Course Resources for Students at Bard

This document is a collection of book/course-related materials available for students to reduce the price of taking courses at Bard. See each section for information on how to access course materials depending on the department or division.

Language and Literature:
Literature Lending Library

Who can use this resource?

Any student enrolled in a literature course may borrow course books from the library for a semester, free of charge. The library will allow students to write in these books (within reason) before returning them at the end of the semester.

How can it be accessed?

The catalog is available at bit.ly/bardlit. Email litlendinglib@bard.edu for further information.

Literature Program Book Fund:

The *Literature Program Book Fund* has been endowed by the generous support of an anonymous donor. This fund will provide physical copies of assigned books to any student in financial need, enrolled in a *literature class* taught in English or in a foreign language. For more information, please contact Rachel Price in the Office of the Dean of the College, at doc@bard.edu (subject line should be: "Literature Program Book Fund").Students will need to get the books at the Bard Bookstore in order to process the purchase through the DoC. The fund covers literature books for our classes in any language. It does not cover textbooks.

Science, Mathematics and Computing:

Any student enrolled in a class in the Science, Mathematics, and Computing who needs financial support for class materials can request assistance for obtaining course materials.

These courses can be in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Math, Physics, and Psychology, as well as SCI-designted courses.   Funds are limited so we ask that students who can access materials through their own means do not make requests through this mechanism.

How can it be accessed?

Complete this Google form and Megan Karcher will work with you to buy or rent the material you need or loan you a copy of the textbook that the department has on hand. Faculty will not know which students make such requests.

The Arts:

Fund for Visual Learning (INTRO GRANTS):

Who can use this resource?

This resource provides students with supply kits for introductory level studio art classes. Intro Supply Grants are awarded to all students on financial aid who request them. Prior to the semester, your professor will reach out to you with info on supply kit grants.

How can it be accessed?

The professor of your course should send an email with a [Google Form](#) to request the intro supply kit, but if you haven't heard from them, please contact them and request this form.

Fund for Visual Learning (SENIOR GRANTS):

Who can use this resource?

You will be notified in Senior Seminar of deadlines for grant applications. Senior grant applications are due at the end of Fall semester of your senior year.

How can it be accessed?

Your professor should send an email, but if you haven't heard from them, please contact them.

The Art History & Visual Culture Activities Fund:

Who can use this resource?

This resource offers need-based stipends to students to support local travel to regional collections, archives, libraries, and museums, entrance fees, and research costs related to scanning, copying, and rights or reproduction costs involved with publications, etc. This fund is reserved for Art History and Visual Culture majors.

How can it be accessed?

The AHVC Dept. is currently working on designing an application form within their website. For the time being, email kboivin@bard.edu about this fund. A committee consisting of the AHVC program chair and two other faculty members will oversee the granting of stipends on a rolling basis.

Additional Resources

The Scale Project, Bookstore Rental Program:

Who can use this resource?

Anyone can use this resource, but The Scale Project asks that you do not use the rental program if purchasing course materials is not a financial burden for you. *How can it be accessed?*

1. Fill out this Google form.
    a. Note: Currently you can only request a rental for 3 books that are at the bookstore.
2. Your books should be ready within 2-3 days. When at the bookstore, ask for Merry and let her know you are picking up from The Scale Project Book Rental Program.
    a. Please note that when picking up your books, you will have to put a credit/debit card on file in case of a late return fee.
    b. We will remind you to return your books at the end of the semester, but be mindful of late fees! This is a Barnes & Nobles policy, not a Scale Project policy.

FYSEM Fund:

Who can use this resource?

Anyone who is experiencing difficulty affording some/all of the required material for FYSEM.

How can it be accessed?

Contact doc@bard.edu with subject line 'FYSEM Book Fund' and you will be assisted in getting the books you need.

Student Support Relief Fund (SSRF):

Who can use this resource?

The fund aims to support students who are experiencing unexpected financial difficulties, but is available to any student. The SSRF can cover some/all expenses related to:

1. Educational Supplies (i.e books, laptops)
2. Food
3. Clothing
4. Personal Medical Needs (i.e prescriptions)
5. Emergency Related Travel

How can it be accessed?

1. Fill out this form.
    a. The committee meets weekly, so expect a response after a week-2 weeks.

2. For more information see this document or the SSRF website.

Using the Library

Books for classes, even textbooks, are often available at the library. We encourage faculty to place required and supplemental reading on Reserves for students to help alleviate the cost of purchasing textbooks and course materials for students.

- Search the [library's catalog](#) by choosing Course Reserves or Course Reserves Prof from the drop-down menu next to the search box
- Book reserves are held at the Reserves Desk on the third floor of the library and can be checked out for 3 hours at a time, for use in-building only.

Other materials may be available by searching the library's collection on [the library's website.](#)

Materials not available through the library may be borrowed through [interlibrary loan](#). There are two options for borrowing from other libraries: ConnectNY and ILLiad.

- [ConnectNY](#) is a consortium of academic libraries in New York State who share a catalog and a dedicated delivery system that ensures rapid delivery of books.
- Books borrowed through ConnectNY may be kept for 12 weeks.

Books not available through ConnectNY may be ordered through ILLiad, a national network of lending libraries.

- To order books through ILLiad, [create an account](#).
- [Log in to ILLiad](#), choose the type of material you need, key or import the information and click on the Submit button.
- ILLiad books are usually lent for a shorter period of time, but -- staying within the limits of copyright law -- students can always copy or scan the relevant sections for their own personal, educational use.

Never, ever pay for an article! If the library doesn't own or have access to the issue of a journal that contains the article you need, order it through ILLiad's Article Request. Most article requests are fulfilled in 24 to 48 hours, often less -- and it's free.

Every printer in the library is also a copier/scanner (scanning takes .5 cents/page off your printing allowance) and we have a new KIC scanner on the first floor. Scanning on the KIC scanner is free, and text scanned is automatically OCRed, making it possible to use

text-to-speech software (the company that makes KIC has a good text-to-speech phone app called MyDocs). Please see a librarian to learn to use this scanner.

Other Sources

The Open Education Network's [Open Textbook Library](#) is a digital library of peer-reviewed, free, open-access textbooks, created as a direct response to escalating textbook costs in higher education and their negative impact on students' academic success. These textbooks are fully adaptable by faculty and students to meet the needs of classes.

Other library systems may have materials that will be relevant to your work. [The New York Public Library](#) serves anyone who lives, works or goes to school in New York State. A library card may be obtained through [their website](#). This card enables users to access e-books, audiobooks and research databases.

Another source for materials is the public library system. The [Mid-Hudson Library System catalog](#) is a rich source for books, audiobooks and e-books. Library cards are available from [Red Hook](#) and [Tivoli](#) public libraries with your Bard ID and another form of photo identification.

If you cannot find the materials you need for your courses or your research, please [speak/email/meet with/call a librarian](#). We're always happy to help.