

Part I: Mediated Interlibrary Loan

The Indiana State Resource Sharing Committee (ISLRSC), in conjunction with the Indiana Library and Historical Board (ILHB), has adapted the Reference and User Services Association's 2016 Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States (RUSA Code) for use by the libraries of the State of Indiana.

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As outlined in the RUSA Code, "libraries have an obligation to obtain material to meet the informational needs of users when local resources do not meet those needs. Interlibrary loan (ILL), a mechanism for obtaining material, is essential to the vitality of all libraries." This code establishes principles that facilitate the borrowing and lending of interlibrary loan items in the State of Indiana.

Indiana libraries abide by the copyright laws of the United States, the [Policy concerning Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information about Library Users](#) adopted by ALA and related Indiana statutes (see *Supplemental materials* at the end of this document).

1.0 Definitions

- 1.1 Interlibrary loan is the process by which a library requests material from, or supplies material to, another library.
- 1.2 Materials are specific, identified items in any format in library collections, including returnable items (e.g., books and audio/visual items) and nonreturnable items (e.g., copies of articles and book chapters).

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of interlibrary loan as defined by this code is to obtain, upon request of a library user, material not available in the user's local library. Interlibrary loan is primarily intended to provide a requesting individual with a physical loan of a defined duration or a non-returnable copy or scan from another library.

3.0 Scope

- 3.1 This code regulates the exchange of material between libraries in the State of Indiana.
- 3.2 Interlibrary loan transactions with libraries outside of Indiana are governed by the [Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States](#).

- 3.3 Interlibrary loan transactions with libraries outside of the United States are governed by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions' [International Resource Sharing and Document Delivery: Principles and Guidelines for Procedure](#).

4.0 Responsibilities of the Requesting Library (or intermediary)

- 4.1 Establish, promptly update, and make available an interlibrary borrowing policy.
- 4.2 Ensure the confidentiality of the library user.
- 4.3 Describe completely and accurately the requested material following accepted bibliographic practice.
- 4.4 Note any special requirements regarding the format needed, specified shipping address, or use to be made of the material on the request sent to potential supplying libraries.
- 4.5 Identify libraries that own the requested material. Check and adhere to the policies of potential supplying libraries.
- 4.6 When no libraries can be identified as owning the needed material, requests may be sent to libraries believed likely to own the material.
- 4.7 Transmit interlibrary loan requests electronically unless otherwise specified by the supplying library.
- 4.8 Comply with U.S copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code) and be aware of related guidelines for copy requests.
- 4.9 Assume responsibility for borrowed material from the time it leaves the supplying library until it has been returned to and received by the supplying library. This includes all material shipped directly to and/or returned by the user. If damage or loss occurs, provide compensation or replacement, in accordance with the preference of the supplying library.
- 4.10 Pay promptly any service, replacement, or damage fees charged by the supplying library.
- 4.11 Assume full responsibility for user-initiated transactions.
- 4.12 Honor the due date and enforce any usage restrictions specified by the supplying library. Unless otherwise indicated, the due date is defined as the date by which the material is due to be checked in at the requesting library for return to the supplying library.

- 4.13 Request a renewal before the item is due whenever possible. If the supplying library does not respond, the requesting library may assume that a renewal has been granted, extending the due date by the same length of time as the original loan.
- 4.14 Respond immediately if the supplying library recalls an item. All borrowed material is subject to recall at any time.
- 4.15 Package material to prevent damage or loss in shipping and comply with any special instructions stated by the supplying library.
- 4.16 Failure to comply with the provisions of this code may result in suspension of service by a supplying library.
- 4.17 An Indiana requesting library is responsible for collecting and reporting statistics of its ILL transactions as required for those libraries that report to the Indiana State Library. Annual statistics must include number of requests sent to other libraries and number of items borrowed from other Indiana libraries and from out-of-state libraries.

5.0 Responsibilities of the Supplying Library

- 5.1 Establish, promptly update, and make available an interlibrary lending policy, contact information, and a service schedule.
- 5.2 Ensure the confidentiality of the library user.
- 5.3 If it is necessary to charge service fees, make available a fee schedule as part of an interlibrary lending policy. Bill any service, replacement, or damage fees promptly.
- 5.4 Consider filling all requests for material regardless of format or the collection in which it is housed.
- 5.5 Process requests in a timely manner, recognizing the needs of the requesting library and/or the requirements of the resource sharing system being used. If unable to fill a request, respond promptly and state the reason the request cannot be filled.
- 5.6 Send sufficient information to identify the particular request when filling or communicating about requests.

- 5.7 Indicate the due date, any restrictions on the use of the material, and any special return packaging or shipping requirements. The due date is defined as the date the material is due to be checked in at the requesting library for return to the supplying library.
- 5.8 Ship material by the fastest method reasonably available to the location specified by the requesting library. Package loaned material to prevent damage or loss.
- 5.9 Respond promptly to requests for renewals. If the supplying library does not respond, the requesting library may assume that a renewal has been granted, extending the due date by the same length of time as the original loan.
- 5.10 The supplying library may recall loaned material at any time.
- 5.11 Deliver copies electronically whenever possible. Provide complete and legible copies, and adhere to any special scanning instructions of the requesting library.
- 5.12 The supplying library may suspend service to a requesting library if it fails to comply with the provisions of this code.
- 5.13 The Indiana Standards for Public Libraries require public libraries to provide interlibrary loan free of charge (other than reimbursement for actual photocopy and postage or freight costs, if applicable).
- 5.14 An Indiana supplying library is responsible for collecting and reporting statistics of its ILL transactions as required for those libraries that report to the Indiana State Library.