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What is the Design System?

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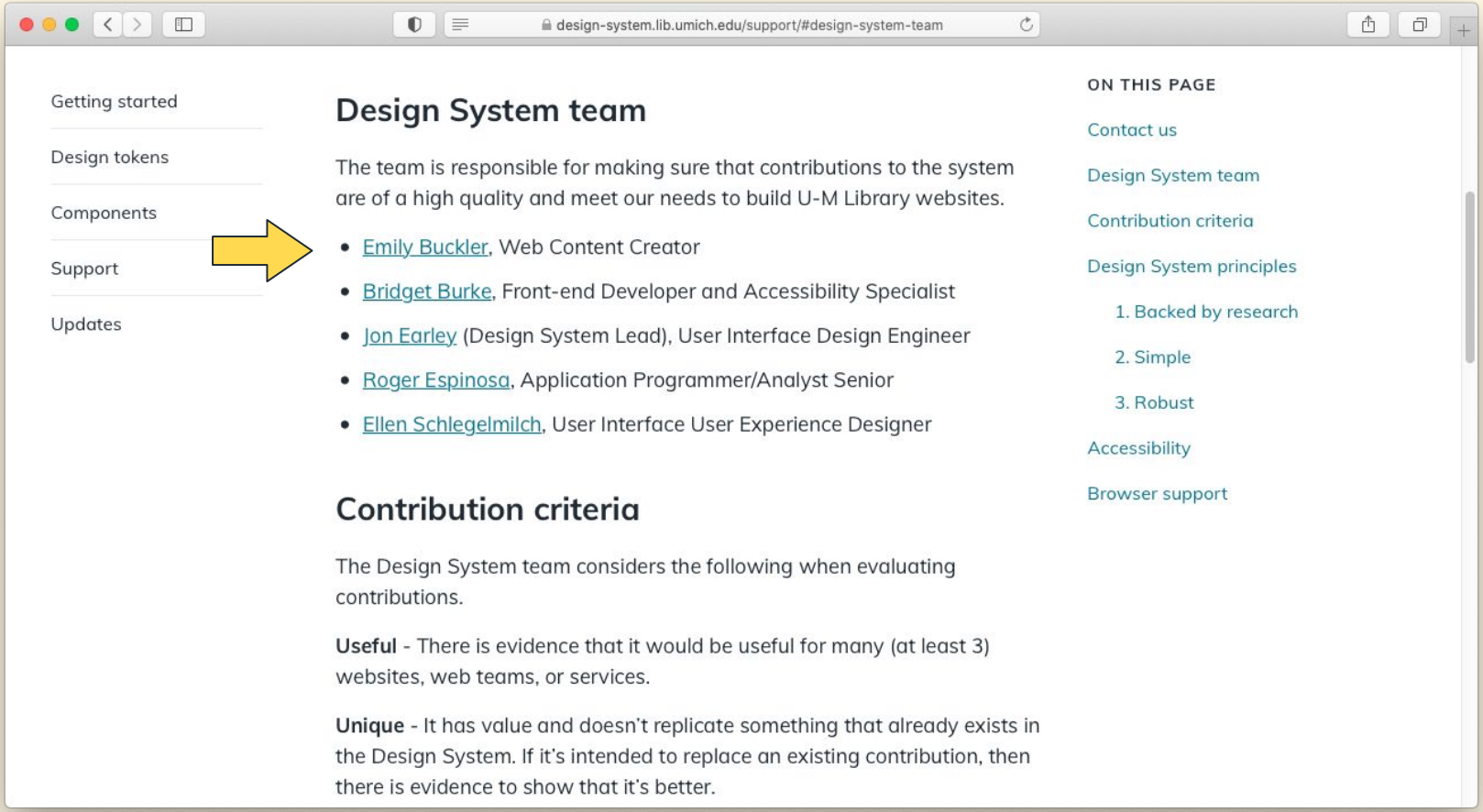
Meet the team

We aim to include a wide range of web expertise.



We believe good design requires cross-disciplinary work.

Let’s use the Universal Header to illustrate what we do.

- Why do we have a Universal Header and what can it do?
- What’s the technology and how is it maintained?

