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Dear VCFA Community,

We are happy to announce that after a month-long closure, the VCFA Library is once again staffed, albeit on a part-time basis (10-3 on Mondays and Thursdays, with alternating Wednesdays and Fridays). We will continue to answer your emails seven days a week. While we are not yet able to allow community access to the building, we can again fill your requests for items from our collection, and send and receive mail. Please email us at vcfalibrary@vcfa.edu if you would like a prepaid USPS shipping label for the return of any library or Interlibrary Loan materials. To compensate for the lack of access to the VCFA campus this summer, the library will cover your costs in returning VCFA-owned materials until the library and campus are open again to our students and faculty. Please be assured that you do not need to return any items at this time if you have any concerns about your risk of exposure to the virus.

The Library staff have been very creative in filling your requests over the last month, and one of the unexpected bright spots during this time has been the discovery of the many resources now freely available online. JSTOR and Project Muse, for instance, have both opened their entire databases for all through the end of May. We have collected these and hundreds of other resources in an [Open Access database](#) available through the [library website](#). There are tabs along the bottom of the spreadsheet for general Open Access sources, program-specific resources, and information on financial aid to artists and others in the creative economy, as well as a collection of sites for supporting households with children learning from home. We will continue to update this database daily, and welcome your input. Please let us know of any useful sites that you think would benefit others in our community.

The VCFA Library will continue to adapt and respond to the changes and challenges that lie ahead. We're excited and eager to support your academic and creative endeavors, in whatever form they may take.

Our best wishes to you all for your continued safety and well-being,

The VCFA Library Staff