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## STUDENT MANUAL

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**Sociology in Action**  
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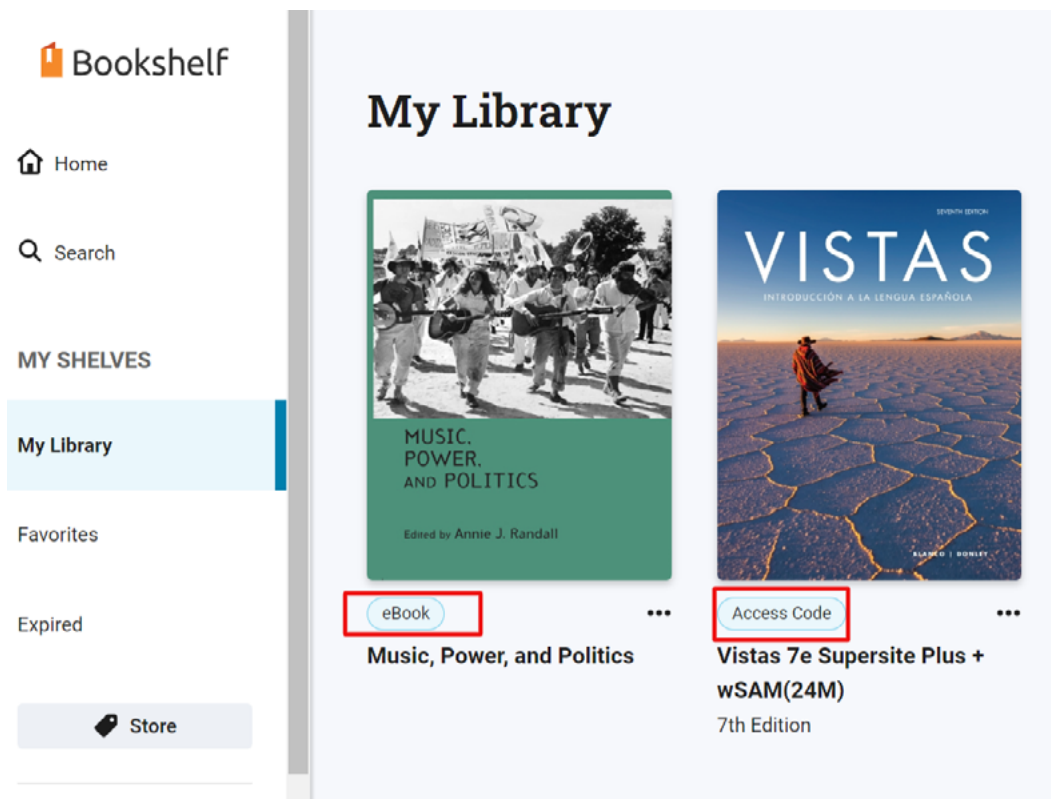
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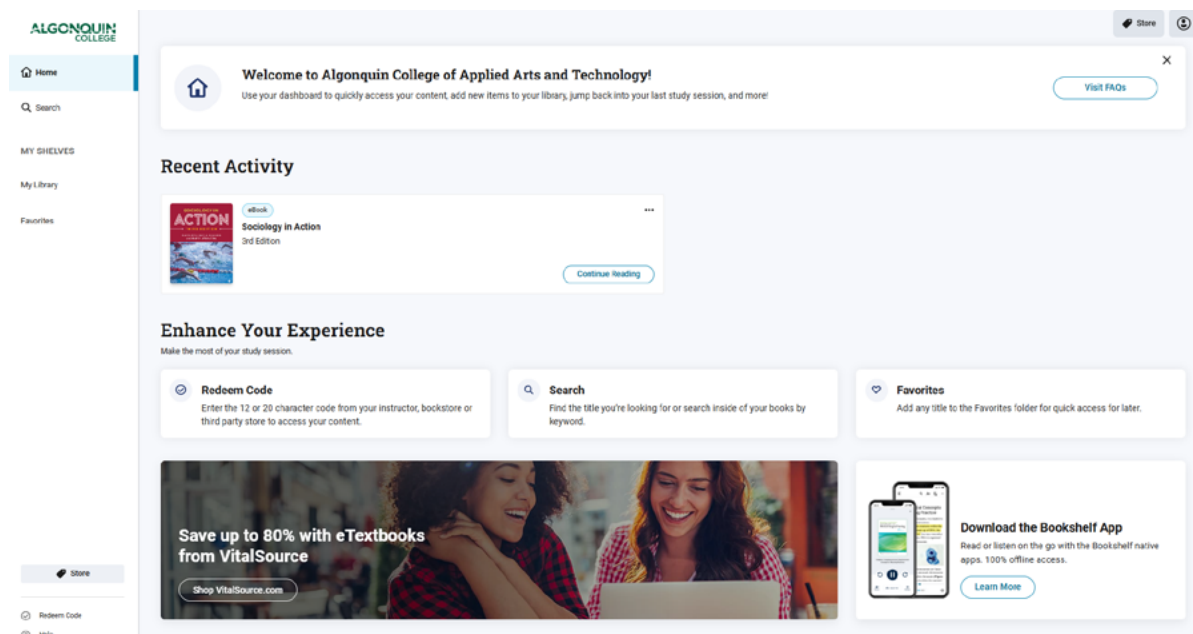
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- <https://success.vitalsource.com/hc/en-us/articles/28659829824279-General-Student-Support-Troubleshooting>
- If you are trying to reveal your publisher access code, you must do this from the VitalSource website, not from the Bookshelf App.