

Top Textbooks at GW Libraries:

Helping Students Access Expensive Course Materials

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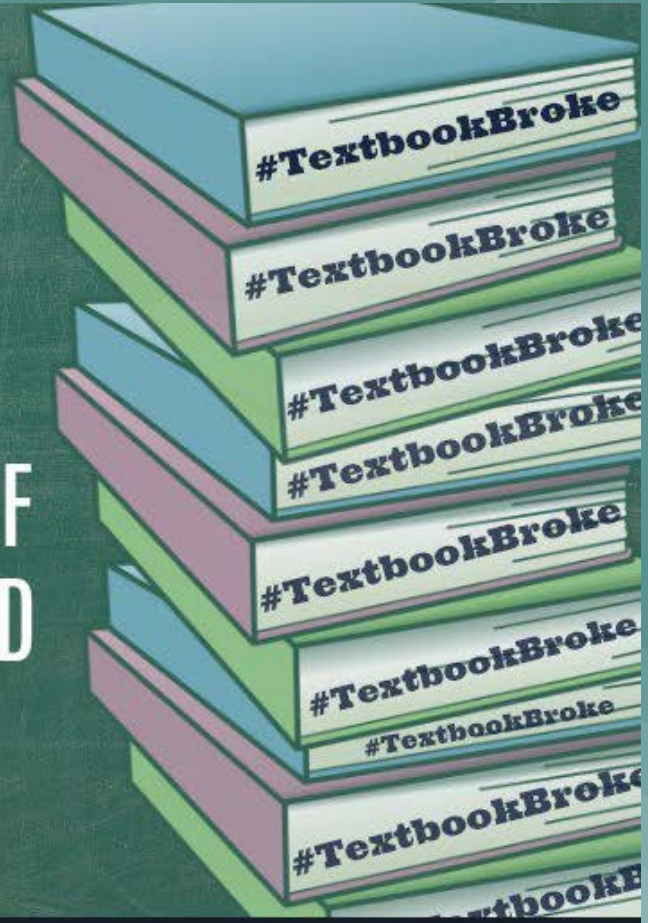
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ACCORDING TO PIRG:

65% OF COLLEGE STUDENTS
DECIDED NOT TO BUY A TEXTBOOK
BECAUSE OF THE COST AND **94%** OF
THOSE STUDENTS WORRIED IT WOULD
NEGATIVELY AFFECT THEIR GRADE

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ok gwu i didnt work 50 hours a week just to pay for my textbooks.

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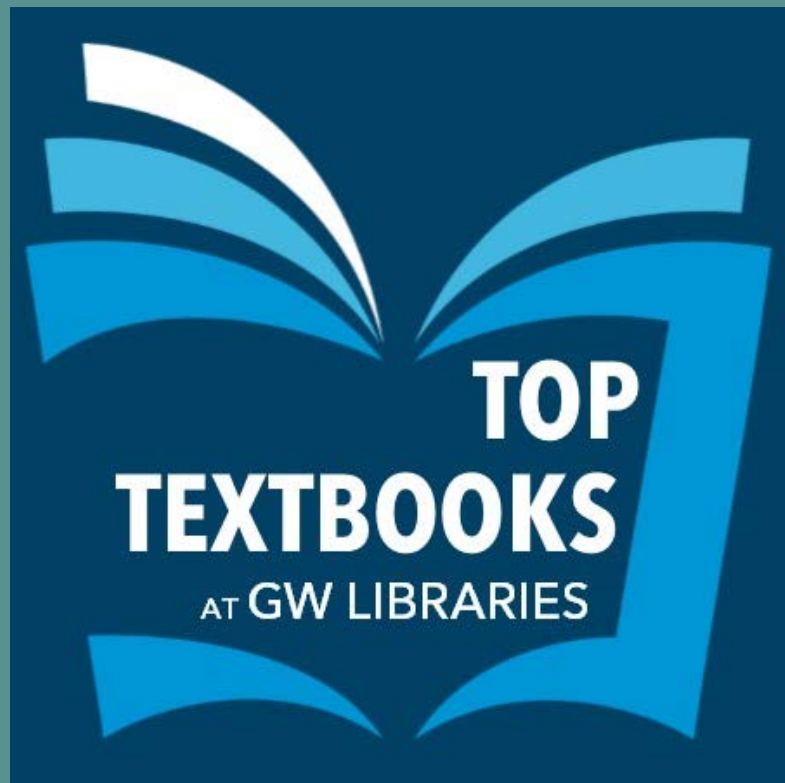
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Buying textbooks is soul-sucking and there is absolutely NO reception at the gwu bookstore dungeon

#textbookbroke



Board of Trustees makes student experience top priority with new task force



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Student Association President Peak Sen Chua and Executive Vice President Sydney Nelson will serve as the two student voting members on the new task force focusing on the student experience.

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Save the Most Students the Most Money

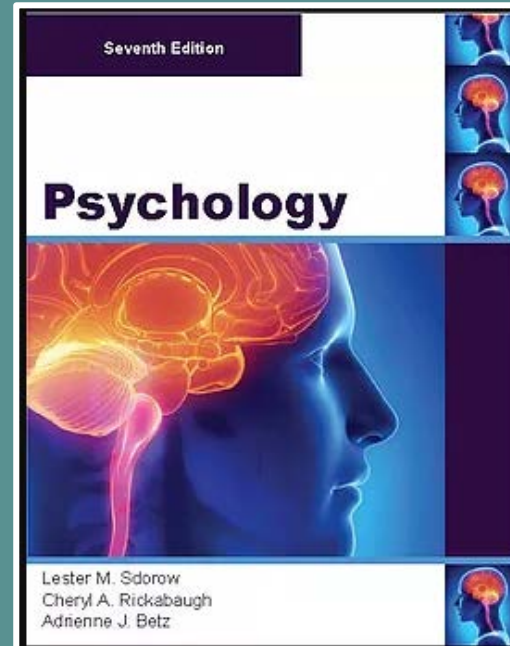
High Enrollment Courses with High Cost Textbooks

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| Number of Courses in Program | 34 |
| Number of Course Sections | 107 |
| Number of Students in Courses | 7,936 |

Use of the Top Textbooks Collection

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|--------------------------|-----|
| Top Textbooks on Reserve | 98 |
| Total Number of Charges | 846 |
| Average Charges per Item | 8.7 |

Top Top Textbooks: Fall 2017



Top Textbooks vs. Reserves

COMPARISON OF TOP TEXTBOOKS CIRCULATION AND COURSE RESERVES

| (August 28 to October 1) | RESERVES | TOP TEXTBOOKS |
|---|--|---------------|
| Number of Items | 785 | 98 |
| Number of Charges | 2102 | 530 |
| Average Charges per Item (those circulating at least once) | 6.9 | 5.4 |
| Number Items w/ Zero Charges* | 483 | 20 |
| Collection Percentage of Zero Charges | 62% | 20% |
| | *Possible factor contributing to zero charges may be that there are multiple copies of the same title in the Top Textbooks Collection (e.g. only 1 of 3 copies has circulated) | |

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Top Textbooks program includes textbooks for many undergraduate courses.



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