

## Further Update from the CTU Library: I-Share suspends services

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Dear CTU Community,

I-Share, the backbone of the CTU Library's book borrowing from other Illinois academic libraries is suspended from 3/16/2020 - 3/31/2020. The 3/31/2020 resumption date is very fluid and the suspension of I-Share services might extend into April. What does that mean for CTU students and faculty? It means no more I-Share requests can be placed via the CTU Library Catalog or picked up at the CTU Library. If you currently have I-Share books checked out, you are welcome to renew them online just like you can with any CTU book or return them to the CTU Library in person or by mail.

I am also continuing to monitor the closures of academic libraries around the state of Illinois. Many academic libraries are severely limiting library access or closing completely as college and university campuses close across the state.

Finally, many libraries both within Illinois and across the United States are not sending out materials via Interlibrary Loan anymore. This is to limit the spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately, this severely limits the CTU library's ability to fill your requests for books and journal articles that we don't have. At this point, the only reliable method to get items from other libraries, is to request items that can be scanned without violating copyright laws, such as journal articles or single book chapters provided the other library has the staff and facilities to scan materials. Like I-Share, the status of Interlibrary Loan is shifting daily.

Please remember as we finish the Spring Semester that the CTU Library has many online resources to help you complete assignments. Although our ability to get you material from other libraries is becoming increasingly difficult, please don't hesitate to ask for what you may need. We will make every effort to assist you.

Take care of yourselves and each other,

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