



State of Rhode Island

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Interlibrary Loan at the Rhode Island State Library

The State Library is a legislative library, assisting patrons with their research needs that pertain to laws, bills, state agency reports, and Rhode Island's legislative histories. To supplement its collection, the State Library participates in the Libraries of Rhode Island (LORI) Interlibrary Loan (ILL) program as provided by Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS). As part of LORI, the State Library and other LORI libraries have reciprocal loaning policies. The State Library participates to ensure that its collections are accessible to as many Rhode Islanders as possible and that our researchers within the State Library have all the resources they need.

Make an ILL Request from the State Library:

The State Library has four primary collections: Rhode Island; Federal; Reference; and General collections. While the State Library is primarily a non-circulating library, it strives to ensure access to its materials. To accomplish this, the librarians will provide electronic copy of its materials whenever possible and provides direct links to PDFs of many of the newer items in the Rhode Island and Federal collections in its online catalog. If a requested item is only physically available and making an electronic copy is not possible, the State Library will assess if it is appropriate to loan the physical item on a case-by-case basis.

The State Library's materials can be found in its online catalog: <https://statelibrarycatalog.sos.ri.gov/>. If you would like to make a request for an item, you may contact the State Library (401) 222-2473 or by e-mail at: statelibrary@sos.ri.gov. When submitting your request, please provide as much information as possible about the item from the catalog.

Make an ILL Request from another LORI Library:

The State Library requests that all materials requested through the LORI network be directly related to the Library's scope of services as a legislative research library. General reading materials can be requested through your local public library. For requests that do not fall within the scope of the State Library, the librarians will gladly help you navigate how to obtain materials via ILL through a local public library.

If you would like to make a request for an item from another library within the LORI network, you may contact the State Library (401) 222-2473 or by e-mail at: statelibrary@sos.ri.gov.

Loan Periods and Renewals:

The State Library's physical materials that are available for borrowing are loaned out three (3) weeks at a time.

The LORI network lending library dictates how long it loans its materials. This time frame is typically three (3) weeks. We will work with the lending library if you need the item longer.



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Cost:

There is no cost to patrons for this service.

Overdue, Lost, or Damaged Materials

In cases of damaged materials, the LORI network lending library will determine if the item(s) need to be repaired or replaced. The patron will be responsible for any fees imposed by the lending library to cover damages. The patron will be responsible for the cost of replacing the item, plus any late fees imposed by the lending library. The State Library does not charge late fees for its own materials; however, the State Library reserves the right to suspend a user's ILL library privileges for non-returned materials two (2) weeks after the due date.

Copyright:

The Rhode Island State Library adheres to the US Copyright Law (Title 17, United States Code, Sections 107 and 108). The State Library reserves the right to refuse to fill a request if, in its judgment, fulfillment of the order would involve violation of the copyright law. For additional information, please contact the Library.