

# St. Stephen's College

## Memo about Library Access during COVID-19



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**To:** Students and Instructors at St. Stephen's College

**Regarding:** Library Access

This past March, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the rapid moves taken by St. Stephen's College and the University of Alberta to transition all learning off campus, the University of Alberta Library granted temporary access to all e-resources to St. Stephen's College students while studying off campus. That access was granted until 30 June 2020. After consulting with the University, this temporary access is not able to be extended beyond June 30. The reason for this relates to the licensing agreements the University has with the various publishers and database managers. All of us at St. Stephen's are grateful to the University for extending this temporary service and for accommodating our students and faculty through the most difficult months of the pandemic.

Effective 1 July 2020, library access for St. Stephen's students and faculty will revert back to our usual collections, which are outlined at the "Library Services" page of the St. Stephen's website (<https://www.ualberta.ca/st-stephens/st-stephens-programs/files-cabinet/library-services>). These services will be available with a few alterations due to COVID-19:

- 1) Online access to the EBSCO database (via the College's EBSCO account) is available for all St. Stephen's faculty and students (available both on-campus and off-campus). To access this, please see the "Library Services" page of the St. Stephen's website.
- 2) Online access to the University of Alberta e-resources (available only while on the University of Alberta campus). Due to COVID-19, the University of Alberta campus (and St. Stephen's College building) remains closed, with staff and faculty working remotely, though as buildings slowly re-open over the summer months, we will be in touch with access options that will be available for St. Stephen's student and faculty. *(Update: as of July 20, 2020, protocol is in place for students to come to the St. Stephen's campus for the purpose of conducting research. Please consult the "SSC Protocol for Returning to Campus" document for details.)*
- 3) Access to the print holdings of the University of Alberta collection. Though all branches of the University Library remain closed at this time, the print stacks can be accessed in the following ways:
  - a. Curbside Pick-Up: The Library has established a "Curbside Pick-Up" service for all library users. Details can be found at the Library website: <https://www.library.ualberta.ca/covid-19/curbside>
  - b. Distance Delivery: As always, for those students who live outside of the Greater Edmonton Area, books and other documents can be delivered to your home using the Library's Distance Delivery service: <https://www.library.ualberta.ca/services/distance-students>
  - c. *Note to 2020 Intake Students:* Accessing the print stacks requires a Community Borrower card, which is usually issued in-person at the main branch of the University library. We are working with the Library to have these cards and/or accounts issued to you remotely, and we expect this to be finalized within the coming week. *(Update: library cards will be mailed directly to all 2020 Intake students.)*

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the College if you have any questions about library access, if you need any clarity about any of the matters addressed above, or if you have any problems accessing library resources as outlined above.

With thanks,  
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