Textbook Lending Library

The Textbook Lending Library is a valuable resource to Ventura College students, as it allows them to check out textbooks for free for the entire semester. In these unusual times, we are exploring ways to continue to provide students access to this resource in the spring semester in a safe and equitable manner.

The Textbook Lending Library collection has historically been built from student donations of used textbooks. As a result, the collection has not included textbooks from every course, as our Reserves collection does. In order to provide students with a greater selection of textbooks in the spring semester, we are asking faculty to consider a few textbook options:

- Early Adoption
  Adopt your textbook(s) early so they appear in the Bookstore's website. We use the Bookstore's website to determine which textbooks are being used each semester. If a course does not show a textbook selection or shows an inaccurate textbook selection, we are unable to make a textbook available or may place the wrong textbook in the Lending Library for that course.

- Departmental Adoptions
  If possible, select textbooks as a department. If we know a department is using the same textbook across multiple course sections, we may be able to acquire more copies of that textbook to support those courses.

- eBooks and ZTC Materials
  Consider using an eBook or compilation of online library resources rather than a print textbook. We have several options for acquiring electronic books and we have many new databases and streaming services that may contain content that can be used as an alternative to a traditional textbook.
  If you are interested in pursuing this, contact Linda Kennedy for more information.

New Library Videos

Head to our YouTube Channel to view our new and updated videos. In addition to updating videos to reflect the new VC website, we have a new series of "mini-videos" that are less than one and half minutes long. The tables below show the updated videos and their new links, as well as the links to the mini-videos. If you have used any of the updated videos in your Canvas courses, please make sure to update to these new links.

If you would like a video made on a specific library topic or to support your courses, please contact us.

Updated Video	Updated Link
Citation Mining	https://youtu.be/UzKLvLp460w
Finding Movie Reviews	https://youtu.be/d7hYtdW1m6M
How to Find Out if Your Textbook is in the Lending Library	https://youtu.be/-cetyl_RLo8
Introduction to OneSearch	https://youtu.be/kGRhHdPHw7o
Library Chat	https://youtu.be/u9B9l8k3qUU
Navigating the Ventura College Library Website	https://youtu.be/C-D0lq_v19I
Why Use Library Databases?	https://youtu.be/qHooAOGy174

Mini-Video	Link
How to Get to the Ventura College Library Homepage	https://youtu.be/PmbFgFUgHa8
Navigating the Ventura College Library Homepage	https://youtu.be/C-D0lq_v19I
Library Chat	https://youtu.be/u9B9l8k3qUU
Ventura College Library Frequently Asked Questions	https://youtu.be/IM4kdPHulS0
Ventura College Library Physical Item Request	https://youtu.be/JCdHLKsvMMs

Book Delivery Service

Our Book Delivery Service is up and running, and gaining in popularity!

Once a week, a library classified professional or librarian processes requests, packs up the books, and sends them off to be shipped to you.

This service is available for textbooks in the Lending Library, as well as books from our Main Collection and Leisure Reading Collection.

Interested in requesting a book? Check out our video to learn how.

Virtual Book Displays

Every month a new Virtual Book Display will be featured on the library homepage. Our National Hispanic Heritage Month Display will be up through October 15th, and our National LGBTQ+ History Month Display will be live starting October 1st. These virtual displays feature relevant websites, multimedia, and library resources incuding electronic books and videos from our streaming video databases.

If you have any ideas for resources to add to these displays or have an idea for a display you would like to see, please contact
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We're Here to Help! Contact Us!

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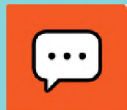Library Assistant
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ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCES

for students learning from home

💬 LIBRARY CHAT

Live, real-time help from a librarian is now available on our website! Librarians will be online to help you with your research during the following hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 8:00am - 8:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00am - 11:00pm
Sunday: 7:00pm - midnight

Check out this video to learn more about this new service!

📍 LIBRARY GUIDES

Our Library Guides will help you with research in specific subjects. Browse through all of our Library Guides or take a look at a few that will help you navigate the library from home.

Library Resources for Distance Education
APA 7th Edition Guide
MLA 8th Edition Guide

🕐 LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS

Make an appointment to get research help from a librarian over Zoom.

📖 LIBRARY RESOURCES

OneSearch
Search across all library databases at once.

Databases A-Z
Search individual article and ebook databases.

ProQuest Research Library
Multidisciplinary database that's a good starting place for most research topics.

Films on Demand: Feature Film Collection
Access full length feature films.

🎥 LIBRARY VIDEOS

Video tutorials on using library resources are available on our YouTube channel.

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