

If I borrow an item from another library, where should I return it?

Preferably, return the item to the library you borrowed it from or return it to your "home" local library. However, 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!

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.

It appears as if there are different types of libraries that are participating.

Yes, that's correct! There are public libraries, college and university libraries, some school libraries, and health and specialty libraries. Maine libraries are unique in the nation for their ability to collaborate and share their resources with each other. You have access to all of them through this program.

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.

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PARTICIPATING LIBRARY



For additional information, please visit
www.maine.gov/msl/libs/reciprocal_borrowing

What is the Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program?

MBRP 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!

Not all libraries in Maine are eligible to participate at this time because the computer systems currently required to allow participation are not used by all libraries. The Maine State Library and Maine Info Net are continuously seeking ways to increase participation by finding solutions that eliminate these systematic and technical barriers.

Can I walk in to a participating library and borrow any item I'd like?

In most cases, yes. Think of this program like the inter-library lending program where you can request an item from another library that your own library may not have.

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 through this program.

Does my "home" local 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.

Participating Libraries

List is subject to change over time, we recommend contacting libraries prior to visiting for best results.

Auburn Public Library
Bangor Public Library
Belfast Free Library
Berwick Public Library
Bethel Library Association
Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library
Brewer Public Library
Calais Free Library
Camden Public Library
Central Maine Community College (Auburn)
Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library (Lovell)
D. A. Hurd Library (North Berwick)
Dyer Library (Saco)
Edythe Dyer Community Library (Hampden)
Friend Memorial Public Library (Brooklin)
Husson University - Sawyer Library (Bangor)
Jesup Memorial Library (Bar Harbor)
Kennebec Valley Community College (Fairfield)
Kennebunk Free Library
Lewiston Public Library
Libby Memorial Library (Old Orchard Beach)
Liberty Library
Lisbon Library
Louis B. Goodall Memorial Library (Sanford)
Ludden Memorial Library (Dixfield)
Lyman Community Library
Maine State Law & Legislative Reference Library
Maine State Library
McArthur Public Library (Biddeford)
Mechanic Falls Public Library
Millinocket Memorial Library
Northeast Harbor Public Library
Norway Memorial Library
Nutting Memorial Library, Maine Maritime (Castine)

Orono Public Library
Paris Public Library
Parsons Memorial Library (Alfred)
Pittsfield Public Library
Portland Public Library
Prince Memorial Library (Cumberland)
Ricker Memorial Library (Poland)
Rockland Public Library
Rockport Public Library
Scarborough Public Library
Skidompha Public Library (Damariscotta)
South Berwick Public Library
Southern Maine Community College (S. Portland)
Southwest Harbor Public Library
Springvale Public Library
Stonington Public Library
Thomas College Library (Waterville)
Thomas Memorial Library (Cape Elizabeth)
Thomaston Public Library
Topsham Public Library
University of Maine Library System:

- Fogler Library (Orono)
- Katz Library (Augusta)
- Nottage Library (Bangor)
- Mantor Library (Farmington)
- Blake Library (Fort Kent)
- Merrill Library (Machias)
- Presque Isle Library
- USM (Portland/Gorham)

Vose Library (Union)
Walker Memorial Library (Westbrook)
Wells Public Library
Windham Public Library
Wiscasset Public Library
York Public Library

