

You can use your card:

- At your home library
- At any other MLS public library
- At cooperating academic libraries in MLS
- At public libraries around the state of Illinois, including the Chicago Public Library

Take a look inside to see the world of resources available to you with your public library card.



Access a world of resources with your public library card

Points to remember:

You are responsible for all materials borrowed on your library card.

Notify the library immediately if your card is lost or stolen.

Return materials promptly to the library from which they were borrowed.

Call the library to request a renewal if you need the item longer.

When items from other MLS member libraries are overdue for an extended period of time your account may be sent to a collection agency.

If you move to another community, turn in your card and re-register at your new library.

YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD
is your passport to a world of resources



Metropolitan
Library
System

www.mls.lib.il.us

Interlibrary Loan

The Metropolitan Library System Resource Sharing Service requests materials from around the world to meet the needs of patrons at our suburban libraries.



Dying for an old British mystery?

Need an audio book to drown out the sounds of your commute?

Can't wait to see an old TV series again on video?

Need a photocopy of an article for a school paper?

Seeking the death notice of an ancestor?

These materials and others are available through the Interlibrary Loan Service at your library in conjunction with the Resource Sharing Service of MLS. Ask a library staff member for details.

Reciprocal Borrowing

As part of the MLS Reciprocal Borrowing program your public library card allows you to check out materials from any other public library in the Metropolitan Library System.

Need a book, CD, or DVD in a hurry?

Willing to travel a few miles?

Can't wait for Interlibrary Loan to deliver the item to your local library?



To find an item check the SWAN library catalog. The SWAN catalog contains one million items held at over 70 public libraries in the suburban area.

<http://swan.mls.lib.il.us>

Once you find a library that has the item you need check the MLS membership directory for the address, hours, and contact information of the library.

<http://www.mls.lib.il.us/members>

Union List of Serials

The MLS Union List of Serials lists the journal holdings of 173 academic, public, school, and special libraries of the Metropolitan Library System. The ULS includes over 10,000 unique magazine and journal titles in an online database.

<http://www.mls.lib.il.us/uls/>

Locating a magazine is child's play!

Once you find it, visit the library in person or request a copy

of an article through Interlibrary Loan.

Fulltext journal articles can be found using FirstSearch.

<http://firstsearch.oclc.org>

Ask a library staff member for more information.

