

# Need a Book Chapter? Using the Open Library When Your Library is Closed



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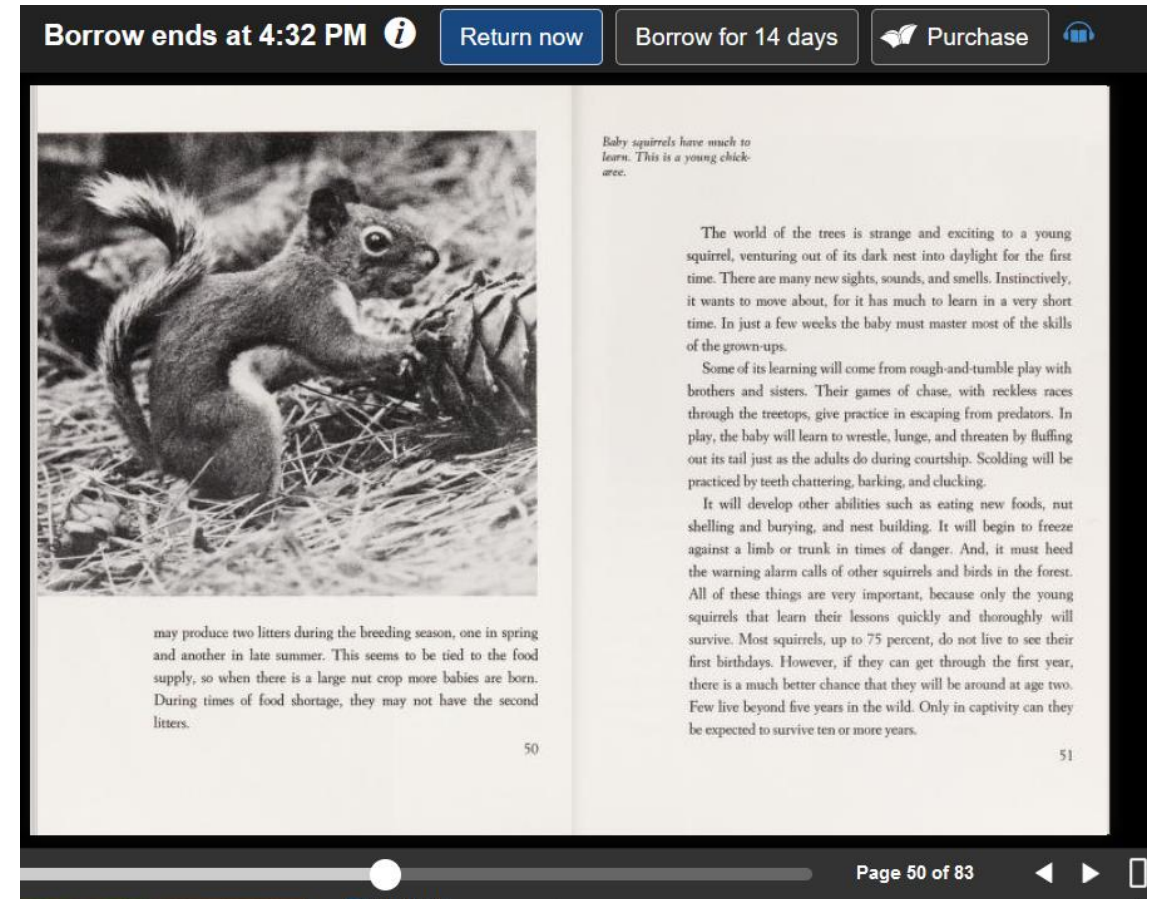
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# COVID-19 & Your Print Collection

- With closed library buildings and people working remotely, retrieving and finding older works was challenging.
- New items were easier to find, but books with a limited audience was challenging.
- Over the course of the pandemic, I used this resource numerous times to help faculty retrieve works for their research.
- Not everything in the library is full text – some are just bibliographic data.