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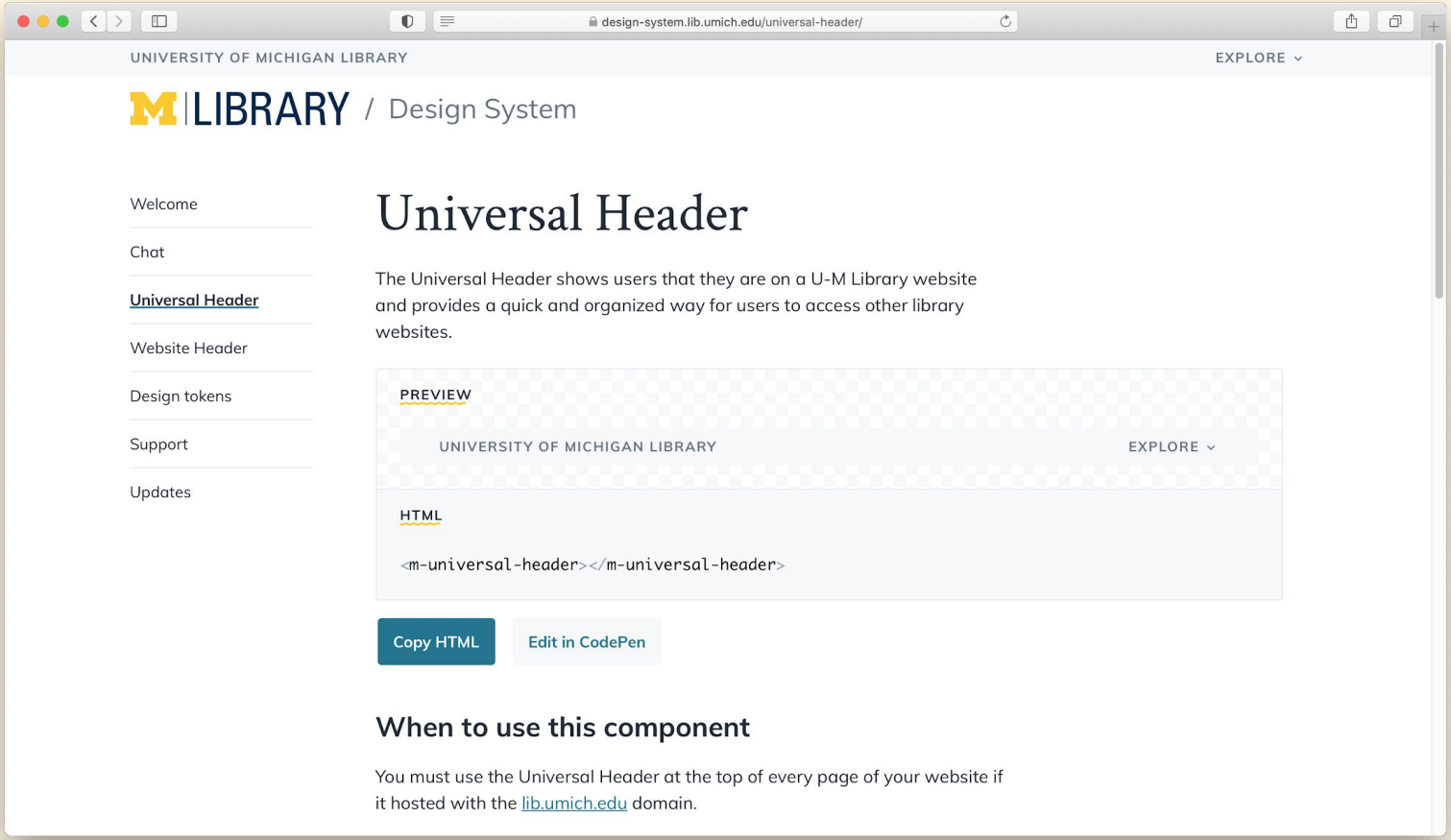

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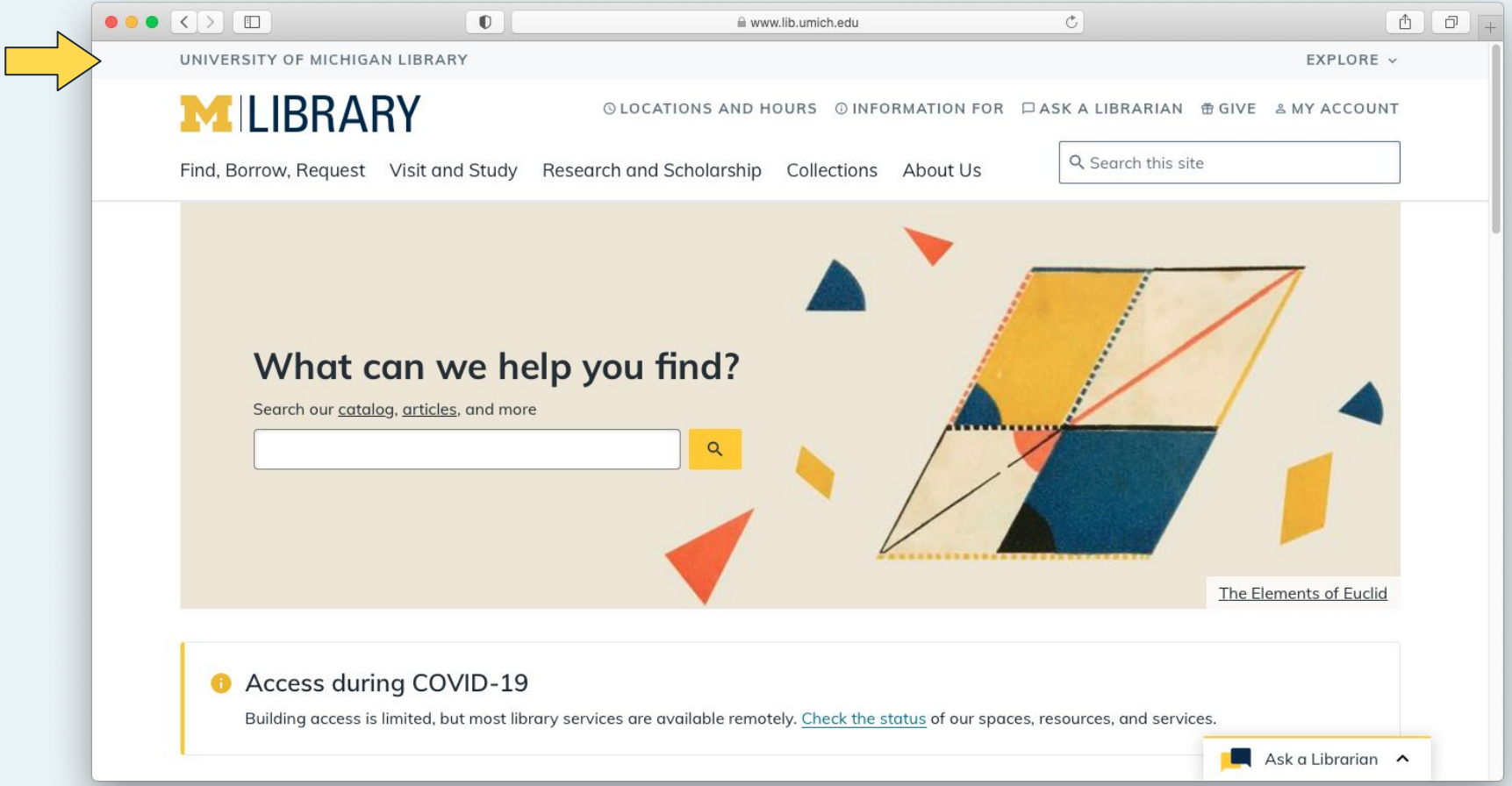

