## Open Educational Resources & Free Access to Commercial Books

## *(3/19/20)*

Building on the Open Educational Resources initiative and also including CUNY library resources, the [Office of Library Services website](https://www.cuny.edu/libraries/college-libraries/) provides an index to digital resources that faculty may use in online/distance courses at zero cost to their students. Check the [Continuity of Library Services page](https://www.cuny.edu/libraries/continuity-of-library-services/) under the heading “Support for Online Instruction.” This site will be regularly updated. If you are aware of additional resources that should be added or if you have other questions or requests, please contact Ann Fiddler, Open Education Librarian, ann.fiddler@cuny.edu.

Akademos and Barnes & Noble have partnered with the digital platform VitalSource to offer free access to over 50,000 eBooks to its current customers to facilitate their move to online learning.  CUNY students at participating colleges can now access these materials by creating a VitalSource account at [bookshelf.vitalsource.com](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__bookshelf.vitalsource.com_&d=DwMFaQ&c=mRWFL96tuqj9V0Jjj4h40ddo0XsmttALwKjAEOCyUjY&r=R-ffihsS1d3wSIqvQesWO-3Dx-KrN8-scF_QkDRRwGM&m=EWkmx8lJkXQxc1TW9tn1fV8i-rwbFSCxUo-l-nQiZfA&s=VPpgNz-gYYpePbFNpbnqV2BvuJOzF94f9a-bIrs0dag&e=) using their [cuny.edu](http://cuny.edu/) email addresses.  Free access will last through the end of the Spring semester or until May 25th, whichever comes first.  More information is available at [VitalSource Helps](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__get.vitalsource.com_vitalsource-2Dhelps&d=DwMFaQ&c=mRWFL96tuqj9V0Jjj4h40ddo0XsmttALwKjAEOCyUjY&r=R-ffihsS1d3wSIqvQesWO-3Dx-KrN8-scF_QkDRRwGM&m=EWkmx8lJkXQxc1TW9tn1fV8i-rwbFSCxUo-l-nQiZfA&s=kfxka06VjR5xchu16RS5GDy5k5BSZ1Y0zOv-PWMme9c&e=) and [the VitalSource help page](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__support.vitalsource.com_hc_en-2Dus_articles_360044467674&d=DwMFaQ&c=mRWFL96tuqj9V0Jjj4h40ddo0XsmttALwKjAEOCyUjY&r=R-ffihsS1d3wSIqvQesWO-3Dx-KrN8-scF_QkDRRwGM&m=EWkmx8lJkXQxc1TW9tn1fV8i-rwbFSCxUo-l-nQiZfA&s=GzSWLnqF4cVUXijM08h1ZKSoIi4Ll0XOqPw9rytuToU&e=).