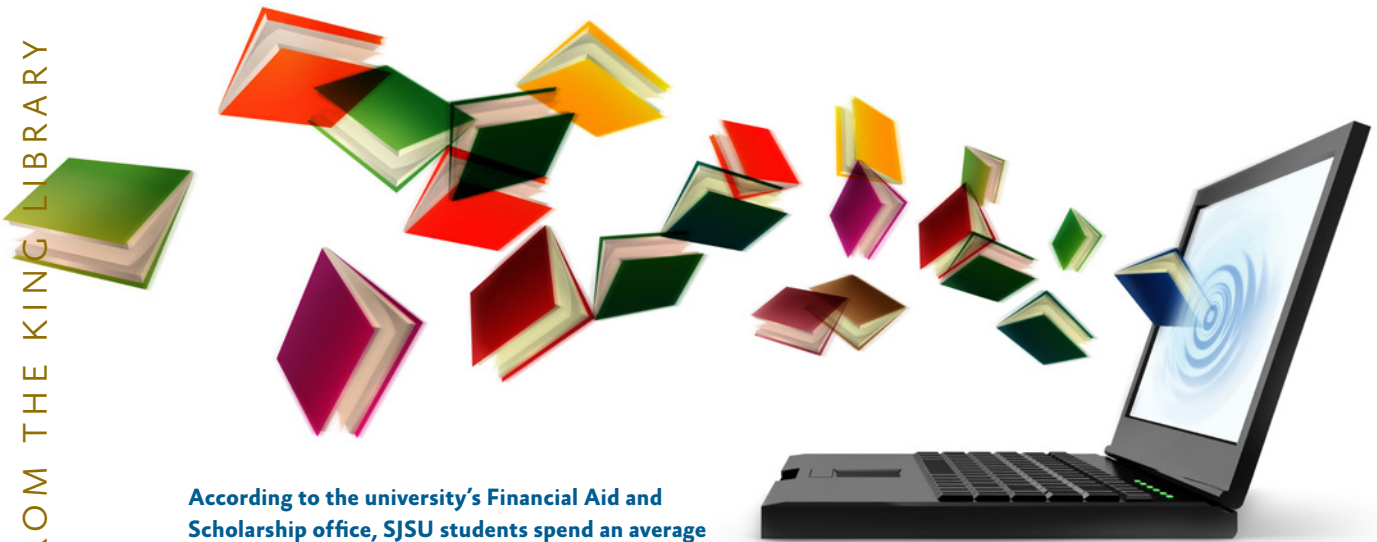




## Affordable Learning Solutions initiative: No-cost and low-cost textbook alternatives for your classroom

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**According to the university's Financial Aid and Scholarship office, SJSU students spend an average of \$1,746 per year on required textbooks and supplies, a considerable percentage of the total cost of their education. To help students reduce expenses, SJSU is implementing the Affordable Learning Solutions initiative. This initiative provides faculty with information on how to reduce the cost of required textbooks and other course materials with digital low-cost or no-cost resources.**

In support of the SJSU initiative, a list of required textbooks available in the SJSU library catalog as ebooks has been posted on the library website. This list includes all Spring 2012 courses for which an ebook is available online. Courses are identified by instructor.

The SJSU library provides access to more than 100,000 ebooks and nearly 400 databases, with full-text articles from more than 82,000 electronic journals.

Other resources for affordable course materials can be found at MERLOT, which collects peer-reviewed online teaching and learning materials; MIT OpenCourseWare, which freely publishes course content; and the Digital Marketplace, which provides technology services and business solutions to help campuses provide more choice, greater affordability and increased access to educational materials. Faculty can also find assistance in authoring online course material at [als.csuprojects.org/authoring\\_content](http://als.csuprojects.org/authoring_content).

These resources and tools provide faculty and staff with the information, training and support necessary to

choose more affordable academic content and ease the financial burden on students.

SJSU librarians are collaborating with faculty and the Center for Faculty Development to identify freely available electronic books, articles, videos and audio in the library that can supplement or be used in lieu of print textbooks. Check with your academic department's librarian ([library.sjsu.edu/librarians](http://library.sjsu.edu/librarians)) for assistance in creating low or no-cost digital alternatives for your classroom teaching.

There will be an SJSU Affordable Learning Solutions Fair on April 9 from 10 am to 2 pm in King Library rooms 225-229. For more information, go to [library.sjsu.edu/als](http://library.sjsu.edu/als) or contact Ann Agee at 408-808-2033 or [ann.agee@sjsu.edu](mailto:ann.agee@sjsu.edu). ♦

### Resources

**Affordable Learning Solutions** [als.csuprojects.org](http://als.csuprojects.org)

**CSU assistance for authoring content** [als.csuprojects.org/authoring\\_content](http://als.csuprojects.org/authoring_content)

**Digital Marketplace** [www.dmpproject.org/solutions](http://www.dmpproject.org/solutions)

**Textbooks in the SJSU library ebook collection** [library.sjsu.edu/als/textbook-list](http://library.sjsu.edu/als/textbook-list)

**MERLOT** [www.merlot.org](http://www.merlot.org)

**MIT OpenCourseWare** [ocw.mit.edu/courses](http://ocw.mit.edu/courses)

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