5 Ways to Get Books Cheaper

1. BE SMART- you don’t always need your books to do well in a class. Check the class out for a couple of days and if you don’t need the book don’t buy it! You’ll be surprised by how many Proffs put a book on the list because they feel like they have to.
2. Check out the U of A library. Most books are either on reserve or are on the shelves. There are also a surprising number of books available online through e-access.
   1. If you are going to borrow a book and you need it all semester- be sneaky! Ask your friends for their one card and put the book on the hold multiple times using various people’s accounts. That way you will have it all semester.
3. Check out the Edmonton Public Library.
   1. If your book isn’t there you can place a request and they will order it in. Just be aware it can take 4-6 weeks- so get your book lists early.
4. Ask your professors for books. Ask a Professor other than the one teaching your class. Most Prof’s in the same department have the same books on their shelves.
5. Check out Project Guttenberg. It’s an online website accessible through the SU website that offers free books for download onto iPads, Kindles, iPods, etc. Also check out the Used Book registries. Sometimes an old edition is available for dirt cheap and all that’s changed is some font colour and a couple of pictures.