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LIBRARY SERVICES IN A TIME OF COVID-19

What Is the Same

Library staff are here to serve you, whether that means scanning pages from a print reference work, helping you find (and gain access to) good sources for your research, or troubleshooting technical problems with an e-book or course page.

The screenshot shows the library's website interface. At the top, the word "Library" is displayed in a blue font. Below it is a banner image of a building with a blue owl mascot. A search bar is present with "Find Everything" and "by Keyword" dropdown menus, a search input field, and a "Search" button. Below the search bar are links for "Atla Database", "Journal Search", "Digital Collections", "Advanced Search", and "Search Help".

COVID-19 Information

Although the physical library is closed due to COVID-19, we offer online resources, scanning, and contact-free curbside pickup to provide access to the information you need. Austin Seminary patrons who need access to our print or physical materials, as well as materials from the Presbyterian Library of the Seminary of the Southwest, should request them using the following links.

Scan
Curbside

Please **email us** if you have questions or need help.

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⌚ All Day

Renew your books

Wright Center Updates

Contact the Library

A blue callout bubble points to the "Contact the Library" button with the text: "Click the 'Contact the Library' button to see various ways to get ahold of us".

We still provide access to myriads of e-books; online reference works including dictionaries, encyclopedias, and commentaries; and full-text journal articles. In addition to using Sophi (i.e., the library catalog), you can find many of these by browsing the categorized lists on the Research Tools page:

While not *everything* is available online or electronically, we have fairly robust collections and if we do not have something, we will do all we can to get it for you (for example through interlibrary loan).

Another aspect of library life that has not changed is the ongoing renovation. Construction on the new, bright, shiny Wright Learning and Information Center (i.e., the new library) is moving forward apace and more-or-less on schedule (knocking on wood).

What is Different

The library space in McMillan (also known as the McLibrary) is closed until further notice.

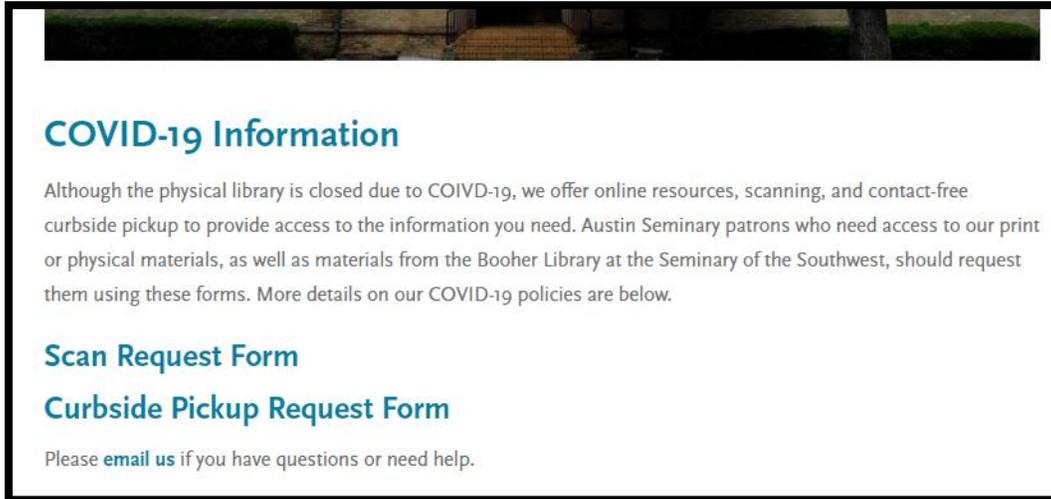


This means if you want to use a print book from our collections, you will need to request it. Here's how it works:

1. If you need a portion of a book (a chapter, essay, or article from a dictionary or encyclopedia), use the [Scan Request Form](#).
 - We will scan the portion of the book and email it to you (within 3-5 business days).
 - Note that we will conform to US copyright law in fulfilling all requests.
2. If you need a book from our print collection, use the [Curbside Pickup Request Form](#).
 - We will retrieve the items and work with you to arrange a time for you to receive them in a socially distant, contact-free manner, conforming with CDC best practices.
 - The items you request will be placed in a bag with your name on it.
 - When you arrive at the agreed upon time, **call the Circulation Desk at 512-404-4879**
 - If you choose the drive-up option, at the appointed time you will pull up under the skywalk between McMillan and Trull; we will bring your items out to you and place them in your trunk.

- If you choose a walk-up option, at the appointed time we will place the bag with your items on the stone bench next to the book drop. We will then wait inside the doors until you retrieve your items.
- We will allow a 10-minute window on either side of the appointed time. After this, we will bring the items back inside and contact you to arrange an alternate time.
- All items should be returned in the library book drop outside the second-floor entrance of McMillan. All returned items will be placed in quarantine for 72 hours.
- You can also use this form to **request items from the Booher Library at Seminary of the Southwest**. We will retrieve these items for you, check them out on your Austin Seminary library account, and arrange for you to retrieve them as described above.

You can find links to both forms on the library's homepage: www.austinseminary.edu/library:



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Scan Request Form

Curbside Pickup Request Form

Please [email us](#) if you have questions or need help.

Note that Accordance Bible software is still available in the McMillan and McCord computer labs. However, should you need information from this program and be unable to access either lab, we (David) can retrieve reasonable amounts of information from the software and provide it to you via email.



All is fluid and subject to change. We thank you for your patience and understanding and assure you we will do all we can to get you what you need and support you in whatever way we can.

If you have questions, please contact us at library@austinseminary.edu.