



# Free/Open Resources



Jamii Claiborne

Associate Dean of Academic Success

## Textbooks

Many textbook publishers are now offering free e-book access to texts. Check these two sites for more information:

[VitalSource](#)

[RedShelf](#)

Additionally, [the National Emergency Library](#) has been created as "a collection of books that supports emergency remote teaching, research activities, independent scholarship, and intellectual stimulation while universities, schools, training centers, and libraries are closed." Students can check out/borrow a book for 14 days, but in the FAQ it says they can instantly re-check it out for another 14 days until the national emergency ends on June 30. This may provide access to non-academic texts you may be using in your courses.

[Project MUSE](#) is also offering free access to lots of scholarly content, including books, journals, and wide access to scholarly press materials.

## Additional Free Resources:

[SAGE](#) is curating free resources for faculty and students on a dedicated webpage on their site.

The following list is curated from [this article](#) from CampusTechnology

[Adobe](#) is offering free access to Creative Cloud tools through May for home use by students attending schools that currently only provide lab access through May.

**Barnes & Noble Education** is making free digital self-tutoring and writing services available to college students through its bartleby suite of products. Through Jun. 15, 2020, the company is providing students with access to 10 free homework questions and tutoring sessions with experts through [bartleby\\_learn](#), monthly; and premium access to [bartleby\\_write](#), a virtual writing center that provides spelling and grammar checks, plagiarism detection and citation help.

**Cengage** has made its digital content available for free through the remainder of the current term, giving students access to all digital textbooks and platforms through [Cengage Unlimited](#). The company also said its faculty partners would be holding regular "office hours" to provide advice to instructors moving to Cengage courseware.

**Gale** is offering educators and librarians free access to digital content and resources to enhance instruction and learning. Resources include: interdisciplinary, curriculum-aligned resources to support online learning; live and on-demand training materials; e-books on virtual learning; and more.

**JoVE** has made its educational video content available through Jun. 15, 2020. That includes free access to the three types of resources: JoVE Core, a video textbook that covers core concepts in biology and social psychology to improve learning comprehension; JoVE Science Education, a collection of easy-to-understand video demonstrations in eight STEM fields; and Lab Manual, curriculum for introductory biology lab courses. The company is also making its curriculum specialists available to help faculty map JoVE videos to their curriculum at no charge.

**Kapwing** is giving away licenses for its professional edition to faculty. Kapwing is a collaborative online image and video editor with a cloud storage workspace. According to the company, it serves as an "excellent tool for instructors who are making video materials or lessons to send to students for remote learning, for students working together on a group project or for a classroom looking for a digital space to share multimedia projects with each other." The pro edition can accommodate videos up to 40 minutes long (versus 10 minutes in the free, basic version), lets users edit and store all content, make the content private and offers a one-gigabyte upload limit. Free instructor accounts are available for those in not-for-profit institutions through Apr. 17, 2020.

**Lumen** has made a "mid-term" transition to its courseware available free. Its catalog currently covers 50 general education subjects, which includes openly-licensed content with supplemental resources, such as PowerPoints and assignments. To obtain access, the instructor needs to indicate that he or she is teaching a live course, to ensure the \$25/student/term fees are waived. The courses integrate with major learning management systems, Blackboard, Instructure Canvas, D2L Brightspace and Moodle. Lumen is also providing free services to support the transition and is hosting a number of webinars to explain the processes.

**Mango** is making its Classroom online language-learning program freely available to schools through the end of the current school year. The program offers lessons for 70 languages in a digital format that can be accessed online and offline, via desktop and mobile app. The software includes on-task monitoring and assessment results for teachers and reading, listening and speaking activities for students.

**Nepris**, which delivers online talks with industry professionals on a wide array of subjects, is making its virtual industry chats available to everyone through April. The [schedule](#) is available online.

**Quizlet** is offering nothing special; but as usual they continue to make many services available free, including their classroom games and flashcard study guides.

**Wiley** has made WileyPLUS, Knewton Alta and zBooks available through the Spring 2020 term. Also, the company has made more than 5,000 COVID-19-related articles freely available on a Wiley Online Library site.