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Dear VCFA Community,

The VCFA Library remains committed to doing all we can to support students, faculty and staff in your pursuit of knowledge and creativity in this time of unprecedented change. Our top concern is protecting the health and safety of everyone in this remarkable community.

In order to help curtail the spread of COVID-19 and in compliance with the March 25 Stay at Home order issued by the Governor of Vermont, the physical VCFA Library will be closed to the public and the VCFA community for the foreseeable future. We will continue to monitor email seven days a week.

Interlibrary Loan services are being significantly impacted by the nationwide library closures. The vast majority of institutions have halted loans of all physical items. In light of this, we ask you all to request electronic resources only. Article requests will be processed as usual. While most eBooks still can't be loaned in full because of licensing restrictions, we may be able to request PDFs of specific chapters for you. We recognize that this is a drastic shift in how we have been able to provide you material, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through these changes. If you are unable to find electronic resources in your area of inquiry, please email us directly at [vcfalibrary@vcfa.edu](mailto:vcfalibrary@vcfa.edu).

We are unable to receive mail at this time. Please hold any Interlibrary Loan and VCFA materials you may currently have in your possession. Libraries are extending due dates in light of the current circumstances.

To compensate for the lack of access to physical materials, the Library staff is creating a new database of Open Access and other free online resources. This is an ever-growing area, as many institutions lift paywalls and provide access to previously closed digital collections during this time. Please refer to the Library's website in the coming days to access a list of these resources. We also encourage you to share your own knowledge of such information! Please email Tia McCarthy at [tia.mccarthy@vcfa.edu](mailto:tia.mccarthy@vcfa.edu) with links to OA and other free resources so that we can make this knowledge available to all.

This is going to be a time of great creativity and collaboration as we all work to find solutions to these new challenges. We hope you will continue to turn to the VCFA Library for support as we face and surmount these challenges together.

With gratitude and best wishes for your continued health and safety,

The VCFA Library Staff