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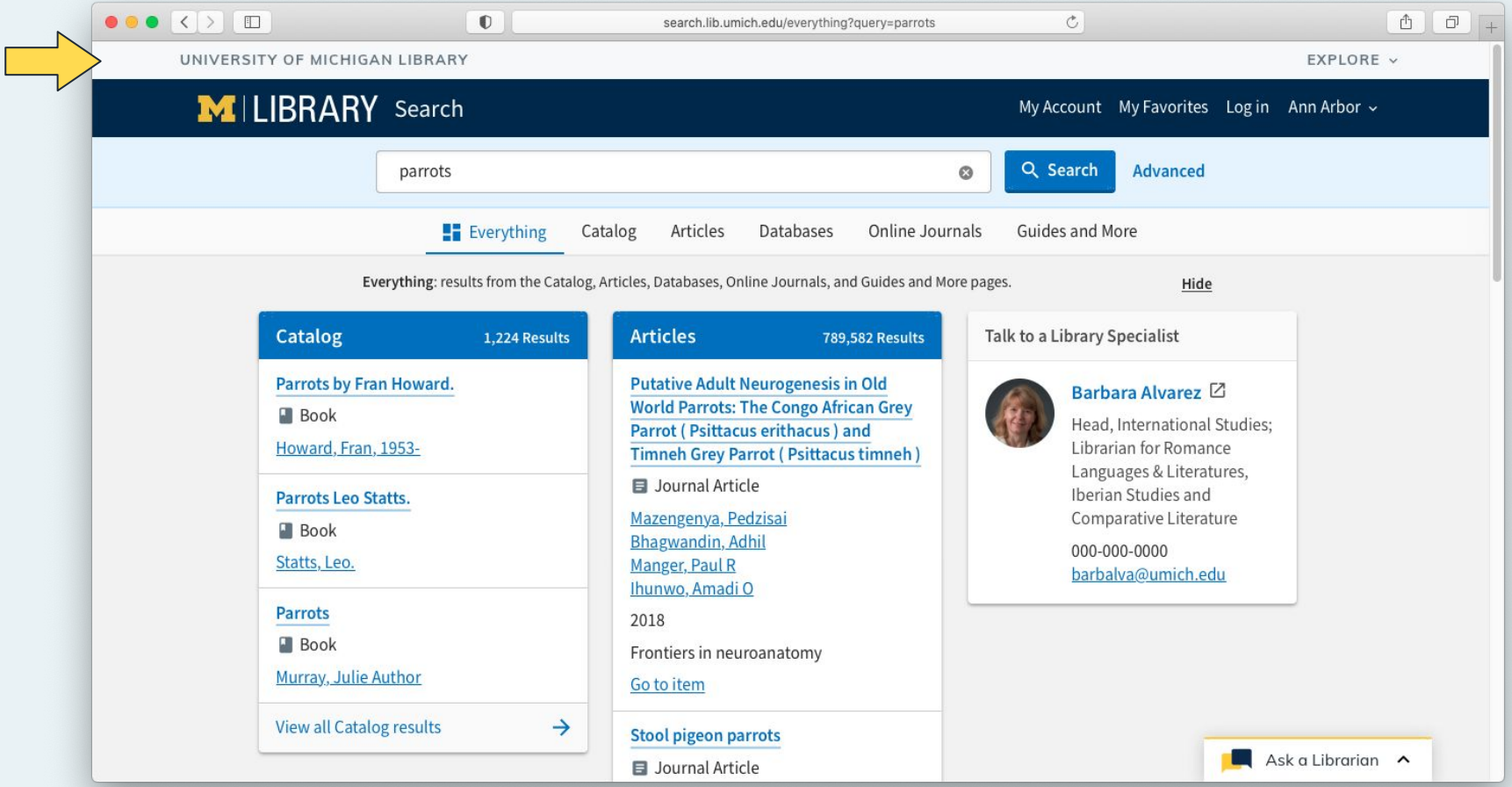
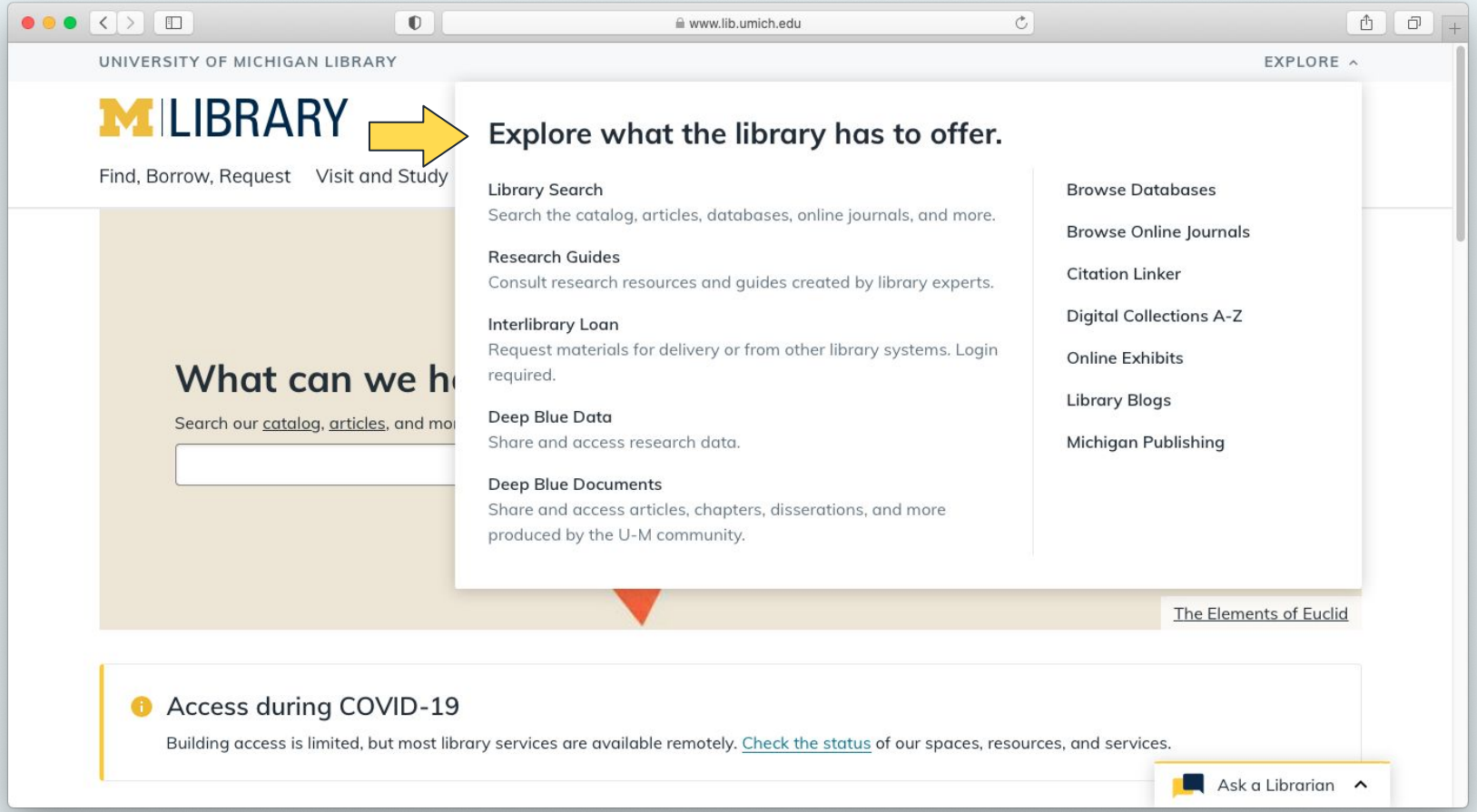


