

FAQs

Does my "home" library card need to be in good standing?

Yes! Please make sure your local card is up-to-date, hasn't expired, and has no fees or fines. It must be in good standing to use it at a participating library. Staff at participating libraries may ask that you contact your "home" library directly to resolve any issue with your card or account because the staff at the library you are visiting may not have all of your account information available to them.

What if an item I borrow from a participating library gets lost or damaged?

As is currently the practice with interlibrary lending, you the borrower assume the responsibility for the replacement costs of any lost or damaged materials. All notices and bills will be generated by the "home" local library and will be sent to you - the same way they are currently - should an item get lost or damaged.

What if I encounter a problem with the reciprocal borrowing program?

Talk to your local librarians about any issues and to share your thoughts! Receiving feedback about this program is very important, and we want to make improvements where we can.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.maine.gov/msl/libs/reciprocal_borrowing/

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The Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program strengthens library resource sharing across Maine.

This program allows anyone with a valid library card from one of the participating libraries to visit any of the other participating libraries and check out materials in person. It's referred to as "walk-in" borrowing because it essentially turns your local library card into a "statewide" library card!

Each participating library reserves the right to limit what can be borrowed through this program. Generally, however, if an item is available to borrow through inter-library loan, then it is most likely available to borrow in-person through this program.

Please return the item to the library you borrowed it from or return it to your "home" local library. In a pinch, you can return the item to any of the participating libraries, should the need arise. The goal of this program is convenience and customer service!



Participating Libraries

Public Libraries:

Auburn Public Library
Bangor Public Library
Belfast Free Library
Berwick Public Library
Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library
Calais Free Library
Camden Public Library
D.A. Hurd Library
Edythe Dyer Community Library
Jesup Memorial Library
Kennebunk Free Library
Lewiston Public Library
Libby Memorial Library
Liberty Library
Lisbon Library
Ludden Memorial Library
McArthur Public Library
Millinocket Memorial Library
Norway Memorial Library
Orono Public Library
Paris Public Library
Pittsfield Public Library
Portland Public Library
Ricker Memorial Library
Rockport Public Library
Scarborough Public Library
Skidompha Public Library
South Berwick Public Library
Southwest Harbor Public Library
Springvale Public Library

Thomas Memorial Library
Thomaston Public Library
Topsham Public Library
Wells Public Library
Windham Public Library
Wiscasset Public Library
Witherle Memorial Library
York Public Library

Academic Libraries:

Bowdoin College - Hawthorne Longfellow Library
Central Maine Community College Library
Husson University - Sawyer Library
Kennebec Valley Community College Library
Maine Maritime Academy - Nutting Memorial Library
Southern Maine Community College Library
Thomas College Library
University of Maine - Raymond H. Fogler Library
University of Maine at Farmington - Mantor Library
University of Maine at Fort Kent - Blake Library
University of Maine at Machias - Merrill Library
University of Maine at Presque Isle Library
University of New England - Abplanalp Library
and Jack S. Ketchum Library

Special Libraries:

Maine State Law & Legislative Reference Library
Maine State Library

For more information about the participating libraries, please visit:

https://www.maine.gov/msl/libs/directories/reciprocal_borrowing_libraries.shtml