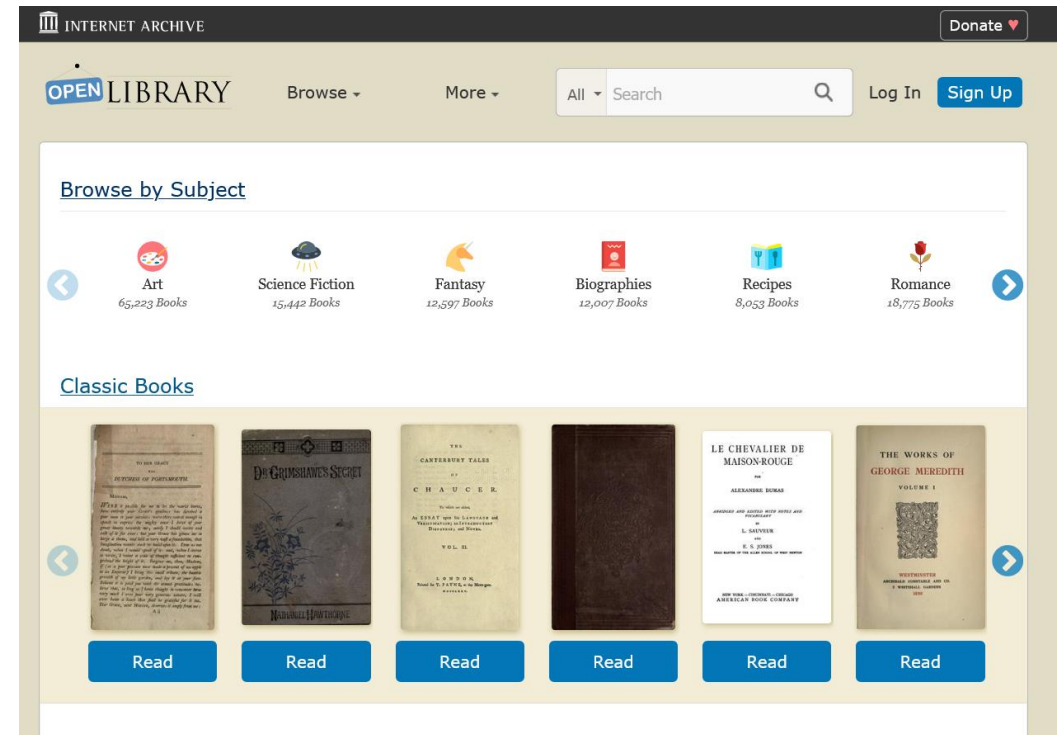
# The Open Library

URL: <https://openlibrary.org/>

Open Library Statistics (Number of works, etc.):  
<https://openlibrary.org/stats>

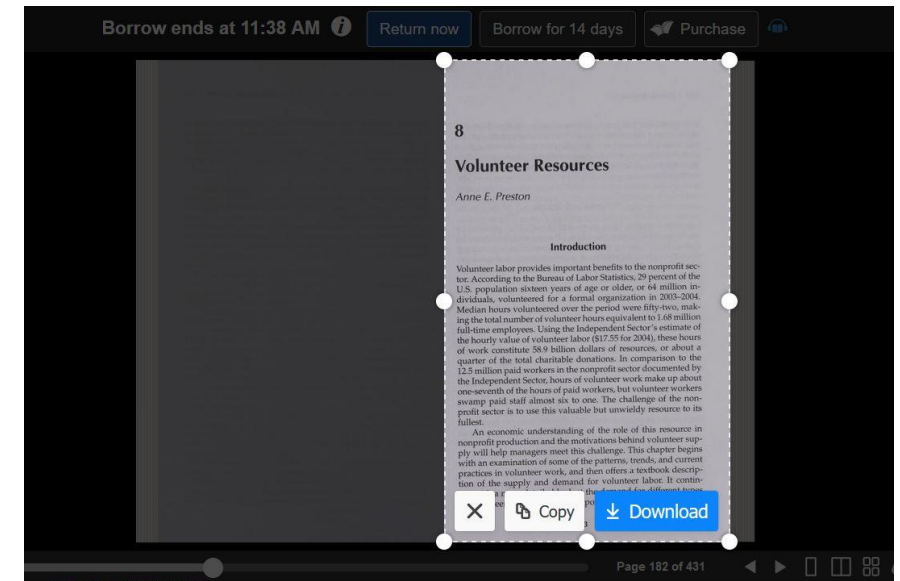
A service of the Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/>)

The Open Library is a growing resource that operates on the principle of "controlled digital lending." Each book that is available to borrow (either for one hour or in many cases, 14 days), is physically held in their facilities. The number of digital loans that can take place for a book is equal to the number of copies that they own - so it operates fundamentally the same as a print library.