...and provides a quick and organized way for users to access library websites.



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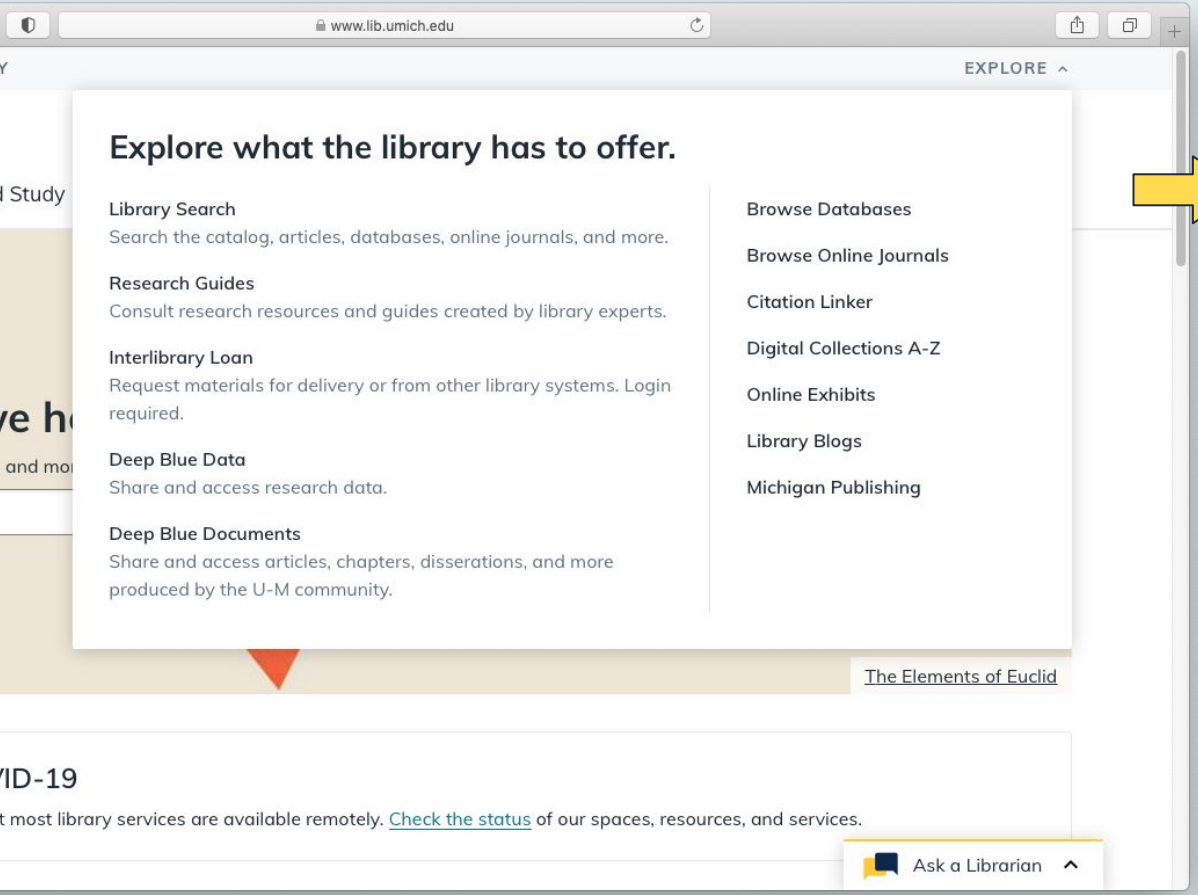
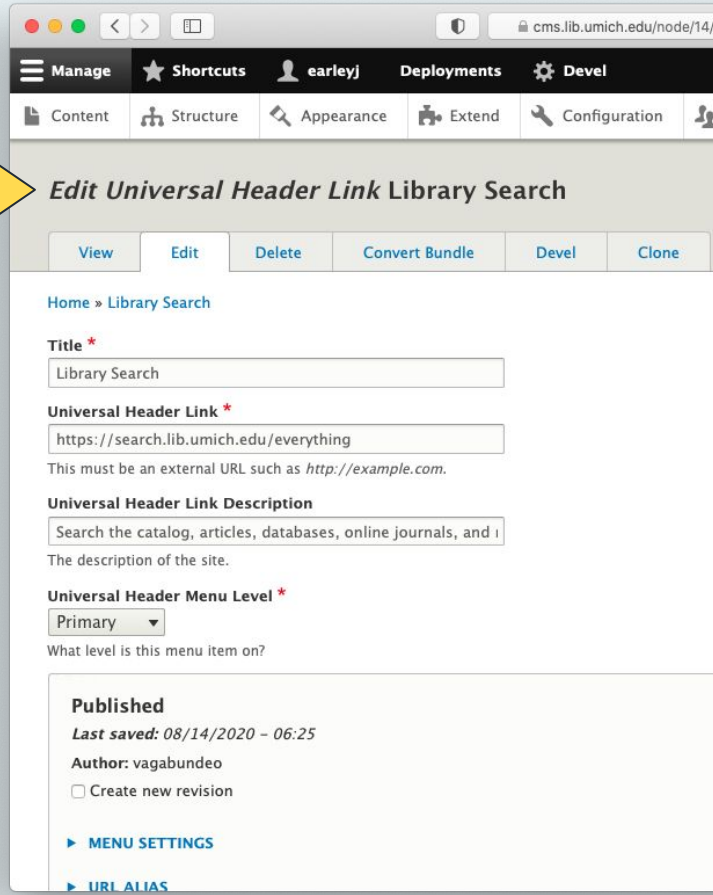
