

Items not available through ILL

Please consider the following when viewing owning libraries in Wiscat and Worldcat:

Wisconsin public libraries lend:

- **Most books.** However, *few lend books newer than 6 months.* Many don't lend books that are newer than 6 months to a year.
- **Most media.** However, *few lend video games and/or any media newer than 6 months.*

Wisconsin academic libraries lend:

- **Most books.** But again, *many don't lend books that are newer than 6 months to a year.*
- **Few lend their media** (DVDs, music CDs).

Minitex (a consortium of libraries in MN, ND, and SD) public and academic libraries lend:

- **Most books.** *But many don't lend books that are newer than 6 months to a year.* Sometimes they won't lend for one to two years for the most popular genres.
- **Few Minitex public libraries lend media** (including video games). Fewer lend media newer than 6 months.
- In general, **few Minitex academic libraries lend their media** (DVDs, music CDs).

Questions to Ask Before Submitting a Request...

• Has the material been published yet? And if so, has it been published in print form or only as e-content?
Please don't request items that have been published fewer than a minimum of six (6) months.

• Is the material on bestseller lists or in high demand at most locations? The items on RL&LL's "In Constant Demand List" will usually display in Wiscat as being in-use by most owning libraries in the state.

• Is the request for one of these material types?:

- Reference materials
- Loose-leaf materials
- Old/rare books
- Genealogical materials
- Entire issues of magazines
- Textbooks
- Video games
- e-content
- Rosetta Stone or Pimsleur Language programs

If it is, it may be more difficult to get. Quite often these items are not lent out at all. (However, some libraries are generous in terms of photocopying select pages of items that they will not lend.)

- ILL is not recommended as a means to:
 - a.) supply classes with multiple copies of any item, or
 - b.) supply patrons with textbooks.

For textbooks, the loan period the patron needs is usually not possible to get, *and*, it's usually too hard to find libraries that own available copies, much less libraries that are willing to lend them in general. If owned by academic libraries at all, textbooks, especially the newer editions, are almost always on reserve for students and staff at the owning libraries.