

# Ventura College Library

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## The Lending Library

VC Campus Community,

As I am sure that many of you are aware of, the Ventura College textbook Lending Library has been a very successful and recognized program that originated in the Ventura College's Women's and Re-Entry Center. When the Women's and Re-Entry Center operation was closed, that program's very successful Faith George Lending Library collection was moved to the Library. For the past 10 years, the Library has carefully managed the Lending Library but the times they are a-changing. While even just a few years back there would often be lines of students waiting outside the Library doors to check out books from the Lending Library, over the past few semesters we in the Library have seen a downward trend in the number of book circulations from the Lending Library collections.



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The Library speculates that there are several reasons that the Lending Library circulation is down. One plausible explanation could be the uptick in number of faculty-adopted Open Educational Resources (OERs). Another reason could be that while some teachers will accept previous editions of an adopted text in a given course, other profs teaching that same course who use the same text might only accept the current edition. As the Library prepares to enter into a new statewide contract for an (almost) system-wide California Community College (CCC) library catalog, or Library System Platform (LSP), we must make certain shifts in our current cataloging practices. Unfortunately, the current method by which we catalog textbooks does not dovetail neatly with the new statewide LSP. Given that circulation of Lending Library textbooks has dropped and the pending changes for next academic year in the new LSP, the Library has decided that effective Summer 2019, only current editions of adopted texts will be retained in the Lending Library. While exceptions to this pending practice change are possible but will be rare in nature. We will use the VC Bookstore's online search feature to determine the current status of all textbooks. This will not change our Reserves collection, which currently reflects this practice of only retaining current editions. However, for the purposes of Lending Library, henceforward the Library will only keep current copies of adopted texts in our collection. If a course is not offered, we will not discard a text but we will remove it from the Lending Library shelves but hold onto the books until the course is offered again to determine if the text is still current. Older editions of all textbooks will be placed on the Library's Friends of the Library shelving facing the photocopiers.

If you have any questions or concerns with this pending practice change in the Lending Library collection, please do not hesitate to contact me directly either in person, via email or on my cell – 805-758-3860. Thank you for your time, patience and understanding.

--Peter H. Sezzi, VC Library Dept Chair

# Please Excuse Our Dust!



You may have noticed a few empty shelves in the library. Not to worry, we are just moving things around!

As part of the Library Services Platform project, we are cleaning up collection locations. We are expanding our “Oversize” collection to include books previously shelved in our “Plate” collection. This means more books available to check out for you and some shifting around of the collection for us.

Some moving of books is being done now, but the major, noise-causing shifting will be done over spring break to minimize disruptions. Any questions? Contact [Kaela](#).

## Valentines Day...Yea or Nay?

This month’s book display is all about love! We are featuring books for those who want love and romance and books for those who are more into the science of love or maybe just not into it at all!

So, what are your thoughts? Do you love Valentines Day and a good romance novel? Or is it a commercialized holiday that tricks people into spending money on flowers and chocolates? And forget about any romance novels! Visit our display by the Reference Desk and let us know!



*Google can bring you a hundred thousand answers, but a librarian can bring you just the right one.*

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