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Bare bookshelves? Local bookstores, including Seminary Co-Op -- shown here during its construction -- are finding creative ways to supply books to customers during the coronavirus pandemic.(Josa M. Osorio, Chicago Tribune)

Need to stock up your bookshelves? Due to the CDC's social distancing guidelines, several Chicago-area bookstores have temporarily closed, but they're continuing to sell books online for home delivery or curbside pickup. Here's a roundup of what local bookstores are doing to help supply customers with reading material for their coronavirus homestays. And, for readers who want to help their bookstores weather the lockdown, consider a gift card.

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Quimby's, in Wicker Park, is closed to the public, but is offering a [Customized Quimby's Quarantine Zine Package](#) (\$25) featuring a hand-chosen supply of zines based on customer input via phone, the store's website, email or

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