



COVID-19 Protocol for Meadville Lombard Library & Archives

March 13, 2020

To protect all the different communities of which the library is part, we will be limiting how the library team and our resources interact with the physical world. I am writing to you to give you an update about what will change and how the library will continue to provide support to you for the next few weeks.

We will not be circulating any physical books until further notice. Don't worry about returning physical books held by Meadville Lombard. We will reach out to you when we are capable of receiving incoming books. You can renew all Meadville Lombard books by logging in to the online catalog: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/vf-mls/MyResearch/Home>. If you have questions about the renewal process, email library@meadville.edu.

All I-Share and interlibrary loan services will be closed until further notice. If you have I-Share books that are coming due, if possible, renew them through the online catalog. If you can't renew them or have questions about the renewal process, contact us at library@meadville.edu.

Late Fee

If the fee is from Meadville Lombard, don't worry about it! Email library@meadville.edu so we can extend your due date(s) and forgive any fines or fees that automatically accrue in the library system.

If the fine or fee is from another school, contact us, and we will reach out to that school. Don't worry about late fees! We all understand these are extraordinary circumstances.

Archives

While we are still able to provide an archival reference, we are currently unable to scan archive material or answer questions that involve accessing the physical archives.

Online and Digital Resources

All online and digital resources will remain fully available. This includes databases, eBook access, and online handbooks. If you have any questions about how to access (or maximize) these resources, email us at library@meadville.edu, and we will help you out!

Journals and Periodicals: <https://www.meadville.edu/library-and-archives/journals-and-periodicals/>

Reference and Other Digital Resources: <https://www.meadville.edu/library-and-archives/reference/>

Accessing eBooks: <https://www.meadville.edu/library-and-archives/wiggin-library/ebooks/>

Reference and Digital Open Hours

Starting during Spring 2020 Intensives, if you email library@meadville.edu anytime between 8:00am and 5:30pm CST Monday through Friday you will receive a prompt response (prior to and after Intensives it will be 8:30 to 5:00) We can provide support through email or we can schedule a phone or Zoom call. These questions can range from "How to access an eBook?" to "What are some good resources about process theology from a queer perspective?" Whatever you need, we are here to help!

In addition, Sarah and I will be hanging out in an open Zoom chat between 8:00am and 9:00am and 5:00pm and 5:30pm CST, Monday through Friday during Intensives. Drop by! Since we are both working from home, you may have a chance to meet Sarah's dog Daisy. I have been assured she is a very good girl. Here is the link to the open Zoom room: <https://zoom.us/j/6374177601>

BYOL

We will still be holding our BYOL to talk about our exciting new library system that will go live July 1st. Join is if you can!

12:00 to 1:00 Tuesday, Mar 24: <https://zoom.us/j/278345829>

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In short, if you need something you think the library can provide, email us at library@meadville.edu and we will do what we can.

In faith,

John Leeker
Director of Library and Archives