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Dear Students,

Due to an increase in COVID-19 rates, the city of Chicago has issued a stay-at-home advisory. Because of this, the Meadville Lombard Library and Archives is temporarily pausing all physical circulation of print books until we are able to safely return to the library. For the Library and Archives, that means we will be **unable to physically circulate any print books**. If you currently have books checked out, **please do not worry about due dates**. You are free to keep the book(s) until we return to the office or you can mail back to us sooner. If you do mail books in, we will be unable to mark it received until we return to the library in December.

If you recently requested a print book from I-Share for home delivery, it will not be checked out and shipped to you until we are able to return to the office and circulation resumes. The last batch of books was mailed on Monday, November 9th and everyone receiving books was emailed if their book(s) shipped. You can monitor the status of your requests in “My Account” when signed in to the online catalog, and cancel requests if desired ([Using the Online Catalog – Managing My Account](#)). If you have questions about specific books that you requested, contact us at library@meadville.edu.

While print circulation is paused, all of our digital resources — ebooks, journal databases, and digital reference material — still work as normal. Of note, there are tens of thousands of ebooks available through the online catalog. Instructions for how to limit your search to digital resources can be found in the [Using the Online Catalog](#) guide. Also, you can visit the [Using Ebooks](#) guide for more information on ebook access and use. If you have any questions, feel free to contact library@meadville.edu for assistance.

Serendipitously, there are a host of newly added digital resources in the online catalog that you will be able to use during these next three weeks (and beyond):

University Press Ebooks

From now until July 2021, CARLI (Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois) will be providing access to thousands of recently published books from academic publishers, accessible in the online catalog. Participating publishers include Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press, Columbia University Press, University of Illinois Press, Stanford University Press, Wiley, and many others. These new ebooks are already integrated into the Meadville Lombard catalog and can be accessed using your Populi login. CARLI will utilize the usage data to determine which of these ebooks they will purchase in the future. Please make use of these resources so that CARLI knows which ebooks you feel we should own, and ultimately which should be purchased as a permanent part of our collection! If you have any questions, please email us at library@meadville.edu.

JSTOR

As part of JSTOR's response to COVID-19, JSTOR is providing participating library extended access to both journals and primary resources until June 2021. For Meadville Lombard, this means our students and faculty will have access to most of their Arts & Sciences journal collections, Jewish Studies collection, and Primary Resource collection. To access these new resources, simply use JSTOR as normal and they will be available to you through keyword searches or the browse feature.

Thank you all so much for your patience and understanding during this pause in print book circulation. While we are not in the office, we are still reachable for any research assistance via email at library@meadville.edu.

All the best,

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