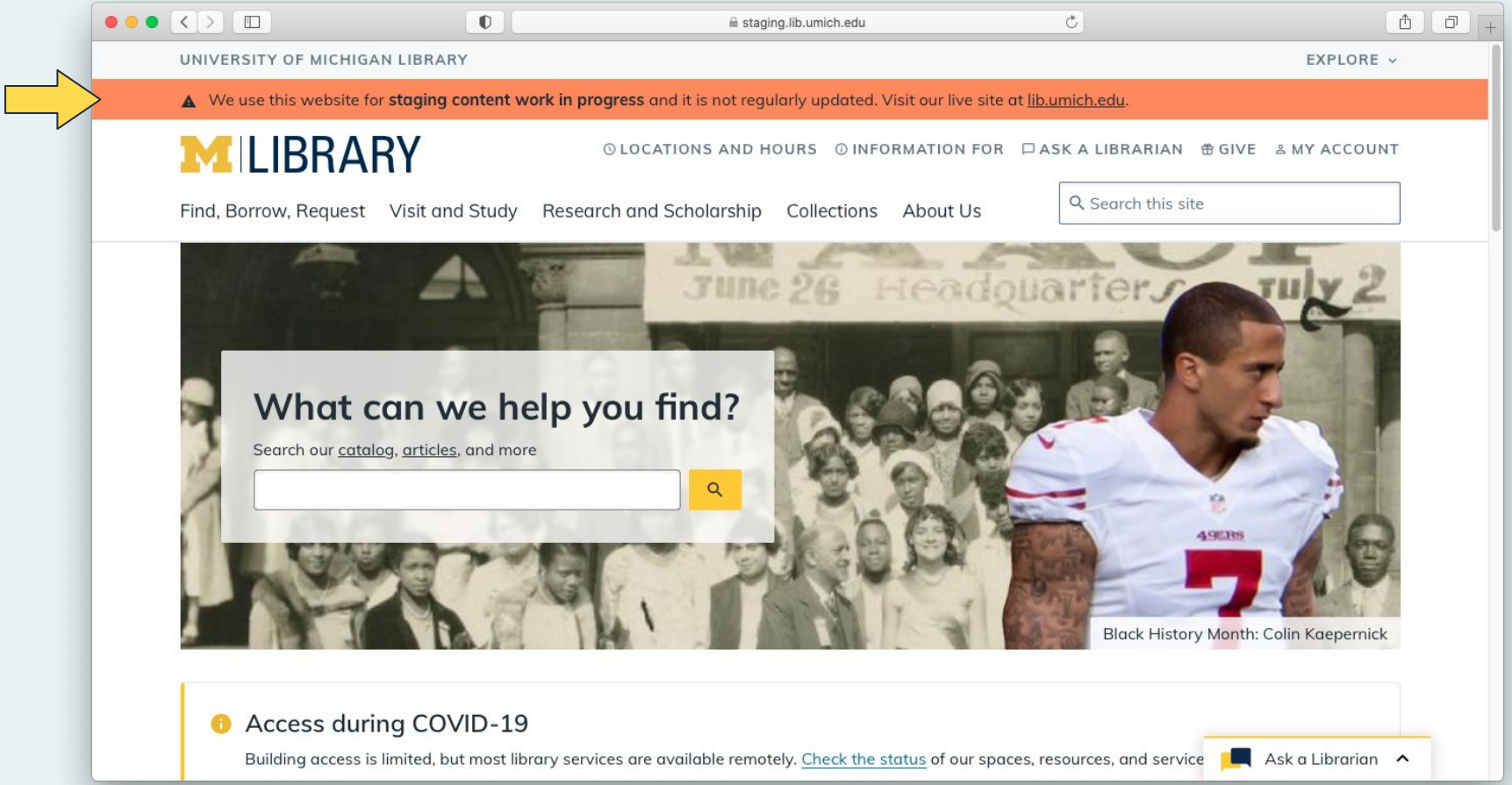
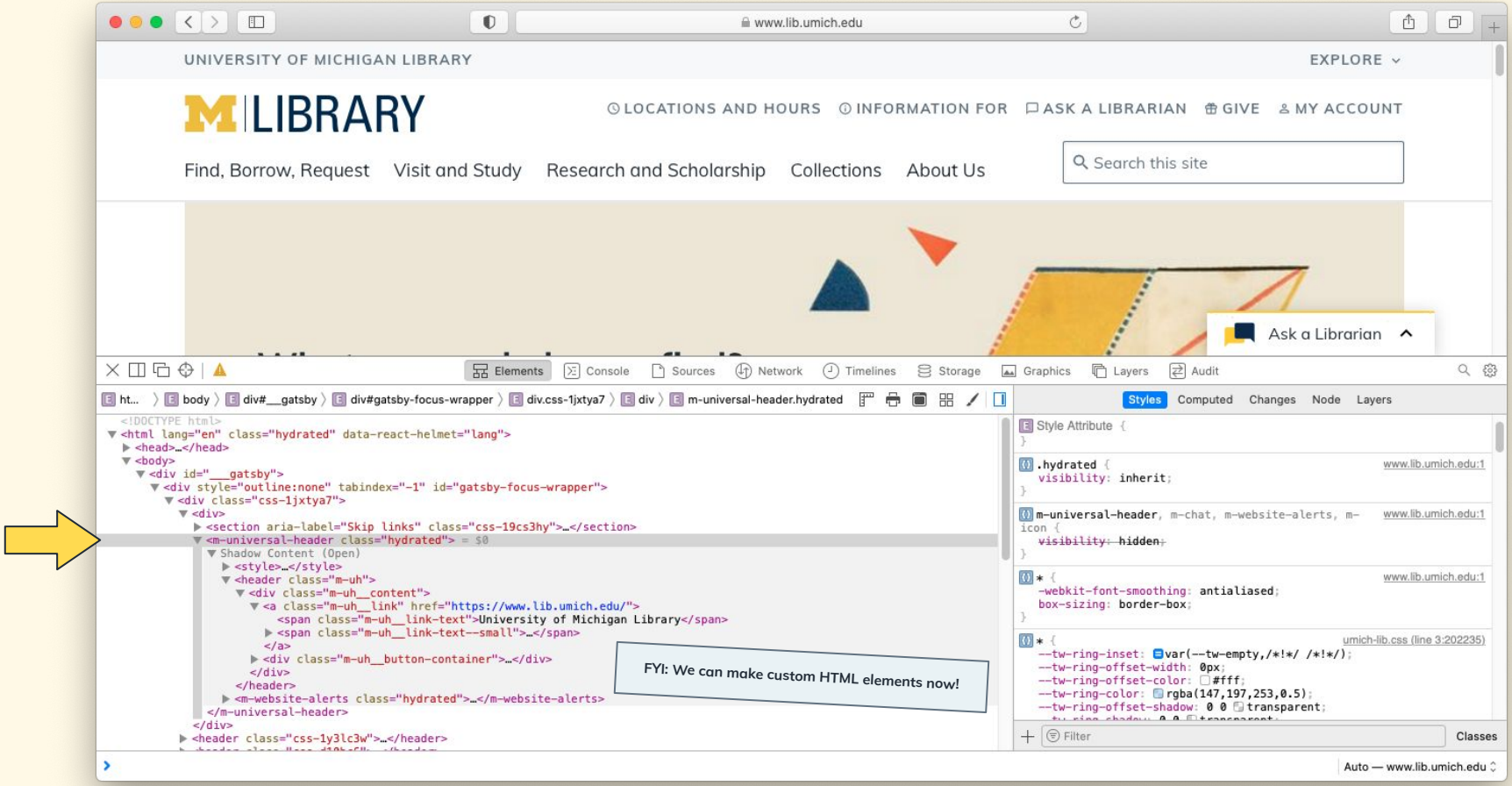




