Expect to Use Textbooks and Readings

- The cost of books can be tough on your budget.

- Not having or using a book will make passing a course much more difficult.

- So you need to develop strategies for obtaining the books you need.
Strategies for Getting Your Books

- Find out what books are needed about a month before the semester and try to **get them early**. Check on textbooks at the Cabrillo Bookstore website and online at directtextbook.com.
- Cabrillo has programs and **resources to help** you minimize the cost of your books. The Library has almost every assigned book available in the Reserve section of the Library and ILC.
- The Student Senate has sponsored a textbook exchange program and often offers a “Borrow a Book” program. See their website for details.
- The Student Resources and Support Network offers vouchers for students enrolled in various special programs like CalWORKS and Veteran’s Services.
And most importantly...

- Talk with your instructor if you are having difficulty paying for a book. Many instructors have old copies of the readings or might have other ideas for how to get the readings to you.
Once you have your books...

- USE THEM!!
- Learn about becoming a better reader and how to critically read college material.
- Use the Cabrillo Reading Center.
- There are quiet places to read and study at the Library and in the ILC.
And...

● Do your eyes hurt when you read? If so, learn about Irlen Syndrome (irlen.com), then visit the Cabrillo Reading Center and get an assessment.