



TO: CSUN Faculty

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Re: Print Course Reserves are Problematic this Fall

During these challenging times, I want to assure you that the Library is committed to supporting student success, faculty research, and curricular needs. Given that instruction will remain largely virtual through the fall semester, I encourage you to focus your course readings and media on the Library's vast array of [electronic resources](#), including [streaming media](#), [digital collections](#), [Government Publications](#), and other [Affordable Resources](#) to ensure that you and your students will continue to have access to quality information resources.

While many students rely on the Library's CQF-purchased print textbooks as a solution to the prohibitive cost of textbooks, this is hindered when the Library must close or offer limited hours during the COVID-19 crisis. Furthermore, while an obvious solution would be for the Library to purchase eTextbooks instead of print, this is stymied by major [publishers who refuse to sell eTextbooks to libraries](#). However, the Library is developing protocols to supply scans of portions of these books under [Fair Use](#) for faculty to link to in their course Canvas.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Reserves staff at librbr@csun.edu or [\(818\) 677-3282](tel:(818)677-3282), as well as TCC/Music & Media staff at edward.park@csun.edu or [\(818\) 677-2211](tel:(818)677-2211) for further assistance with course reserves. In addition, subject specialist librarians are available to help identify additional resources as well as provide research assistance and information literacy instruction: <https://library.csun.edu/ResearchAssistance/AskUs> Please continue to monitor the [Library's homepage](#) for updates to these and other services.

On behalf of the Library's dedicated team of faculty and staff, I wish you a safe, healthy, and productive summer and fall semester.