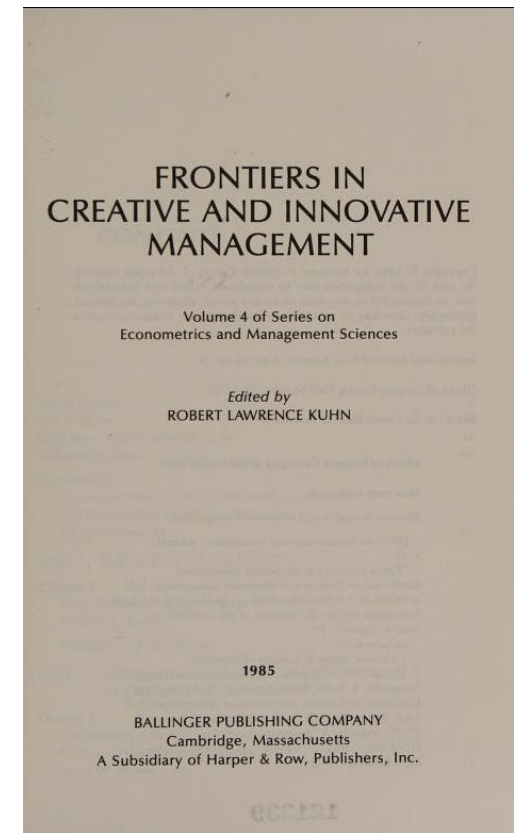
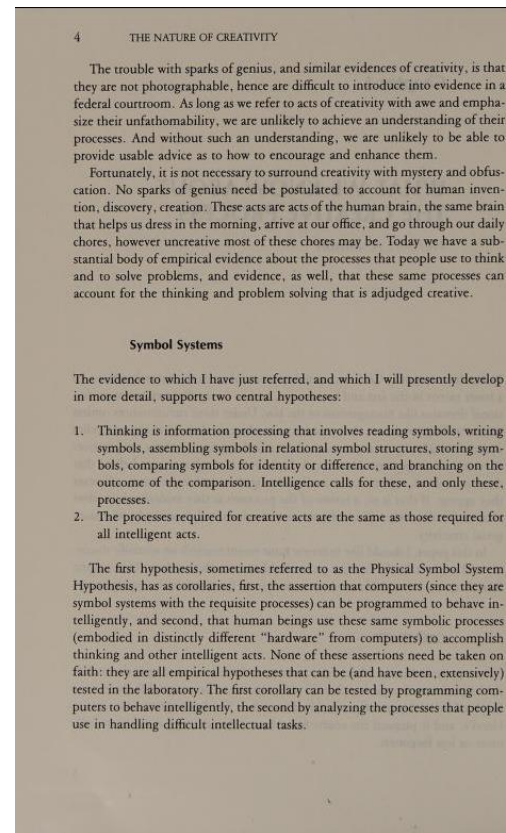
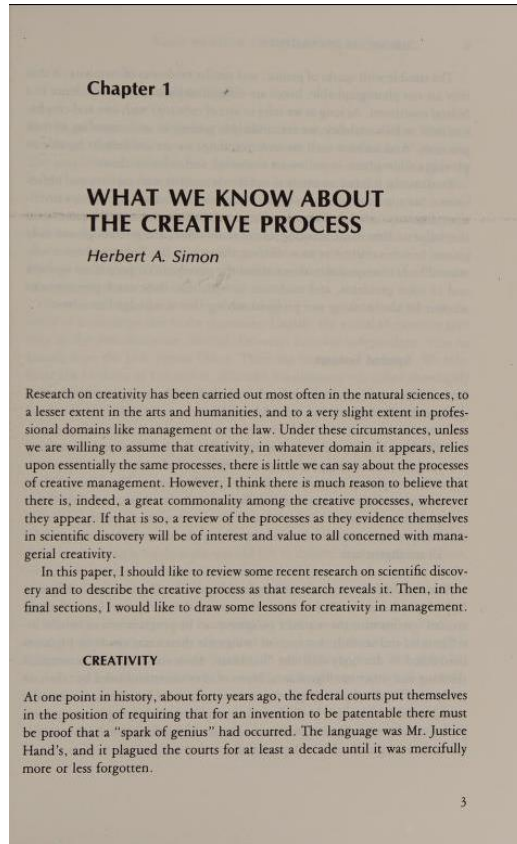
# No Downloading – but...

- Search by bibliographic information (author/title) or as a full text search (great for finding a quote).
  - One way to work around the lack of downloading is to take screenshots of the pages. The Firefox browser works very well here as does Chrome with the FireShot app.
- Directions using Firefox:
  - Once you find the chapter or section you want, right click over that page and choose the option on the bottom - "Take a Screenshot"
  - Click on the page you want - it will automatically size to just that page.
  - Click on copy or download on the bottom. You can download individual pages and then use a program that combines PDFs to pull the pages together. The pages will be given names that keep them in order.
  - It can be clunky, but once you get the hang of it, it will move through quickly.





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# Questions & Thank You

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