Website Alert content is managed from the Staff Intranet.



The **<m-universal-header>** custom HTML element is based on web standards.



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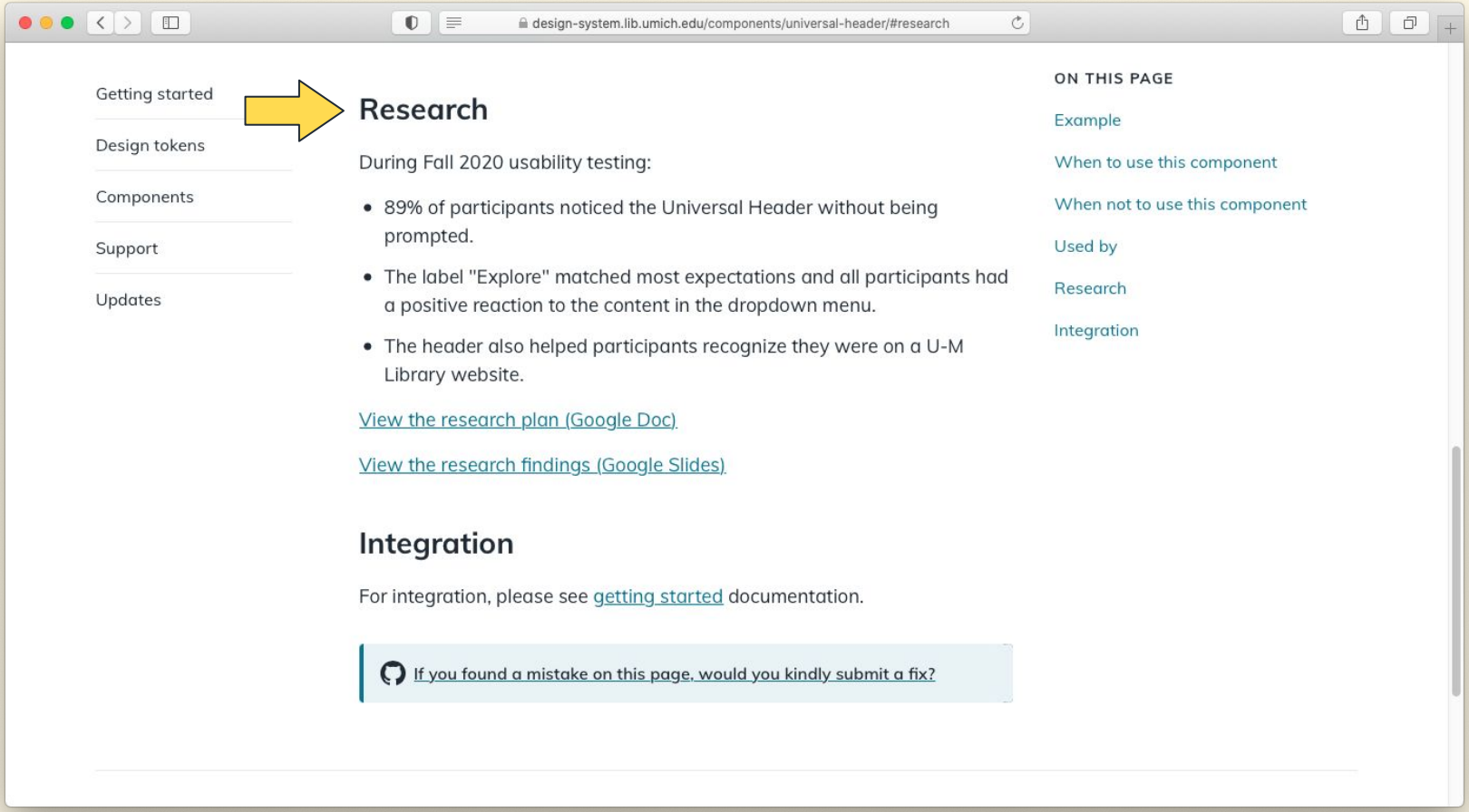
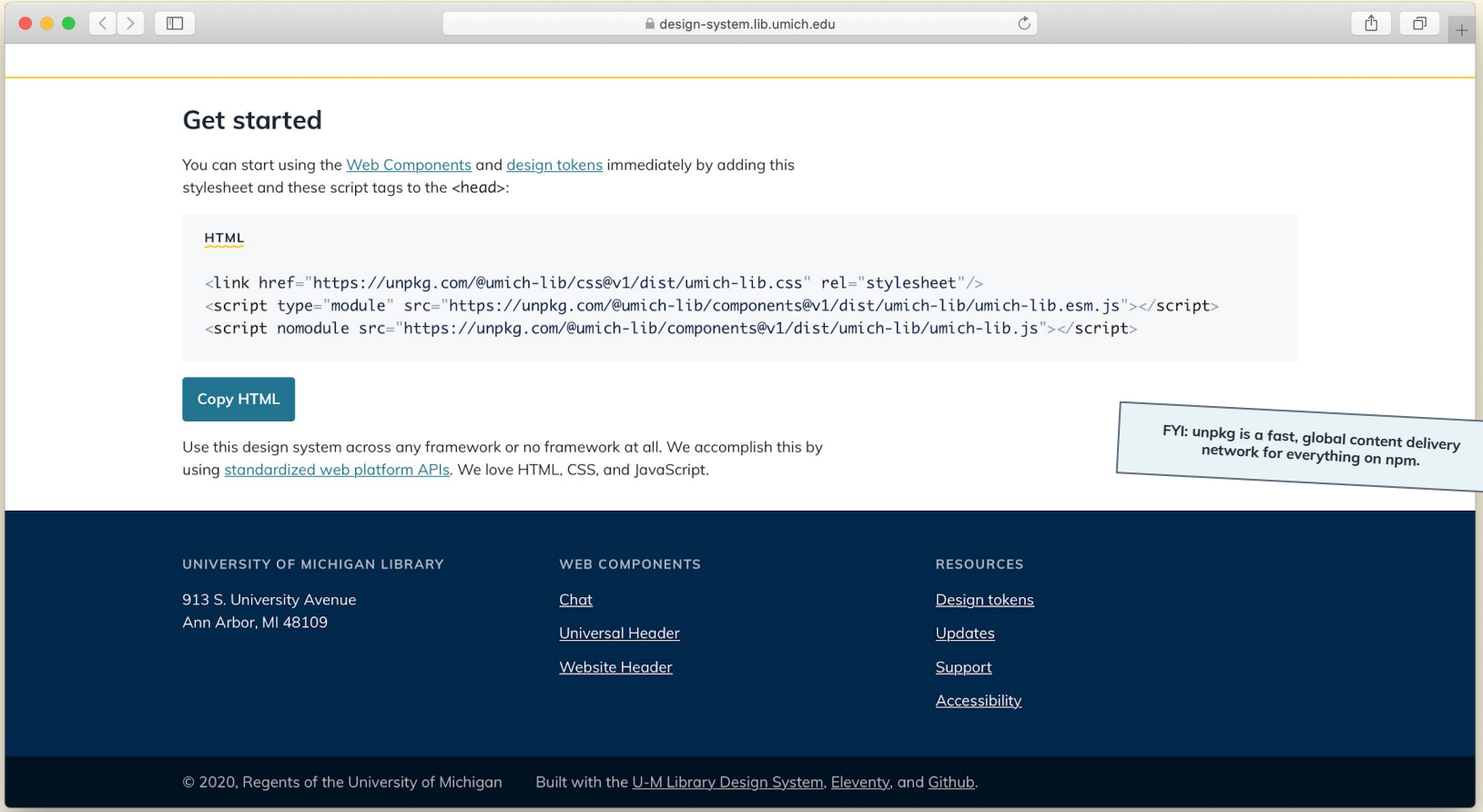


Add our stylesheet and scripts and you're good to go.



Why do we have a Universal Header and what can it do?

To shows users that they are on a U-M Library website and provide a quick and organized way to access other library websites.

What’s the technology and how is it maintained?

The Universal Header is built with Web Components to create reusable custom HTML elements and is maintained by the Design System team.

We are motivated to preserve high-quality designs to be understood, trusted, and maintained.