GET YOUR HANDS ON NEW FOOD STUDIES BOOKS

The Graduate Association for Food Studies

1. ASK YOUR LIBRARIAN
   Most academic libraries have a designated librarian for every discipline, field, subject, program, or department at your school. There are not many “Food Studies” librarians out there, but someone is likely designated to you and your department right now. You'll most likely be able to figure out who from your library's homepage. They are your best resource in your quest!

2. SEARCH YOUR OPAC
   If you're sure the book is on shelves, look in your library's website, or their Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC). It's best to search the title and author's last name. If you're seeking a scholarly article, search for the name of the journal.

3. REQUEST ILL
   All academic libraries have some form of Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and sometimes multiple consortial partnerships. If the work you're looking for isn't owned by your library, or is currently checked out, look on your library's website to find information about how to request the work from another library.

4. REQUEST A PURCHASE
   Whether they have the resources to or not, most academic libraries want to be considered useful for the academic programs they serve! It never hurts to ask if your library could purchase the work you're looking for. PhD candidate requests, considered the "cutting edge" of the field, are often given priority for purchases.

5. MANUSCRIPT IT
   Don’t forget that in academia, impact is currency. While book sales are nice, scholars generally want their work to be known and read. Some scholars go so far as to upload their work in open access preprint repositories. (I recommend https://share.ors(f)io) Alternatively, it never hurts to email an author directly!

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