, among other factors.



Anthidium February 2008-1 by Wikipedia

As it turns out, anyone with a lawn can make contributions to help these declining populations by improving their habitat with a “lazy lawnmower” approach. More specifically, the researchers found that abundance of bees was

greatest when lawns were mowed every 2 weeks, and diversity of bees was greatest when mowing happened every 3 weeks. On the other hand, frequent mowing inhibits the growth of weeds, like dandelions and clovers; these flower species provide pollen and nectar sources throughout the growing season that will allow bees to flourish.

To sum up, “bee” mindful of your lawn care habits and buzz off with that lawnmower!

References

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