

WKU Libraries Affordable Textbook Initiative 2020 Sisterhood Grant Final Report

Impact: In Fall 2020, the Affordable Textbook Initiative will save **571** students an estimated **\$69,803** (based on the average cost of the previously assigned textbook).

Activities: The Affordable Textbook Initiative 2020, funded through generous support from WKU Sisterhood, awarded ten \$1,500 grants to faculty who replaced a traditional textbook with a free or low-cost alternative. WKU Libraries and CITL offered assistance to all grant recipients in identifying textbook alternatives and updating syllabi and assignments. Due to Covid-related changes in teaching assignments and modalities, one grant recipient dropped out (those funds will be used for a 2021 grant), and one postponed implementation until 2021.

Congratulations to our 2020 Affordable Textbook Initiative participants!

Scott Bonham, Physics and Astronomy
Dorothea Browder, History
Reagan Brown, Psychological Sciences
Jacob Byl, Economics
Chris Groves, Geography and Geology
Anne Heintzman, School of Professional Studies
Carnetta Skipworth, Chemistry
Toni Szymanski, School of Teacher Education

Funds:

Kickoff lunch	\$360
Grants awarded	\$12,000
Postponed grants (to be awarded 2021)	\$3,000
	\$15,360

Subsequent Funding: The Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, WKU Libraries, and the Kelly M. Burch Institute for Transformative Practices in Higher Education have all committed funds to continue the Affordable Textbook Initiative in 2021.

Anyone interested in participating, sponsoring, or learning more about textbook affordability can contact laura.delancey@wku.edu.