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Changes Throughout the Branches
This semester, we also introduced new improvements across our other library locations. The Education Media Center underwent renovations and is now equipped with more electrical outlets to better meet the needs of students and faculty, new hardwood flooring was installed, and new equipment for EMC employees was purchased so that they may provide services more efficiently. The Gunnin Architecture Library was also outfitted with more electrical outlets.

Cooper Library changes include new carpeting on the 4th floor lobby, and the security desk services have moved from beside the exit doors to the circulation desk. Additionally, we have new furniture in the James F. Byrnes room to create an up-to-date and collaborative environment.

2018 Open Educational Resource Stipends
Congratulations to the faculty recipients of the 2018 OER Stipends! These educators received cost-free instructional materials for their students, saving them approximately $40,000 from purchasing traditional textbooks. At the end of the semester, our Open Educational Resource Librarian, Yang Wu, will survey students to obtain feedback on the OER courses and use it to further foster OER education.

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Closing Remarks
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