



VitalSource and Publishers to Provide Free Access to eTextbooks to Students Affected by COVID-19 Campus Closures

Students will be able to access their class materials through VitalSource's Bookshelf app at no cost

RALEIGH, NC (March 16, 2020) – VitalSource® has joined leading publishers to help ensure students affected by the COVID-19 pandemic will have free access to quality digital learning materials through the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester.

Beginning March 16 through May 25, 2020, access to an expansive catalog of eTexts will be available for free to students at semester-calendar institutions who have been impacted by recent campus closures. Students simply log in to the VitalSource Bookshelf app using their school email address and can then view course materials from participating publishers via VitalSource's *Explore* capabilities within Bookshelf.

"With colleges and universities making the difficult decision to move to online learning in the wake of the global pandemic, we join the community in a shared commitment to help provide students access to the immediate resources they need to adapt to a new way of learning" said **Kent Freeman**, President of VitalSource. "At VitalSource, we know successful digital learning means that every learner can access the materials they need to succeed – anytime, anywhere. Through this initiative, we are adhering to that promise and helping to support students, faculty, and postsecondary institutions under these extraordinary circumstances."

To view a list of publishers and resellers who are supporting this effort, visit <https://get.vitalsource.com/vitalsource-helps>.

Students who need assistance accessing free eTexts can visit <https://get.vitalsource.com/vitalsource-helps>.

About VitalSource

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